Students are victims of racist crime

by Ashley Taliana

Nothing could have prepared me for the bone-chilling sight that the motion sensor spotlight illuminated on that night.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, I parked my truck in the driveway of my boyfriend's house like any other evening. At 12:15 a.m. I took the dog out for the last time before going to sleep. The first thing I noticed was a note taped to the driver's window of a roommate's car. Walking out to grab the note taped to the driver's window of a boyfriend's house, I was already dialing my phone to my boyfriend, an African-American man. I wasn't understanding. The note that was attached to both vehicles' drivers windows covered in blue paint on its driver side. There was a 20-year-old sheltered white girl from Long Island, staring at one of the most despicable words the English language provides us with. So many thoughts ran through my head. Where am I? What year is it? I only going on? Right before English language provide us with.

I knew that I was in the middle of a world that has ever been put up to the mean around me.

Through the windshield of the car, I could not understand me. I was already dialing 911. One Henry County police officer arrived at the house shortly before 1 a.m. He examined the vehicle and the officer and the other car whose windshield and two front windows were covered in the blue paint. The notes that were attached to both vehicles' drivers' windows read, "THE COMMUNITY WANTS YOUR NIGGAR ASS OUT AND ALL YOUR FILTH."

In the kitchen I sat down with the officer to fill out an incident report. As I explained the chain of events, it occurred to me that it was too simple. There wasn't much to it. I went outside, and the cars were spray-painted. The simplicity of this crime did not express the magnitude of the act. On the report, the incident type is listed as "malicious damage greater than $1,000." I wanted a civil rights superhuman to swoop down and get the bad guys, but the bad guys are invisible to us. I picture people in white hoodies committing this crime but someone who lives in our so-called "community" did this. Someone I may have made small talk with. He/she/they may never be discovered.

This article is a form of personal justice for me. A therapeutic confession of sorts. Right now the only solace we have is that the paint miraculously came off with some elbow grease and a wet, soggy sponge, and was gone before noon the next day. Some of the neighbors apologized to his roommate's parents while they were washing the cars. The criminals used an ironic phrase to describe themselves: "THE COMMUNITY." Within the word community is the word "unity." It's comforting to know that the house has the neighbors' support and that there is some unity in the "community."

I did not want this incident to go undetected. I want to make the Coastal community aware of the ignorant act that was committed that night. Racism is still alive today. It saddens me that it took a malicious act against my personal property and people I care deeply about, for me to see that it's still alive but that's the hard truth of all of this. Feelings of safety and apathy enveloped me because of the bubble of diversity and acceptance I feel on Coastal's campus. That evening in a neighborhood less than half a mile from campus, my bubble shattered.

By writing this article I may have opened myself and friends up to more criticism and ignorant acts, but this is a risk I'm willing to take. I may be addressing the wrong audience, but knowledge possesses a power that these ignorant criminals will never know. My education is my justice and satisfaction. My boyfriend, our friends and I will hopefully move on to be successful and influential adults. We'll put this incident behind us; but never forget the painful lessons learned that evening.

Above: This picture only displays damage on the driver side of the vehicle, but the rear hatch was also painted. Left: The note that was left on one of the vehicles. Photos by Ashley Taliana.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Bringing out the true gentlemen

by Raytavia Evans

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded 150 years ago on March 9, 1856 at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. It is North America's largest social fraternity with more than 280,000 initiated members. Sigma Alpha Epsilon was the first fraternity to establish a national headquarters, which is located in Evanston, Ill. Its symbols include the lion, the phoenix, Minerva and the fleur-de-lis. These groups of men pride themselves on being a Southern fraternity and are known for their motivation and gentlemanly attitudes.

According to Marion L. Gibson, the assistant director of Greek Life and Student Activities and Leadership, the fraternity has high hopes of being chartered around October 2006. Gibson said many of the students on campus are interested in the fraternity.

"Bringing a new fraternity to campus will help growth of fraternities. It's the beauty of a colony starting," said Gibson.

Students are becoming aware of the promotion of this fraternity and are very interested and excited about its progress on campus.

To promote awareness, there will be related events on campus in the future. Gibson is giving a helping hand with ideas and help make the process of getting the fraternity on campus a bit easier.

"These men are interested and determined because their fathers and grandfathers are a part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon," said Gibson.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity is the leader in the social development of college men, according to their material.
LDC: New chapter coming for SGA

by Amanda Faneau

The blueprint of an idea for freshmen and the leadership group, the Leadership Development Council, has finally begun construction since the idea was presented last year. Founders and student body officers, John Adamec and Janet Shokal, began putting the pieces together to create a group for freshmen that could help get them involved and act as a mentorship into SGA in future years.

“I remember being a freshman and not knowing about the things happening on campus,” Adamec commented. “I wanted a way for students to get involved that really wanted to work on projects that were important to them.”

The idea originated last year in an effort to improve certain aspects of the Senate. Some problem areas included the accessibility for students to join and meeting times that were more oriented with the average class schedule. The main objective of LDC is to feed freshmen into the system and hopefully create a structured network that can provide students at Coastal with the resources they will need to succeed in and out of the classroom.

“I wanted to see the SGA be able to actually spearhead more initiatives, do things and tackle more policy issues,” Adamec reiterated. “The LDC is a way for students to get introduced to the policy issues on campus, join SGA outside of the senate and be that force that actually goes and does on behalf of the SGA.”

So far this semester, LDC has been involved in the College Park Forum among other leadership training projects. ‘[We’re] building as we go,” Adamec said, remarking on the increasing number of students attending meetings.

LDC is a work in progress but students and faculty already expect big things to come from the ambitious group. If you would like to get involved, meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in room 208 of the Student Center. For more information contact: Adamec at jradamec@coastal.edu, Shokal at jshekalk@coastal.edu or LDC president Trevor Arrowood at tarrow@coastal.edu.

Senior art students lose gallery space

by Raytenia Evans

The Carolina’s senior art majors are cur- currently looking for a new location for their annual art show after being practically thrown out of the campus gallery by the administration. The senior art show is usually held in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Gallery, but this year, plans have been changed. The decision not to hold the senior show in Coastal’s art gallery is said to go back to Lynn Franken, the previous dean of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The new chair of the Visual Arts Department, Dr. Steven Bleicher, describes his role in the decision as part of an “inheritance” that he received on Aug. 15 when he started his new position.

“I was shocked to hear the news. It is an unfortunate thing,” said Bleicher who was unaware of the show being held in a location other than the campus gallery until he became chair of the department. The art show is not being held in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery because it has been booked for the whole semester for outside exhibitions. The art show is for the students to show their work and progress throughout the program. This predicament limited the senior art students to no space for their show causing a problem because the CCU Guidebook states that all seniors must put on a senior exhibition at Coastal Carolina in order to graduate.

The students were not very happy about this situation. “We just want the same accommodation for an art program that other students at other schools receive,” said Leandra Walcom, a senior art student. The students are determined to find a location and are willing to help where needed.

The department immediately began to think of other places that the art show could be held. The second floor hallway was being considered but was quickly eliminated along with the Coastal Grande Mall. The students thought that this location was definitely out of the question.

“There is nothing to protect our work on the second floor hallways in the Humanities building,” proclaimed Walcom.

The mall was unavailable this year even though it was open for the art show last year so it was back to the drawing board for Bleicher and his committee. According to Bleicher, there are better places that are in consideration and there should be a definite position soon.

“We are looking at a more professional setting for exhibitions in the future,” said Dr. Bleicher.

Midnight exam breakfast

by Rachel Addis

The Chanticleer Office of Student Activities has planned a free midnight breakfast giving students a chance to take a break from studying, and enjoy some breakfast food served by the deans and administrators. Many students have attended this event in the past, making the line go down the side­walk in front of the Commons. Holiday music will be playing throughout the night, and stress management and study tips will be distributed.

Performing Arts Calendar

• Tues. Nov. 29: Jazz After Hours; 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium
• Thur. Dec. 1: Bill Miller: Native American Awareness; 6 p.m., Wall Auditorium
• Thur. Dec. 1: CCU Symphonic Band and Concert Choir Holiday Concert; 7:30 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium
• Sun. Dec. 4: Long Bay Symphony Holiday Concert; 3 p.m., Wheelwright Auditorium
• Thur. Jan. 12, 2006: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration; 7 p.m., Wall Auditorium

More information at coastal.edu/calendar

Compiled by Becky Powell, assistant editor
Squawk! Question: What's the worst holiday gift you've received?

"An itchy red sweater that had white snowflakes all over it." Brian Johns, freshman Business Management

"Thick wool socks from my grandma." Art Hill, junior Graphic Design

"Socks, just socks." Calvin Byrd, freshman Marketing

"Thermal pajamas from my mama. It doesn't even get cold in the Bay Area where I'm from, though. That's why I was mad!" Kelvin McIver, senior Finance/Economics

"A white Kitchen Aid mixer. My mom thought I wanted to go to school for cooking which was not true at all." Chelsea Engle, junior Graphic Design

"School supplies." Jason Reifels, sophomore Undeclared

"Some pink drawers (underwear)." Rob Hudson, senior Health Promotions/Sports Medicine

Photos and reporting by Ashley Tuscano

Concert review: Artist-in-residence Steve Bailey

by Neal Causey  

Steve Bailey  
Staff Writer
can do things on the bass that God never intended the bass guitar to do. It is no wonder that he is known around the world; he really is that amazing.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Auditorium, Artist-in-Residence Steve Bailey performed original compositions from a forthcoming solo CD. He also covered a few other songs ranging in style from classic rock to bebop.

In front of a nearly full Wheelwright Auditorium, Bailey played his signature six-string, fretless electric bass. Accompanying him was CU's Assistant Band Director, Kurry Seymour, who played various percussion instruments throughout the show.

The six-string bass that Bailey plays is a magnificent instrument capable of reaching both upper ranges and also really deep bass tones. Playing solo bass is not the easiest of feats to undertake.

Bailey remarked, "There aren't many people who do it, so I should have taken that as a hint," Bailey said. "It's kind of like trying to hit a ping pong ball with a tennis racket."

I must admit that I am still trying to decipher that final remark. While Bailey has the ability to play at a very rapid pace, that is not what makes his bass playing so extraordinary. It is more the melodies he makes that really sets him apart from most bass players. Bailey can do more on bass than most can do on guitar.

The first song performed was appropriately titled "Number 1." The following song was a dedication to jazz guitarist, Ralph Towner, entitled "Ralph." The next song was a medley of various standards and classics that Bailey grew up hearing. This medley began with the Beatles' classic, "Here Comes the Sun" from the "Abbey Road" album. This medley went on to include the ragtime classic, "Side by Side!" and "Under Pressure" by Queen and David Bowie. I must admit that this was my favorite song from the show, but not just because I liked these songs already. This medley showed Bailey's ability to adapt songs to his instrument of choice even though they were not written for the bass.

This show was not just one bass and some light percussion; on two songs Bailey and Seymour were joined by an extra bassist. To help perform the Thelonious Monk song, "52nd Street Theme," CCU student and bass player CJ Gallow joined the mix. Gallow, who played a traditional four-string, fretted bass, played to bass line for this song while Bailey handled the melody.

The next song was a Rugs Bower composition called "Freedom Jazz Dance." Joining Bailey and Seymour on this song was another CCU student, Blake Grahun, who played a freted, six-string bass. Both students performed remarkably well. They both looked and sounded quite professional.

The following song was a tender dedication to Bailey's daughter, Ella, simply titled "Ella's Song." The show was closed with another medley of famous songs. This medley included such classic rock favorites as Led Zeppelin's, "Stairway to Heaven" and Deep Purple's, "Woman from Tokyo."

I remember well the first time I saw Steve Bailey play. It opened my eyes to what a bass guitar can do, and it made me want to learn to play bass. This show only reaffirmed what I already thought about Bailey's amazing ability as a musician.
CD review: Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band

by Caroline Smith  Never before  Staff Writer

have you heard country music like this. Even if you don’t like country music, trust me and read on.

It’s not just country, it’s pop, it’s rock, it’s latino, it’s reggae, it’s even a little bit Irish! Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band is the newest thing to hit country music with their first album under a major record label, “Dream Big.”

Their entire music philosophy appears to revolve around the banjo, as the first track, “Banjo Boy,” illustrates both lyrically and musically. Don’t be deceived by this; the first few tracks may sound like your typical country band, but their beautiful and emotional lyrics in songs like “Even Superman” and their single, “Dream Big,” grab your attention and let you know there is something not entirely cliché about these country boys. (Especially since they are from Utah.)

The real fun begins with track six, “Ambush,” an exclusively instrument-only song that adds some fiddle and bouzouki to make it sound like a jig you’d hear at an Irish drinking pub. The fiddle isn’t the only different instrument the Rubber Band throws into the mix. “Rain Falls Down” is a reggae-ish tune that features exotic percussion and the mandolin. Although the beat is rather catchy and semi-Bob Marley, the lyrics are similar to the more depressing side of reggae and quite literally drench its listeners with sorrow.

“I know I know I Miss You” (my personal favorite) is classic latino dance music.

Instruments like the trumpet, tenor saxophone and pandeiro (similar to a tam-tam) are used to create an upbeat sound that will make the urge to cha-cha irresistible.

Despite this plethora of different musical tactics, Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band still have their weaknesses. The main vocalist doesn’t have the most melodic or versatile of voices, though he does attempt to remedy that by writing all 11 songs on the album. And while their diverse and eclectic music may appear to be a refreshing addition to the national country music scene, it may not fare too well in the ears of true country fans (if there are still any out there).

Regardless, they are certainly one of the freshest new sounds in today’s contemporary country music. To sample their music and see if it is something you would enjoy, visit Yahoo! Music or www.shupe.net.

Record Label: Capitol Records
Producer: Jason Deere
Track Listing:
1. Banjo Boy
2. Even Superman
3. Dream Big
4. Simplify
5. Would You Love Me
6. Ambush
7. New Emotion
8. Rain Falls Down
9. Never Give Up
10. Oh How I Miss You
11. Hey Hey Hey

CD review: Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band

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Club Corner: CAP Alumni Association
by Lekeshia Edwards

If you are about to gradu­ate and you’re looking for an organiza­tion to join that will have a positive effect on the student body while making a difference on campus, then Coastal African American Professionals (CAP) may be for you.

CAP is an organization that has been on the campus of Coastal Carolina University for more than seven years. It was founded on Sept. 7, 1997 by a group of students dubbed the “faithful 13.” On Oct. 6, 2004, CAP was accepted as the African American alumni association by the CCU alumni association. A driving force that led to the creation of CAP, was that many students felt their voices were not being heard, and came together to bring about change on campus. Through the mentoring and guidance of Mrs. Pat Singleton Young, director of Multicultural Student Services, some of the founding members of CAP, such as Ramon L. Crawford (2nd Vice Chair), Keira Y. Session (1st Vice Chair), Tiffany N. Crawford (2nd Vice Chair), Treda B. Smith (Secretary) and Stacy J. Taylor (Treasurer), came together to bring a variety of clubs and organizations such as NAACP to Coastal’s campus.

A key focus of CAP is to keep the African American alumni of Coastal involved with events and activities on campus. Through this process, they not only keep the alumni informed of campus happenings, but they also find ways to help the current student body of Coastal. This is done through sessions such as those offered through the Celebration of Inquiry, where the organi­zation led a discussion on the impor­tance of being a leader this past Spring semester. CAP also developed activities that help to bring students of the past and present together to share their experi­ences at and away from Coastal. For example, CAP annually participates in Coastal’s Homecoming, and has tailgat­ed at every football Homecoming since the beginning of Coastal’s football pro­gram. Before there was football, CAP also got together for basketball Homecomings from 1997-2003.

Along with the annual Homecoming tailgating, CAP also hosts a Minority Alumni Mixer for alumni and current students at the Holiday Inn West. This event includes food, dancing, and an opportunity to make new friends.

“I loved it,” said junior Taryn Bell of this year’s Mixer. “The dancing and the food was great! But what made it all even more fun was that we all got to see old friends, make new friends and have a lot of fun together. I recommend that more people come out next year, enjoy the festivities and learn what CAP is all about.”

The members of CAP collectively stated that they “feel it is important to continue to support Coastal and show students that they can still be a part of the institution after graduation.” CAP encourages life-long commitment to leadership and activism. If you would like more information about this organi­zation, go to their website: www.coastal.edu/alumni/association/ca­p.html.

Tanning risks explored
by Rachel Addis

Tann­ing in­di­vi­duals should be aware of the po­ten­tial risks as­so­ci­ated with tanning. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued warnings about the dangers of using tanning devices. These warnings are based on research that has been conducted over the past few years.

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Solving the gift-giving dilemma: what to give that special someone

1. Paint your own pottery
This is a creative and versatile gift that can be personalized for anyone on your gift list. Painting your own pottery can be both a fun and relaxing experience and unleashes the inner artist in anyone. The pottery shops that offer this service have an array of pieces to be painted. Choose a mug for an avid coffee or tea drinker on your list, a flowerpot for someone who loves planting or a piggy bank for the saver. Even those without the steadiest hand for painting can produce a master-piece of a gift with the help of some stamps and stencils. Be sure to give yourself a few days for a project like this. While the painting does not take much time, there is a wait of a couple days before your pottery is fired and then ready to be picked up.

Locally, try Wired & Fired at Broadway at the Beach. Call 843-288-2888 or email wired@wiredandfiredmb.com for more information.

2. Personalized gift certificates
It’s easy to go to a store, drop some cash and get a gift certificate for someone on your gift list. Instead, try being a little more creative and making your own. Instead of “Here’s $20 for Target,” try “This entitles you to dinner and a movie.” Have some fun making the certificates, as well as finding ideas of what to give. Dinner and a movie is great for a significant other. For people who will be home over the holidays, try “Mom’s day off,” and treat your mom to a day of no cooking or cleaning. Treat someone to lunch, pet-sitting, babysitting or any other creative ideas that may come to mind.

5. Personalized T-shirts
Shirts with favorite photos, quotes and favorite names can be a great gift. By making it yourself, you can add your touch to this gift. Buy a white t-shirt and add a favorite from your photo album or a favorite quote. Use fabric letters to make the names of loved ones to use, buy it online to add your photos or designs to get the look you want.

3. Mixed CDs
A mixed CD is a great gift that can be made in no time. If you share musical tastes with the person you’ll be giving the disc to, a compilation of songs from your own music collection will likely be appreciated. To put in a little more time and make the compilation a little more personal, find songs that are special to you and/or the person you’re giving the disc to. Maybe you have some favorite songs from a road trip you took together or songs that remind you of certain times. There are many ways to make this a fun gift.

Happy Holidays
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5. Personalized t-shirt

Shirts with funny phrases on them can be found in many stores. Get a more original version of this type of shirt by making it yourself. If the recipient of this gift has a favorite funny phrase or quote, put it on a shirt. To make this gift, buy a shirt in the appropriate size and desired color. Use fabric paint and sponge letters or iron-on letters to make the words. If you have a picture you want to use, buy iron-on transfer paper and follow instructions to get the image on the shirt.

6. Gourmet food basket

Sure, you can buy “gourmet” baskets at a store, but why not make a fresh one with items you know the recipient will like? Go to a gourmet or organic grocery store to get the items to make this gift. You can find coffees, teas, sausages, jams, sauces, nuts, trail mixes and plenty of other items to put together for this gift. If you buy items that need to be refrigerated, be sure you have somewhere to keep them so you don’t spoil the surprise (in more ways than one).

Some stores to try are World Market, which has stores in Columbia, Hilton Head and Charleston (www.worldmarket.com); Whole Foods Market, which has a store in Charleston (www.wholefoodsmarket.com); and Fresh Market, which has stores in Greenville, Columbia, Spartanburg and Hilton Head (www.freshmarket.com). For stores in other locations, go to each website and follow the “store locator” link.

Tips for finding the right gift

The time has come to begin thinking about a gift list for this season. No, not a list of what you want (although, it’s time for that too!), but a list of what you will give to others. Follow these tips to make the process a little easier.

1. Consider the age and gender of the person for whom you are getting the gift. Some products are age and gender specific, so what you buy or make will matter.

2. Pay attention to the personal likes and dislikes of the gift recipient. The worst feeling can come from giving someone something he or she dislikes.

3. Take notice of the recipient’s style. How does this person decorate his or her room or house? What style of clothing does the person wear? This information can provide helpful hints when selecting the right gift.

4. Think of the practical things. Is there are daily necessity that this person is missing that you could provide as your gift? (Think about how you received kitchen supplies or similar items before heading to college).

5. Pay attention to what the person may want, but doesn’t specifically ask for. Does he or she talk about something that someone else has? Has the person mentioned something that he or she has seen or heard about lately? Little clues can be a big help.

6. Think of what the person already owns. Is there something that you can give him or her to add to that (think CD or DVD collections, etc.)?

7. If you’re still having trouble picking out the right gift, look through magazines or check online for gift ideas. Lists can be found in several categories such as by gender, by price, by age, etc.
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Men's basketball picked second and women sixth in BSC

by Kyle B. Ward  The time of Buzz Peterson begins in November, and the buzz around the school is an anxious one. The men return with two preseason All Big South teammates, Jack Leasure and Pole Pailey. The women return with the bulk of last year's team, including first team All-Big South preseason member Kim Turner.

"I don't put a lot into rankings," Peterson said. "That credit needs to go to Coach Strickland and his staff because of the players returning and their signees. We're fortunate enough to get the message out."

For the women, Coastal returns four starters and eight letter winners from a team that finished 9-18 overall and 4-10 in the Big South in 2004-05. Turner, a 6-0 forward, averaged 13.6 points and six rebounds in 26 games last season. She became a national champion.

For the men, Coastal returns with two preseason All Big South Selection in 2004-05. Turners, a 6-0 forward, averaged 13 points and six rebounds in 26 games last season. He's fine. Leasure is a very skilled player: he can shoot the ball, and he showed that down in Costa Rica:" he added.

"None of us are really big stars, so someone has to come in and contribute when needed." With the upcoming arena on the horizon, Coach Alan LeForce has something to smile about as he signed 5 high schoolers to letters of intent, which he says is one of his best classes yet. "In the past we haven't been a good shooting team, the better we shoot, the more confident we get," he added.

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Once that time rolls around, it will be a very fun time on the Coastal Carolina campus as the area will be proud of something they can call their own.

New direction for men's basketball

by Jeff Abramowitz  At the conclusion of his inaugural season as head basketball coach, Buzz Peterson is ready for the challenge of changing Coastal Carolina University into a championship contender. His experience and knowledge of the game will translate into effective performance and behavior from all of his players.

Peterson's impressive resume consists of head coaching jobs at Appalachian State, Tulsa and the University of Tennessee. During his playing career at the University of North Carolina and under the tutelage of Dean Smith, he became a national champion. Even with those credentials, an uphill climb lies ahead for Peterson and the Chanticleers. After receiving the No. 2 ranking in the Big South Preseason polls and returning the 2004-05 Big South Player of the Year in Pole Pailey and Freshman of the Year Jack Leasure, expectations for these Chanticleers have reached new heights.

Peterson's main goal is to instill a new philosophy for Coastal Carolina Basketball. "We want our kids to play hard, play smart, and play together," Peterson explained. "This form of discipline will help our team win.

His purchase of five acres behind University Place proves that Coach Peterson is here to redefine Coastal Basketball and dedicate the next several years of his life to the program and its athletes.

"I love the campus and this is a great opportunity for me." Peterson is here for the long haul and his coming season has created an abundance of excitement.

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Volleyball staring down Winthrop as season wraps up

by Kyle B. Ward

Its "deja vu all over again" for the volleyball team this year. Once again, they lost twice to Winthrop, in dramatic fashion in five games. Last year, their dream season ended in Rock Hill, but this season, the Lady Chants dished out a defeat to Winthrop for the third time this year. Last week, they lost twice to Winthrop, in five games. Last year, their dream season ended in Rock Hill, but this season, the Lady Chants dished out a defeat to Winthrop for the third time this year. Jensen-Spencer has been monstrous on the court as she has racked up 19 double-doubles for the season. Senior blocker Krista Kimble has also been a factor at the net. The Lady Chants will look to their senior class. Laura Obert for leadership and role players Ashley Scheible and Alicia Meyers should have CCU competitive next season.

Chants pulverized overmatched Mountaineers

by Kyle B. Ward

The win closed a disappointing season for the Mountaineers. The loss dropped Coastal Carolina to 10-0 for the season and 4-1 in the MEAC. Coastal Carolina will play Hampton and Old Dominion in the MEAC tournament. The Mountaineers will face the winner of the Coastal Carolina-Hampton game.

On Notice: Intricacies of the alternate jersey

by Kyle B. Ward

A couple of years ago, baseball teams began wearing a third uniform to deviate from the normal garb that they always wear. Now, the NFL, NBA and even the NHL have caught on to the hip trend. Several NFL teams like the Bears, Dolphins, Broncos and Browns have turned to orange for their alternate jersey. Most notably, the Dolphins defeated the New England Patriots in 2004 wearing their orange jersey. The New England Patriots have several orange jerseys. The Miami Dolphins have numerous jersey colors. The Dolphins have also worn orange jerseys in several important games, such as the Super Bowl.

The Lakers go for the white look for home games on Sundays. The Orlando Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Lakers have worn white jerseys in recent years. The Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Lakers have worn white jerseys in recent years. The Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Lakers have worn white jerseys in recent years. The Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Lakers have worn white jerseys in recent years. The Magic use black and white jerseys as their new uniforms. The Lakers have worn white jerseys in recent years.
Learning about financial aid

by Glenn Hanson  Recently, the
Financial Aid Office sent a customer service survey to approximately 5,000 students that received financial aid this year. Some of the responses were positive, but others were not.

Many of our negative comments concerned our telephone response time. This issue is being addressed and additional telephone coverage will be in place for the summer of 2006.

You can help us decrease telephone calls during the summer months by doing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early (usually in February). This can be accomplished by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. You will need to use year and your parent’s 2005 federal income taxes and W2s, as well as sign the application using your pin number and your parent’s pin number. A pin number is an electronic signature and can be obtained by applying online at www.pin.ed.gov. By doing your FAFSA early, you will know what your financial aid awards will be and also be able to plan for any other financial aid that may be necessary.

Another student concern was that our office did not thoroughly explain the complete financial aid process. In response, we will begin offering financial aid seminars in the month of February. February is designated as Financial Aid Awareness Month. We will discuss a variety of topics including doing your FAFSA, understanding your award letter, different types of financial aid, etc.

Also, take a look at Coastal’s new Student Aid Opportunity Brochure and Application for 2006-2007 that is now on our website. There are also free scholarship search sites for external scholarships, for example: www.fastweb.com, www.lunch-money.com, www.collegeanswer.com and www.brokenscholar.com. Be sure to apply early and submit all required information in order to be considered and also competitive for the scholarship for which you are applying.

Sometimes our office will receive additional money for awarding and we will notify you via your email and also WebAdvisor about this award and any other paperwork that is needed for the award. You are highly encouraged to regularly check your Coastal email and your WebAdvisor for all notifications.

If you have any questions about financial aid, please do not hesitate to give our office a call at 843-349-2313 or visit WebAdvisor for all notification .

ODK raffle winners announced

The CCU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, recently held a raffle to support the creation of an ODK scholarship. Nearly $200 was raised. Prizes and raffle winners are:

- Brandy Hamilton: a David Bennett autographed football
- Boyle Gainey: an ODK logo polo shirt
- Carmen Ash: Circle president
- Janice Sialiano: an autographed copy of Dr. Roy Talbert’s book “Coastal Carolina University: The First Fifty Years.”
- Shantel già Durant: a CCU embossed brass letter opener
- Robbie Clifton: a mini Chanticleers football

Health Service hours

Student Health Office hours will remain the same over the winter semester break: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m. However, the office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 21-Tuesday, Dec. 27. The Student Health Office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Students’ Health Services fee is included with room and board when living on campus. However, if you will be moving off campus for the next semester, you will need to purchase the Student Health Service for $70 at the Bursar’s Office if you wish to be seen at the Student Health Center. Student Health Services are available to any Coastal Carolina University student with the purchase of the Student Health Service coverage.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call the Student Health Center at 347-7466 any time during office hours.

CCU mentors, students enjoy Saturday fun

More than 200 children from local elementary and middle schools visited Coastal’s campus with parents and student mentors on Saturday, Nov. 12 for the football game. The mentoring program was launched at Coastal last fall to enhance college students learning and civic responsibility while providing some much needed guidance and nurturing to young children. It is a collaborative effort between Horry County Schools and Coastal Carolina University, with support from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education.

The elementary and middle school children played games and enjoyed a picnic lunch on Prince Lawn. Some 267 Coastal students serve as mentors with selected children in 14 elementary and middle schools throughout the county.

photos by Ashley Taliana
The Showdown: a battle of opinions

New Year's Eve with a bang

by Caroline Smith

I think, the entire question here is why wouldn’t you go out on New Years Eve? It is single-handedly the biggest blow-out party of the entire year — why on earth would you spend that indoors, in front of a television screen?

To me, there is no better way to celebrate the closing of an entire year of life and the opening of a new one than to dress up and head out to the hottest spot in the area with the people you spent the past year with and have the time of your life. New Year’s Eve is a celebration of this entire year, and as such, it deserves to be celebrated like no other holiday has been celebrated this year. You can’t exactly throw a party of such grandeur at a college student’s apartment. We’re college students — it is in our very nature to go out and have fun!

Change to different ways you could celebrate New Years. Of course, staying in is one of them, but the many others outweigh this measly option. You could spend the last few hours of 2005 at your favorite bar with your drink of choice in hand, surrounded by the friends and family you spent the past 12 months with. You can enjoy the company of those you don’t know, and the chance to start off 2006 with new friends and relationships.

You could spend it at the beach, where there is bound to be plenty of fireworks, work displays and drunken tourists hanging off hotel balconies in a scene somewhat reminiscent of what Mardi Gras looks like in New Orleans.

Hell, you could even go all the way up to New York City for the biggest party in the nation and watch the ball drop live. A group of friends could carpool the 12-hour trip and have a once-in-a-lifetime experience that they will always remember (or maybe not, depending on their alcohol intake).

Which ever option you choose, just remember that New Year’s Eve is the very last chance you have to make something great out of your year, the last chance you have to have a really good time! Don’t waste such a golden opportunity sitting inside when a solution is out in the streets. Go out, make noise, throw confetti, drink champagne and enjoy the first kiss of the new year with someone you’ve or a complete stranger. (I’ve heard of some strong relationships being built that way). Think of it this way: if the world was going to end as soon as that ball dropped, you would want to be stuck inside with the person you were out having the best time of your life?

A rant of universal proportions: Here’s your wake-up call

by Becky Powell

It would appear that we’ve all talked about the final leg of this bitch-a-thon, my fellow classmates. With the passing of this semester comes the end of my time as assistant editor for the Chanticleer. I’m now going to a better place — OK, not really. I’m leaving for Graduation Land, which is so close I can practically taste it. The only things separating me and my mortsboard now are one semester, 18 credit hours and a three-hour-credit thesis project that is required for graduation. Thus, I will be flinging myself into the hell-fires of academia for the spring semester. Do pray for me.

But before I hit “save” on my final bitter diatribe, I have just one more thing — probably the most worthwhile thing all semester — to rant about. If you’ve read the front page of this newspaper, you know where this one is going.

To the person who wrote that offensive word all over everyone’s property.

You’re a coward, a wretched low-life without the brass to own your own self-hating assumptions. Through your racist and degrading actions, you have lessened the trust that Coastal Carolina students have for one another. You have misrepresented a community of otherwise intelligent beings. Just as you painted that reprehensible slur across the doors of student Ashley Talanta’s SUV, you have painted a streak of shame across the face of our campus. Whoever you are, I hope you know that you’ve fostered the kind of hate that the rest of us have been and will continue to be working to eradicate.

And saddest of all, at least for you, you still will never make a difference. You will never be heard, nor will you ever be respected, because we, the students, who favor doing the right thing, will win.

Whew. With that little bit said and done, let me just say that, for one, will not accept anyone’s excuses about this incident. Having lived in the South all my life, I feel insulted that someone revered back to the type of ignorance and hate that I would have hoped had gone the way of the civil rights era. It’s 2005, people. So please, nobody hit me with some of the ridiculous statements I’ve been hearing since this whole story broke.

“Well, it’s the South, you know, so it’s no surprise.”

“Well, maybe it was just that neighborhood, in particular.”

“Well, perhaps that’s just the way things are in a small town.”

Well…that’s the most ignorant load of B.S. I’ve ever heard in my life. There’s no excuse for it, nor will there ever be. Small towns don’t get some invincible license to harbor idiots, nor does the South have special permission to host all the racists ass**** of the world.

Ultimately, I think this incident could be the wake-up call that a lot of less active students need to come out and get involved on campus. Whether it’s just meeting more people that you wouldn’t usually talk to or joining a club or organization that takes you out of your comfort zone, it’s time to man up, Chants. Know the people around you. But more importantly, know yourself. By developing the individual strengths of various Coastal students, our collective student body will be strengthened against the type of divisive, hateful acts that have shocked CCU this past week.

Video game review: NCAA March Madness 2006 by EA Sports

by Kyle R. Ward

Now that we’re in the early stages of the college hoops season, it’s time to take a look at the premier college basketball video game on the market.

One of the reasons why this is a special year is because of the Coastal Carolina and the rest of the Big South is on it once again. In case you’re wondering what their rating is, they got a “C+” rating.

Pole Paelya got a rating of 81, while Jack Leasure got a rating of 72. The offense got a “B” while the defense got a “C”. However, don’t let that fool you. In college basketball, you can’t turn out to be a decent defender, as did Leasure. The layout of Kimbell Arena is almost on target. The only thing is that the floor is teal, not black, but it hits the intimate setting right on the money. They are right in saying Paelya is their go-to guy.

The recruiting facet of the game makes things interesting. Yes, Coastal has one star-at- prestige level, but that can change if your team wins it all or makes the NCAA Tournament. You can scout them, send them information about your school, invite them to come see you play and ask them to watch you on TV. The game also has the Maui Invitational in regular season play.

The one bad thing about the game is there are so many options and buttons to push, I sometimes would get lost.

Dick Vitale is one of the commenta­ tors so hearing his boisterous voice is a pleasure to have on the game. Because of its enhanced game play and play calling after time out, “March Madness 2006” is a sure-fire success for the EA franchise.
Letters to the Editor

"Nightmare on Columbia Street"

In response to the "Dangerous Demographic" article in [a previous Chanticleer], I felt the need to add a few comments. I live on Columbia Street in College Park, and as a resident, health-care provider and faculty wife, I am appalled at what we now have to tolerate in our area.

The everyday stress that they cause is immeasurable—to include loss of sleep and a constant feeling of intrusion into our lives and homes.

We have had to call the police many times since they moved in for their last fall semester. We had almost to call our apartment complex for student, Campus Edge, has tanning booths on site and included in the rental fee. Everyone should be well aware by now of the increase in risk of skin cancer, including the potentially fatal melanoma, of people that use these tanning facilities. It is one thing for students to choose to engage in risk-taking activities, but yet another for the University to seem to condone them.

I also wanted to issue a plea to the Campus Police to either educate all student drivers regarding the pedestrian crossings on campus, or remove the markings altogether as soon as possible. At the moment, these crossings offer a completely false sense of security, as student drivers completely ignore them, and anyone attempting to use them literally risks their lives.

Thea Collin

Sunday, November 28, 2004

Right now, I fear that the only way they will ever stop these antisocial behaviors is when someone in the area has been killed by their reckless driving, or a house burns down.

Thea Collin

"Safety issues"

As a pediatric nurse practitioner, I wanted to bring attention to two safety issues in relation to the University. It was appalled to see now only an advertisement for a tanning salon in The Chanticleer, but also to read that the new apartment complex for students, Campus Edge, has tanning booths on site and included in the rental fee.

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Editorial: Lymo ride makes student late to class

Coastal Carolina students that don't have cars of their own to get them around campus and town use the handy shuttle services provided by Lymo. The Lymo Shuttle is free for all students and is convenient to use. The shuttle runs to all on and off campus educational buildings and also the campus residential buildings.

Recently, the shuttle has started running two loops on Coastal's campus. The new loops run through the Conway campus and across U.S. 501 to the Burroughs and Chapin Center for Marine & Wetland Studies. There are two different shuttles: the Teal Shuttle and the Bronze Shuttle, which each cover separate sections of the main routes.

The Teal Shuttle runs every 20 minutes starting from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. It covers the route from the Student Center to the Burroughs and Chapin Center for Marine Science & Wetland Studies and then across U.S. 501 on Allied Drive.

The Bronze Shuttle runs every 15 minutes starting from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. This shuttle is at four different locations, where it starts at University Place residential complex on S.C. 544 and stops at the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the athletics area, the Wall College of Business and then to the Student Center.

Many students do use the Lymo Shuttle and are thankful for its services.

Coastal Carolina University has the Lymo Shuttle running throughout the campus and to off-campus buildings to help provide for the students without cars.

The shuttle service is a problem quite often for students. The shuttle will run late and break down without having a backup shuttle on call.

With the majority of students having scheduled their classes to go back-to-back with little time before the next one starts, the shuttle just makes everything harder and more stressful for the students using the services. It isn't like students without cars could just not take the shuttle, because walking down U.S. 501 or S.C. 544 is just ridiculous. Students need to be able to depend on the shuttle to get them to and from buildings without being late to class.

The biggest problem with using the shuttle is how often students arrive late to classes because the shuttle is not on schedule or just not running often enough for the students' schedules.

Professors can't be expected to wait 10 to 15 minutes once class time has begun to then test, quiz or start lecturing, yet students can't help being late.

Something needs to be done, and it isn't the students or professors place to make it work. The shuttle needs to be dependable and on time!

By: Alicia Barnes, student
Crime Log

1. 11/2, Debit Card Fraud
   Someone took the victim’s debit card number and used it in Virginia. He does not know how they may have gotten his number.

2. 11/3, Larceny/Possession of Stolen Property
   Several items were taken from the victim’s vehicle. After investigating the incident, the officer identified the subject and recovered the stolen items, along with items from several other auto break-ins. The subject was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

3. 11/3, HAZMAT Spill
   A mercury spill occurred when someone dropped a thermometer in one of the labs. The fire department responded and cleaned the spill.

4. 11/3, Criminal Domestic Violence
   The victim stated that she had an altercation with her boyfriend and he struck her in the face several times. The boyfriend was arrested.

5. 11/3, Indecent Exposure
   A white male subject exposed himself to the victim while the victim was in the library.

6. 11/3, Drug/Narcotic Violation; Drug Equipment Violation
   The subjects were seen on the football practice field late at night. Investigation by an officer revealed a “blunt” in the area where they were. After questioning, the subjects were transported to their dorm room where they gave the officer consent to search. A green, leafy substance was found in one of the rooms and a pipe was found in another room. The subject in possession of the green, leafy substance was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

7. 11/9, Vandalism to Auto
   The victim parked his vehicle when he went to practice and upon returning noticed that someone had “keyed” the vehicle near the driver’s door handle.

8. 11/9, Burglary/Larceny of a Bicycle
   The victim stated that during the night, someone entered his room and took his bike. The door to the apartment was not locked.

9. 11/9, Breaking and Entering an Auto
   Upon returning to his vehicle that was parked on campus, the victim noticed that his laptop computer and his wallet were missing from the vehicle, which had been left unlocked.

10. 11/11, Burglary
    The victim stated that someone had entered the office area and removed a sum of money from the safe. There was no sign of forced entry.

11. 11/12, Burglary
    The complaint stated that during the night, someone entered his office and took money from her safe. There was no sign of forced entry.

12. 11/12, Burglary of Golf Course Flags
    The complainant stated that someone took four flags from the Quail Creek Golf Course.

13. 11/14, Drug/Narcotic Violation; Drug Equipment Violation
    An officer obtained permission to enter a Waccamaw Hall room after a call about possible narcotics. The officer smelled a marijuana-like smell. He asked the occupant for consent to search the room and consent was given. During the search, a green, leafy substance was found along with a homemade pipe. The subject was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

14. 11/15, Burglary
    The defendant stated that during the night, someone entered her office in the CINO Grill and took some money from her safe. There was no sign of forced entry.

15. 11/15, Attempted Burglary
    The victim stated that during the night, someone attempted to take his computer out of his office at the Foundation Center. Nothing was missing and no damage was reported.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCUDPS

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Raines school is Christmas Angel for holiday drive

Raines Elementary School, an underprivileged school in Marion County, will be the Christmas Angel recipient of the holiday drive sponsored by Coastal Productions Board (CPB) and Students Taking Active Responsibility (S.T.A.R.).

Offices and departments within the Coastal community are encouraged to donate funds and gifts in lieu of having an office gift exchange. Needed are basic school supplies such as crayons, paper, tape, etc., as well as children’s books for the library. A wish list of toys is available in the Office of Student Activities & Leadership. E-mail Diane Wilson at dwilson@coastal.edu if you would like a copy sent to you via e-mail.

Raines Centenary Elementary School, located in Marion County on U.S. 501, was featured in the SC-ETV documentary “Corridor of Shame” as a public school that is underprivileged and poverty-stricken.

CPB, S.T.A.R. and several other campus organizations will be collecting educational items for classrooms and teachers, as well as wish list toys for the students through Tuesday, Dec. 6. On Friday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. a “Santa’s Workshop Fun Day” will be hosted at Raines Elementary school for their students to receive their gifts.

PCP will also be selling 2006 Chick-fil-a Coupon Calendars and raffle tickets for $1 to raise funds for the school. A CCU Prize Package includes gift certificates to Applebee’s, Papa John’s, Domino’s gift certificates, passes to Alabama Theatre and much more.

If you would like to participate in this event or purchase any items, contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership at 349-2301.

Got News?

See Chanticleer in looking for writers, photographers, and any other interesting news or upcoming events.

Career Services Center Classifieds
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Job Talk

by Mollie Fout
for The Chanticleer

The job outlook for new college graduates is positive, and employers expect to hire 14.5 percent more new college graduates in 2005-06 than they hired in 2004-05, according to a new national report published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). According to employers responding to NACE’s Job Outlook 2006 survey, on a national level, graduates with degrees in business, engineering and computer-related fields have the most promising outlook. At Coastal Carolina University, employers have also expressed the most interest in students with these degrees.

Additional highlights from the survey include:

- Nearly 94 percent of responding employers rate the job market for new college graduates as good, very good or excellent.
- A better job market could also mean a bigger paycheck. Three-quarters of responding employers expect to increase their starting salary offers this year. Starting salaries vary depending on the degree, type of employer, and other factors, but on average, employers expect to raise starting salaries to bachelor's degree graduates by 3.7 percent.

For more information on starting salaries, visit the Career Services Center CareerLab. A salary chart can also be found under the Job Links item on the Career Services website.

- Many employers expect to be active on campus this spring: More than half of the employers participating in the Job Outlook 2006 survey said they have firm plans to be on campus this spring to look for new employees. Spring recruitment events at Coastal begin with the Careers 2006 conference in Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 16, 2006, which is the Martin Luther King holiday. Spring Senior Recruiting Days are from Feb. 20 - March 3, and the Myrtle Beach Job Expo is scheduled for March 28 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Students can get a copy of the "Job Outlook 2006-Student Version" by visiting The Job Choices page on the Career Services website or by going directly to an online version on JobWeb at www.jobweb.com/joboutlook/.

The Career Services Center also offers the following services to help students prepare for and conduct an effective job search: video-taped mock interviews, professional etiquette training, on-campus interviews, job-search workshops, and resume assistance. Call the Career Services Center at 349-6413 to schedule an appointment with a Career Services Coordinator or visit the Center at Indigo House, 104 Tom Trout Drive today. Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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