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Campus projects underway

by Anne-Marie D’Onofrio
Editor-in-Chief

Upon returning to Coastal Carolina University for the spring semester, it’s easy to spot construction projects underway in several areas of the campus. These include clearing trees for the arena, clearing trees for the straightening of University Blvd., the construction of two solar-powered bus shelters in front of the L.J. Jackson Student Center and renovations to the Kearns building. In addition to the projects already in progress, two others are in the planning stages: renovations to the Student Center and to Kimbel Library.

According to a sanctuary Cooper news release, the solar-powered bus shelters are being constructed with a $250,000 grant from the company. Photovoltaic modules will be installed on four open air structures which each measure 27 feet by 22 feet; the modules will produce 16-kilowatts of electricity. The two bus shelters will be used to demonstrate solar power and will have meters displaying the amount of electricity being produced at any given moment.

“I hope it generates enough [power] to light the facility or maybe run some fans,” said Dr. Ronald R. Ingle, university president.

While a significant section of the Student Center parking lot has been blocked off for construction of the shelters, only six existing parking spots will have been taken for the project when finished.

“It’s an extremely small sacrifice for what we’re doing,” said Dr. Dan Abel, associate professor of marine science and director of the Coastal Carolina University Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative. “We’re at a tipping point for human existence and we need to curb our use of fossil fuels.”

According to Ingle, several sites were considered for the location of a solar power demonstration, but the Student Center location is best for the promotion of educational events planned to take place at the shelters to help promote Green Power and awareness of renewable energy.

The 7,000-seat arena that will be on the corner of University Blvd. and U.S. Hwy. 501 is in its beginning stage of construction, as the area is now being cleared of trees. The arena is being built by a private contractor, said Ingle, but CCU is asking for the parking area to be done in a sustainable fashion. Ingle is also looking for a sound and visible barrier between the arena and College Park, likely made of plantings.

Related to the construction of the arena, University Blvd. is being straightened so that it runs closer to Horry-Georgetown Technical College. This is also a project being done under private contracting. Ingle relayed the information that clearing would take approximately two weeks, followed by about one month for the construction of the road. The new, straightened University Blvd. will be completely constructed before the existing one is closed.

In the works are plans to enhance the Student center to better serve the students. Ingle hopes that this work will be done by next fall, and refers to these renovations as “rather dramatic.” He cites the game room, the staircase and the Cino Grille as main areas of work.

“The Cino Grille is dysfunctional—traffic flow is not right.”

In the Student Center, Ingle’s theme flows around opening new spaces and making the facility a lighter and brighter place to spend time. The offices inside the Cino Grille will be moved so that there is a larger area for students to use; architects from Aramark have already come in to look at the space. The drop-ceiling in the game room will be taken out in order to give the room more height; the rounded stairwell will have the wall remade from glass blocks (true to original plans for the Student Center); and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership will be moved so that their current office space can be turned into a quiet lounge area.

Ingle also discussed plans for renovating Kimbel Library.

“I want to open the entrance so it’s not like you’re going through a security check at the airport,” he said.

The “opening” of the entrance includes making the area more inviting with lounge chairs and a coffee shop.

“What we want to create is an atmosphere like Barnes & Noble.”

Uppairs there will be group meeting-rooms with wireless Internet so that students can work on projects together.

All of these projects weave together as part of the Campus Master Plan, a plan in which Ingle hopes to incorporate sustainability.

“As an educational institution, we need to be fully committed to sustainability and that’s why we’ve created the facility Dan Abel is heading up,” said Ingle. “It’s not only for the community, but to monitor the university when building new structures. As CCU continues to grow, more projects will become part of that plan.”

Said Ingle, “We’re going to be in a transition forever.”

Captain Case at it again: CCU professor in Afghanistan

By Alicia Barnes
Staff Writer

Capt. Alan Case, a Coastal Carolina University professor at the Recreation Department, has recently gone on military duty, making this his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Case was stationed in Kabul, Mazar-e-Shafir and the Patika Province on the Pakistan border from November 2003 to September 2004. His job overseas is being in charge of the recreation for children, the set-up of schools and driving courses. He is sending a call for aid in the form of a supply drive to all Coastal students, staff, faculty, clubs and Greeks and anyone else who is willing to help out.

The drive is for the children of Afghanistan (especially the little girls) who are now starting to go back to school. During the reign of the Taliban, most children did not attend school. The girls were forbidden to attend school during this time which lasted from the mid-1990s to 2001. The schools in Afghanistan lack the most very basic of supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, and notebooks. Clothing is another large need for the Afghanistan children.

Case shared information about a school house near his firebase in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The school is located in a former Soviet apartment complex that the Taliban controlled in 2001. Shortly after 9/11, this building was bombed by the United States Air Force in an effort to kill the top leaders of the Taliban and al-Qaeda. The condition of the school is very primitive and all the basic necessities are in short supply.

“It is hard for me to describe the level of poverty and destruction that is present,” said Case.

During his last tour of duty in 2004 he asked Coastal to hold a supply drive. The Greeks, the Computer Science club and other student-based organizations, as well as staff and faculty, sent almost 4,000 pounds of supplies to him overseas. These different groups of people all came together and raised over $463 to pay for the shipping of the many pounds of clothes, shoes, school materials, recreation equipment and little things such as chap stick and cough Continued on page A2
Celebration of Inquiry

by Ashley Taliana
Section Editor

To many students, the Celebration of Inquiry (COI) is a three-day event in which classes are "re-directed" to places such as their bed, work or other non-campus activities.

In an effort to make the Celebration more appealing to students, administrators of the event have heeded the advice of last year’s evaluations and are presenting COI in a more contemporary fashion. This year, the fifth annual Celebration of Inquiry will be held Feb. 15-17 with close to 140 sessions convening on the main campus.

This year’s theme, “Living the Questions: Creating, Connecting, Changing” hopes to serve students' expectations of a more contemporary approach to the annual celebration. Students convened in last year’s evaluations that they wanted a new, younger, more contemporary keynote speaker.

The 2006 keynote speaker, Frans de Waal, an author, speaker and consultant, is the first keynote to have a background in psychology. His book, "The Medici Effect," reflects the cross-disciplinary theme of the conference. According to the conference program, "The Medici Effect" explains "that three driving forces—the movement of people, the convergence of scientific disciplines, and the leap in computational power—are increasing the number and types of intersections we can access."

According to Charmaine Tomczyk, director of the conference executive committee, this year’s session proposals were put through rigorous review by seven committees consisting of about 80 people.

"There are fewer sessions this year because the committee returned more proposals in a quest to find sessions of greater quality and more conformity to the central theme."

Although many professors assign or suggest sessions to attend, students should explore the booklet for sessions that interest them, which will be coming out around Feb. 1. There are sessions ranging from ones about relationships and astrology to others that are more academically based.

"Maybe opinions will be changed by sessions, maybe they will be reinforced," said Tomczyk on her expectations of the event. "The idea is to learn more about your community and your campus. This is a chance for students to learn from their peers; it's not just a faculty-to-student event."

This year is one quite unique to Coastal’s campus. Miranda Clegg-Moore, Coastal graduate and a COI presenter expressed this in a recent interview.

"Only a handful of universities across the country have something like this. It really shows how different Coastal is."

Students at CCU are privileged to have an opportunity to look outside their main study discipline and explore subjects that truly intrigue them. The conference is meant to bring about discussion between groups who normally would not cross paths.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Welcome back to all new and continuing students! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and are getting settled into Coastal student life.

Just a few reminders about Financial Aid:

• Do you have 2006-2007 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) electronically by March 1st. DO NOT WAIT! Start as soon as you and your parent (if applicable) do your 2005 taxes. If this is your first time doing the FAFSA electronically, you and your parent (if applicable) will be required to apply for a PIN number on www.fafsa.ed.gov in order to sign the FAFSA electronically.

• Coastal Scholarship Application Deadline is March 1st. Applications are available online at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/forms.html.

• Students who have received a federal one term/Spring only loan should be aware that the loan is split into two disbursements: the first at the beginning of the term and the second disbursement after the midpoint of the term. Students should not expect all of the money to arrive at the beginning of the term.

• Check your CCU email address frequently. Our office sends emails regarding your awards, documents needed, Entrance Loan Counseling, and various other financial aid concerns. If you are not checking your CCU email, you are missing critical and important information. All Coastal students should have been assigned an email address. If you do not have an address, please contact Student Computing at 349-2982 as soon as possible.

• Check your Web Advisor weekly for possible Financial Aid information.

Web Advisor can be accessed at webadvisor.coastal.edu. Web advisor is an excellent resource to check your financial aid awards and the status of those awards.
Student Health Services to be improved

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

Is there a doctor in the house? If there isn’t one now, there will be one soon.

As a result of the non-renewed contract between the Conway Medical Center and Coastal Carolina’s health service center, the board of trustees decided on Jan. 12 to form their own program for student health that will be independent of outside funding. This decision will change many aspects of the current status of student health services, including the semester fee per student and the amount of services available.

As of the 2005-2006 school year, students who purchase the health service package pay $70 each semester. For this price, they receive an unlimited number of visits to the campus clinic, prescribed allergy injections and health information on a wide range of topics and issues.

But for those students, these services just aren’t up to par.

I was misdiagnosed with diabetes and my friend was misdiagnosed as having an STD,” said a biology major who wishes to remain anonymous.

Katie Allen, an English major, thinks that “any improvement to [the health services program] would be better than what we have now.”

On the other hand, there are students who have benefited from the current state of student health services.

Hayley Marks, an early childhood education major, said she went with a friend to get treated for a stomach virus and the provided treatment worked very well.

For the 2006-2007 school year, the price per semester will rise to $125, but with this increase also comes added and improved services and benefits. These include discounts on x-rays, lab tests and any emergency room visits that occur during the campus health center’s closed hours. Treatment for routine health problems, an extended health information program for students and access to a full-range of gynecological services for female students will also be available.

Dr. Lynn Willett, vice president of student affairs, said this fee would have increased with or without the improvements.

“This gives us an opportunity to reconsider what kind of health services we were offering students.”

Willett further explained about the additional health information program.

“We have a real opportunity to teach students about wellness and how to take care of themselves, so that when they leave Coastal Carolina University they not only have a bachelor’s degree, but they have also developed life skills as well.”

In order to provide all these extra services and information, a new and larger staff will be hired. The board plans to hire a full-time director, two nurse practitioners, a registered nurse, a nurse’s assistant, three support staff and one health educator. Part-time employees will include a psychiatrist and physician. This new staff will be helping the CCU administration improve and refine the health policies already established on campus that involve drug use, alcohol and sexual assault.

The increased fee is going to be included on all students’ bills who live on campus, but Willett reminds commuter students that this health service option is available to them as well.

“I think there are a lot of commuter students who don’t understand that they can pay the health services fee and not have to sift through the yellow pages trying to find a doctor.”

Students should also be aware that regardless of their current insurance situation, whether they have their own or use their parents’, they are still able to use the health services on campus as long as they have paid the semester fee.

Columbia City Ballet presents “The Lion King of Mali”

Coastal Carolina University is proud to host the Columbia City Ballet and its performances of “The Lion King of Mali.” Shows are scheduled for Feb. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. Adults are admitted for $20, $15 for children under 18, and Coastal students are admitted free with CCU ID.

The story is based on an ancient African legend and educates its audiences about African heritage and culture. Even though this story served as the inspiration for Disney’s “The Lion King,” this depiction is meant to be more realistic and relevant to people today. The performance is expected to be exciting and moving. All are encouraged to attend.

Please call 349-2502 for additional information or to purchase tickets over the phone.

Disorganization could cost you $50

by M. G. Fisher
Staff Writer

The Kimbel library has recently undergone some policy changes and is currently deciding on others.

Within the last two years, the Kimbel library has changed its book replacement fee from $25 to $50. This change was made to persuade past and current students to return books that had been checked out for long periods of time. At the time of the change, the library had sent bills out reaching $25 for over 400 books.

The library is not permitted to hold a student’s academic information unless that student’s debt is $50 or more. The decision to raise the new fee to $50 was based partly on the fact that other universities charge a minimum fee of $75.

The library charges this base cover fee, as well as a $35 non-refundable billing fee, and any late charges that the student has already acquired. If a student is charged the $50 fee and the book is later found, the library will issue a refund.

Accordiing to Jennifer Hughes, the access services librarian, the policy makers in the library are currently deciding whether to continue allowing students to replace lost books or automatically charge the $50 fee. As of right now, if a student loses a book, he or she is permitted to go buy the same book as a replacement. These replacement books must be exactly the same as the missing book and must be approved by the library staff. According to Yankee Book Press, the average cost of an academic book for a library is $69.13.

As a result of the online library survey conducted last semester, the library has made a few other changes. As per the request for longer hours on the weekend, the Saturday hours have been changed to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Sunday hours have been changed to 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. The library is also working on some policies regarding cell phones, as there have been a lot of responses from students against cell phone use in the library.

For more information, or to have your opinions heard, e-mail Jennifer Hughes at j Hughes@ccast.edu.

At the time of this issue’s publication, the library staff had taken an unofficial vote and it appears as though they are likely to continue accepting replacement books from students.
The Showdown: A battle of opinions

See the movie...

by Kyle B. Ward

Staff Writer

I'm a visual kind of guy, so I've always preferred a movie version of a story to a book. For example, in "Friday Night Lights," you get a good look at the players by how they are portrayed through the eyes of the director. The intensity of the hits and tackles can't be felt in a book. No instrument can measure the emotions after a win or loss.

"Jurassic Park" was another movie. I preferred it over the book. The T-Rex was vicious and the special effects were second to none.

The movie "Stand by Me" was another good movie based on a book. It was a book for many of the actors in the movie like Corey Feldman, Kiefer Sutherland, River Phoenix, and a then-chubby Jerry O'Connell.

The fact of the matter is that a movie paints a better picture than a book does. It may not be exactly like the book, but in the end Hollywood likes to tweak things so people can believe the story they are trying to tell.

...or read the book?

Book review: "How I Paid For College"

by Ashley Tallana

"How I Paid For College..." takes a hilarious look at what it's like for Edward Zanni, a bisexual 17-year-old from suburban New Jersey, to pay for college when his father refuses to pay for his tuition to Julliard.

The novel opens with Edward having nothing more planned for his summer than lounging by the pool and working on Shakespeare dialogues in preparation for his big audition at Julliard. This is until his father agrees only to pay for college when his father refuses to pay for his tuition to Julliard.

The book paints a better picture than a novel does. Don't look to this book for any serious reading. It's a story that any college student can relate to. The characters are realistic and have the former, you can always create a gift enough.

The gang's escapades are Sweet Valley-eseque in nature, aside from the occasional orgy scattered throughout the book. Everything from manifesting a scholarship comprised of stolen money to blackmauling the son of a Congressman with homosexual pictures prevents you from putting down this novel.

It's a story that any college student can appreciate just from reading the title; the object of Edward's affection, a.k.a Mr. High School Football; his faithful neighbor; and a bosomy sister-type who moonlights as a nun to buy the gang beer. After all, who would ask a nun for beers. After all, who would ask a nun for beers.

Fortunately, he has been blessed with a group of resourceful, comical friends that would risk committing serious jail-time crimes to send their friend to the famed performing arts school. His friends include a beautiful blonde girlfriend, her girlfriend, an Iranian debutant (it's evident where sex fits into the title); the object of Edward's affection, a.k.a Mr. High School Football; his faithful neighbor; and a bosomy sister-type who moonlights as a nun to buy the gang beer. After all, who would ask a nun for beers.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Watch out for a problem that could be expensive. Don't take things at face value. Postpone travel until Thursday, if possible.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - New friends are eager to celebrate, but don't let the fun get out of hand. You certainly don't want to lose what you've recently achieved.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You've gained a new perspective, but that in itself brings new challenges. Be careful when venturing into unexplored territory.

Cancer (June 22-July 21) - Today is a 7 - New opportunities start to show up, but a little too soon. Finish what is already on your plate at home before you take any more.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Costs are higher than expected. Don't make expensive promises. Your love is gift enough.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Be more careful now; don't do anything rash. Don't pick on your partner; either. Chance of breakdown are high.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - A tricky problem comes up at work, requiring your full attention. Meanwhile, don't discuss a matter that's been shared in confidence.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Love, plus imagination, is more important than money now. When you have the former, you can always create the latter.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Conditions are more unsettling now. You could even encounter resistance. Ask questions and turn this into another educational experience.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You could read something today that doesn't quite make sense. Don't believe everything you hear, either. Check it out before passing it on.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Costs are higher than expected. Hold on to your pennies. It'll take imagination and creativity to meet your goals.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 8 - Slow and easy does it now; you're on shaky ground. Save your most innovative suggestions for later. Giving hints and teasers is OK, if you keep smiling.
Cost of Freshman Orientation: $90
Cost of a hotel room during the summer: $120
Being a hero to 1,500 new freshmen:
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Deadline: February 24, 2006
Questions? Call 349-2286 jawiggin@coastal.edu
Crime Log

1. 1/11

Drug/Narcotic Violation
A Santa Hall dorm room was approached by officers because of a loud noise. When the resident opened the door, the officers saw beer cans on the floor. The officers asked to enter the room and were given permission. During a consented search of one resident's desk, the officers found a green, leafy substance that was later proven to be marijuana. The resident was cited for the possession of marijuana.

2. 1/11, Peeping Tom
The suspect was found "peeping" into the victim's window at University Place. The suspect was detained, questioned and charged appropriately.

3. 1/13, Larceny
The victim reported that her watch had been stolen from her University Place dorm room. She stated that she had the watch prior to going out that night but when she returned to her room later, the watch was missing.

4. 1/15, Burglary
The victim stated that unknown persons entered her University Place dorm room and carried away her Apple iPod. The victim also stated that the lock to his room was not working properly at the time.

5. 1/15, Traffic Violation/Eluding Police
A vehicle was stopped on University Blvd. because of a traffic violation. When approached by an officer, the driver exited the vehicle and ran away. The officer observed erratic driving. A vehicle was impounded pending investigation.

6. 1/15, Underage Possession
An officer responded to a Waccamaw Hall dorm room by a noise complaint. While talking to the residents, the officer noticed that they were in possession of beer. All of the residents were minors and were cited for underage possession.

7. 1/17, Drug Equipment Violation
An officer responded to a University Place dorm room in reference to a complaint. While talking to the residents, the officer advised them that if they were in possession of any drugs or paraphernalia they should give it to him. The residents gave the officer drug paraphernalia and were released. The case was turned over to university housing for follow-up.

8. 1/17, Disorderly Conduct
A female subject was talking to a male officer that has dealt with her in another case. When she started to get loud and disorderly, the officer called a female officer to assist him. When the female officer arrived and attempted to talk to the subject, the situation escalated and the officer placed the subject under arrest for public disorderly conduct.

9. 1/17, Grand Larceny
The victim stated that he left his Waccamaw Hall dorm room for a short time and that when he returned someone had taken his computer and iPod.

10. 1/17, Sexual Assault
The victim stated that while she was visiting a male friend in Santa Hall, she fell asleep. When she awoke, the male was fondling her. She then got up and left the room.

11. 1/17, Larceny
The victim stated that during the night, unknown persons entered her vehicle at University Place and removed her CD player and some CDs.

12. 1/18, Simple Possession of Marijuana
An officer responded to an Elm Hall dorm room in reference to a strong smell that was possibly marijuana. When the officer arrived, the residence hall coordinator was already there and had possession of a small bag containing a green, leafy substance. The resident of the room was cited and released.

13. 1/18, Larceny
An officer was notified that someone had stolen a car and that it was towed. The suspect was arrested and charged with DUI 1st.

14. 1/18, Drug/Narcotic Violation
An officer responded to a University Place dorm room by a resident assistant. The officer began talking to the residents and discovered that they were in possession of marijuana and drug equipment. The subjects were cited and released.

15. 1/18, Vandalism
The victim stated that he parked his vehicle in a parking space on campus and left. When he returned, someone had damaged his bumper and had scratched his vehicle.

16. 1/19, Vandalism
While the victim was at practice, someone punctured one of the tires of his vehicle, which was parked in a lot on campus.

17. 1/20, Traffic Violation/Improper Vehicle License Plate
When the officer conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of University Blvd. and S.C. Hwy. 544, it was found that the vehicle plates did not belong on the vehicle that was stopped. The suspect was arrested and the vehicle was towed.

18. 1/20, Disobeying a Police Officer/Resisting Arrest
Officers responded to a University Place dorm room because of odor disturbance. One of the subjects was asked to leave the area after continuing to be a problem and ignored the officers. When the suspect was approached to be handcuffed, the individual started to resist which resulted in a gain compliance technique by the officer. The subject was arrested and taken to jail.

19. 1/21, DUI
A vehicle was stopped on campus when an officer observed erratic driving. Upon approaching the driver, the officer smelled alcohol and when questioned, the driver admitted to drinking. The suspect was arrested and charged with DUI 1st.
Squawk! Question: What did you bring to class on the first day?

Anthony Steele, sophomore, Recreation Sports Management: “A pack of paper and a pen, I believe.”

Christina Rukenbrod, senior, Psychology: “Paper, notebooks, highlighters, pens.”

Meredith Alexander, senior, Middle Grades Education: “Notebooks, pen, paper…so I would have something to do while my professors were going over the syllabi.”

Latisha Steen, junior, Mathematics: “I brought school supplies stuff, because I knew I would be doing work in my classes.”

Nick Johnson, senior, Marine Science/Biology: “Originally I was going to bring nothing because after being here for four years you know the routine—go over the syllabus and leave after 10 minutes, but I decided to bring notebooks and a pencil.”

Sharena Limehouse, junior, Finance: “My body…oh, and a notebook and pen.”

T. Smith, senior, Psychology: “One sheet of paper and a pen.”

Photos and reporting by Ashley Talibano

Student George Farmer begins directing career

by Matt Fowler

Armed with a perfect title, George Farmer has already done what most of us have only thought about doing while sleepwalking in our daydreams—he has made a movie.

In his own words, “At That Age” is “a romantic-comedy that revolves around three individuals who have discovered upon graduating college they are unsure if everything is altogether.

In an almost rule of three attitude, it is the three main characters who represent what each student may find in themselves or each other after they have parted ways: the person who has it all—the car, the girl and all those other seemingly important mixings, the person who realizes that he is not where he wants to be; and the person who wants to undo a past regret and get the chance with the girl he may have missed.

To better answer what the film is like, Farmer responded to think of a “cleaner Kevin Smith” film, like “Clerks” or “Malrets.” And like Smith’s movies, Farmer’s films and other productions center on a spider web of individuals, minus Jay and Silent Bob but with the obvious synchronicity that we all can relate to.

If Farmer is the spider of this web, then the actors (all CCU students) are the main supports for the arches of his web. Consequently, “At That Age” has six main supports: Christopher Bergano (Michael Roberto), Emily Bryant (Rachel Hudson), Robbie Hambright (Derek Wagner), Mola Leigh (Vince Dalton), Morgan Sprinkle (Shannon Goodwin) and Kristy Scheck (Aimee). Of course, any good movie wouldn’t be worthwhile without actors who can portray their characters. Sprinkle found this in her character. She said that although the had some similarities with her character, such as missing out “on the college experience,” that “[f]or the other hand, [she’s] a dreamer and overanalyses everything,” traits Sprinkle possesses that are oppositional character shanion.

Being both writer and director, Farmer somehow managed time in his senior year of studying history at CCU to film his movie, which he had originally written at the end of his Carolina Forest High School years. With “At That Age” currently being edited, having filmed a movie is a feat the director is taking calmly, possibly because of the seven other projects he is working on with his production company Red Hill Productions, which he founded with USC student Franklin Semons.

When asked about any advice for other aspiring artists Farmer responded quickly and with an accented voice to “do it!”
CD review: Yellowcard returns

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

What better album title describes a punk rock band whose music and concert performances blow spectators away than "Lights and Sounds"? Capitol Records released the long-awaited fourth album by the pioneer punk band Yellowcard on Jan. 24.

The entire 14-track album was written by lead singer Ryan Key in about three weeks last summer, though the other band members contributed to writing the music and string arrangements. Perhaps it was this hurried writing and recording stage that causes the album to sound a little bit less punk than one would expect from a stereotypical punk band.

The first track, "Three Flights Up," is a purely instrumental song that sets the stage for the rest of the album. The slow melody is peaceful and helps listeners picture the very "lights and sounds" the album embodies. It is followed by the title track that sounds just like the classic Yellowcard we remember from their previous CD, "Ocean Avenue." "Down On My Head" and "Sure Thing Falling" are also very reminiscent of a younger Yellowcard, but as the CD progresses through tracks, their sound matures.

The band has obviously grown-up since the release of "Ocean Avenue" in the summer of 2003. Key's voice reverberates with more emotion in certain songs like "City of Devils" and "How I Go," and the overall sound of the band as a whole shows maturity and better collaboration despite their recent problems with a founding band member who they were recently forced to replace.

Regardless of internal mishaps, Yellowcard remains dedicated to their music and their fans. They are already on tour in the U.S. until Feb. 11, after which they plan to go overseas to Europe for the next several months. They appeared on TRL on Jan. 18 and on Conan O'Brien on Jan. 25. They are scheduled to appear on Jay Leno on Feb. 7.

Yellowcard is Ryan Key, lead vocalist/guitarist; Ryan Mendez, guitarist; Sean Mackin, violinist; Pete Shoshy, bassist; Longineau Parsons III, drummer.

Track Listing:
1. Three Flights Up
2. Lights and Sounds
3. Down On My Head
4. Sure Thing Falling
5. City Of Devils
6. Rough Landing, Holly
7. Two Weeks From Twenty
8. Waiting Game
9. Martin Shaw Or JFR
10. Space Travel
11. Grey
12. Words, Hands, Hearts
13. How I Go
14. Holly Wood Died
WE WANT YOUR
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1ST TIME IN COASTAL HISTORY!

DETAILS:
Archarios and Tempo are teaming together to bring you our first CD of Coastal’s finest local bands! Each magazine will include a CD, along with profiles of the bands.

WHAT WE WANT:
- Pre-recorded songs in CD format
- Band name, song titles, and band profile

RULES:
- Bands can submit up to 5 submissions
- At least one person in band is a Coastal attendant (student or faculty)
- All entries will be judged, and winners will be published in both Spring 2006 magazines, as well as, on the CD
- Deadline is February 10th!
- Bring submissions upstairs in the Student Center: Room 206I or 206H

CALL 843-267-1476 or 349-2328 OR VISIT THE OFFICES FOR MORE DETAILS
Coastal Carolina University's College of Humanities and Fine Arts will present Sam Shepard's 1984 play "A Lie of the Mind" for five days in February. The play will run Feb. 8 to 12. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 to 11 and at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for Coastal alumni and senior citizens. Coastal students, faculty and staff are admitted free. This performance contains adult themes and may not be appropriate for children.

Directed by Steve Earnest, chair of Coastal's Department of Theater, the play chronicles life in the western United States. When first released, the play won the N.Y. Drama Critics Award and was described as "a variously rend­ ing and hilarious reverie about parents and sons and husbands and wives, all blended into mythic wilderness" by The New York Times.

"It's a really complicated play," Earnest said. "Shepard explores patriotism and both giving your life for someone you love and also for your family."

The play includes music from Coastal's faculty rock band Virtue Trap. The band wrote original music and will play continuously during the performance. Earnest said the music makes the play "feel like a movie with a movie score."

Earnest, directing his first play since coming to Coastal in August 2005, received his master's in fine arts from the University of Miami and his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado.

Performers in this play include: Margaret Graham, Robby Hambright, Dion Beard, Matt James, Jordan Alcoba, Krystin Mementowski, Ashley Heyl and Kris Rau.

For tickets or more information, call the Wheelwright Box Office at 349-2502.
Students to become the next ‘Coastal Idols’

by Raytevia Evans  
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University students are preparing themselves for the new halftime show at home basketball games. This semester, Kelly Moore, the marketing assistant in the Athletics Department, has started Coastal Idol.

Similar to the hit reality TV show “American Idol,” Coastal Idol was created to encourage CCU students to show off their talents. However Coastal Idol caters to talents other than musical ones.

“We wanted to get the students more involved,” said Moore.

Moore definitely succeeded in getting students to participate, having enough contestants to last through the basketball season.

Moore, who came up with the idea with Mark Roach, senior associate athletic director and executive director of the Chanticleer Club, was ecstatic to see so many students voluntarily participate in the auditions that were held on Jan. 12 and 14.

The auditions quickly filled with students of different ages that sang, danced and played different musical instruments. The judges included Tamaria Jackson, assistant director of programming in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership; Korry Seymour, assistant band director; Robin Russell; Greg London; Thurstan Pilote and Marianne Orlandini, senior assistant director of admissions.

Coastal Idol will be held throughout the basketball season during each halftime. The contestants who received a callback after auditions will perform for approximately two minutes and the winner will be determined by the audience. The audience is asked after the performance to put their ticket stubs in the boxes of their favored performer.

The contestants were excited to have the opportunity to show their talents to the public and they are also determined to win the prize. The winner will receive free cellular phone service for a year and $500 toward books for a semester.

“I called Horry Telephone Company and they gladly donated a phone. I then spoke to President Ingle who courteously offered an autographed photo of himself as part of the prize,” said Moore.

Moore also came up with the idea of giving away a semester’s worth of books. Moore is hoping to make Coastal Idol an annual event.

Most of the contestants were experienced and confident about the performance.

“I won three talent shows in a row in high school and was named Mr. Senior,” said Drew McKinney, a freshman contestant.

McKinney played his guitar and sang a song that he had written himself. Greg Dunn also played guitar and sang an original song.

Denn, a freshman, said, “I played and sang in talent shows in the past.”

Also participating were students who were in bands, soloists and even dancers. Brad Taylor, a senior who did a hip hop routine to an original mix said, “I have my own style of dancing.”

With the help of many students and staff, Moore has been able to pull off a successful event for CCU.

“I want to thank all of the students and faculty and staff for their support,” said Moore.

With Moore’s enthusiasm and the many different talents of the contestants, Coastal Idol looks to be an effective event that will hopefully encourage more students to participate in the future.

Drew McKinney  
Abby Brown  
Angela Getz  
Bethany Misarella  
Emily Marston

Photo by Kelly Moore

Lauren Hardy and group

Phoots take by Kelly Moore

JOB SEARCH GUIDE AND EVENTS

Walk-in hours: Answers to career questions & resume reviews. M–F 10am–4pm

PROGRAMS

DISCOVER: What are you going to do after graduation? A workshop that will answer: What jobs can you do with your degree? Who hires new grads to do what you want to do? Where are you going to go to get your best opportunity? Career Services Center – February 7,8,9 4 – 5PM, Call 349-6433 to register.

MOCK INTERVIEWS – Practice interviews improve your skills and confidence for professional interviews. Seniors only. All Majors. Limited slots so call 349-6433 to register. February 6 – February 17.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS COMING SOON!
Senior Recruitment Days – February 20 – March 3 Career Services Center
SUBMIT RESUMES TO THE CAREER SERVICES COORDINATOR IN YOUR ACADEMIC COLLEGE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1st

Seniors must register in MonsterTRAK at www.coastal.edu/career to be given access to the employer info and job descriptions. The Username is your Coastal email address and the password is your PIN#; click on “forgot password?” if your PIN does not work and MonsterTRAK will send you a new password.
Discount Dining
Where to Eat if You're Cheap (or Broke)

Buffets in Myrtle Beach

China Buffet
on 38th Ave. North serves an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for $5.95 and dinner for $9.95.

Ruby Tuesday's
on 501 and off 544 serve a $6.99 unlimited salad bar. Add a soup for a dollar more.

Golden Corral
off 501 serves an all-you-can-eat buffet for under $10 with a wide selection of course items, side items, and desserts.

1 Beef O'Brady's
Located in the Carolina Forest Shopping Center
(843) 236-7761
Sandwiches, wraps, burgers, salads, soups, all under $10
Happy Hour – Monday – Friday from 4-7
Drink specials and half-price appetizers ranging from chicken wings to quesadillas at the bar
Relaxing, laid-back atmosphere, friendly service, and more televisions than you can count!

3 Burro Loco
Located on Highway 17 across from Barnes and Nobles
(843) 626-1756
Mexican Restaurant
Happy Hour – Monday – Friday from 4-7
A LOT of drink specials, free chicken wings, $3 dollar pizzas in the bar area or patio only
Living in a “boom town” isn’t easy, especially when you’re going to college. Making money for classes and living expenses is a tough challenge, so here are a few suggestions of places to eat relatively well for a relatively cheap price.

*DISCLAIMER: Keep reading only if you are one of those students who feels the gnawing hunger pangs of a winter spent in Myrtle Beach. Should you be fortunate enough to eat the same great, high-priced meals year-round, just turn the page.

**2 Sonic**

4 Locations in Myrtle Beach: Carolina Forest Shopping Center, 2 on Highway 544, and on 10th Ave. North

Fast-food menu that includes wraps, salads, and a range of desserts

- Happy Hour - Monday – Friday from 2-5
- Half-price on all drinks!

- Every Tuesday after 5 p.m., get 5 burgers for 5 bucks!!
- Open 6 a.m. - 12 a.m.

**CCU Discounts**

The following places give discounts to CCU students: (Be sure to bring your ID)

- Bojangles – 10% discount
- Coffee, Etc – 10% discount
  Papa John’s – 30% discount (not applicable to specials)
- Koto Express – 10% student discount
- Firehouse Subs – free drinks
- Sandwich Club Café – 12% discount off main item

**4 ...really broke?**

- A box of Ramen noodles from Kroger costs $1.69. A single bag of Ramen noodles costs $0.13.
- There’s always the Dollar Menu from McDonald’s and the Value Menu at Wendy’s!
- Waffle House has the cheapest breakfast food around and they are open 24/7.
- For a group of hungry people, split the Domino’s 5-5-5 deal. (843) 347-0602
- Hungry for Chinese food? Next to almost every grocery store in Myrtle Beach are little restaurants called Panda or Hong Kong with good Chinese food for a low, low price.
WANT TO GET AWAY FOR THE SUMMER?

GO ABROAD!

MAYMESTER PROGRAMS 2006

Costa Rica – Fulfill Your Spanish Language Requirement
(Date - May 7-27, 2006) Cost: $2,455 plus $600 tuition.
Deadline: Space limited. $400 application fee.
Faculty – Elena Paul and Dale Collins / SPAN 130

Madrid – Fulfill Your Spanish Language Requirement
(Date - May 6-27, 2006) Cost: $2,695 plus $600 tuition.
Deadline: Feb 10th. $400 application fee.
Faculty – Rebecca Williams and Jose Sanjines / SPAN 130
and SPAN 330

Russia – Psychology Cross-Cultural Course
(Date – May 12-26, 2006) Cost: $3,435 plus $600 tuition
Deadline: Feb. 10th. $500 application fee.
Faculty – Billy Hills / PSYC 489E, X1

Paris – History and Literature courses
(Date – May 12-28, 2006) Cost: $2,250 plus $600 tuition
Deadline: Feb. 10th. $400 application fee.
Faculty – Philip Whalen and Steve Hamelman / HIST 450 and
ENGL 499

Greek Islands/ Cruise Includes – Art History, Photography,
Art Education, English courses
Deadline: $450 deposit. Balance due Feb 10th. to avoid late
penalty.
Faculty – Susan Slavik, Arne Flatte, Paul Olsen and Carol
Osborne/ ARTH 499, ENGL 488/588, ARTE 491/591, and
ARTS 499

Berlin, Germany – German and Theater
(Date – May 8 - 31, 2006) Cost: $2,635 plus $600 tuition.
Deadline: Feb 10th. $400 application fee.
Faculty – Michael Gilbert and Steve Earnest/ GERM 130 and
THEA 395.

Bonn-Rhein-Sieg/Mainz, Germany – Dates and Program In-
formation Coming Soon!

JULY SUMMER II PROGRAM 2006

Oxford, UK – History, English Literature courses: 18 days
(Date: July 1 – 18, 2006) Cost: $3,495
Deadline: Feb. 10th. $400 application fee.
Faculty: Eliza Glaze, Maggie Ivanova and Shannon Stewart/
HIST 101, HIST 302, ENGL 288 and ENGL 300.

For information about the programs above, contact Lori M. Patterson, DSO
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Club Recruitment Day brings campus to life

The representatives of the Upstage Company (pictured above) wore costumes and passed out candy during the event. (Pictured right) Students walked between tables, stopping at ones that peaked their interest or that offered free candy or prizes.

Photo: Paul Robinson

The offices of Residence Life and Student Academic Support Services invite you to explore the Residence Hall Learning Center. Come meet our tutors and enjoy some refreshments.

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The Residence Hall Learning Center

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Sports

Monday, Jan. 30, 2006

Chants desperate for road win

by Kyle B. Ward
Staff Writer

After a loss to Radford at home, senior Pele Paelay put things into perspective.

"We gotta stay positive; we need to remember how this felt. We did a lot of good things, so we shouldn't look at this game as a total failure."

As the Chants fell 70-69 to Radford, they had a good overall team performance.

"That's important because everyone gets a feel for the game and we stay on the same page," Paelay said.

This was a classic battle throughout the game, as the teams traded leads 23 times and were tied for another even.

"I remember how this felt. We did a lot of things right," Paelay said.

The Highlanders went on a 13-4 run to open the second half and take a 39-31 lead early in the second half.

5:54 to re-take the lead at 41-39 with 11:59 remaining in the second half. The two teams battled the remainder of the half, with neither team taking more than a four-point lead the remainder of the game. After Coastal missed a shot, Radford missed the front end of the one-and-one to give the Chants one last chance with 11 seconds to play. Coastal went down the floor quickly, as guard Pele Paelay found forward Matt Brennan for a lay-in with 1.1 seconds to play, sending the game to overtime.

The teams traded leads four times in overtime, but the Chants, who were just 1-for-8 from the field in the extra period, had control in the late stages. After a pair of free throws by guard Colin Stevens, Coastal had a three-point lead with 46 seconds to go. Being up 69-68, CCU turned it over, leading to the game-winning shot, a fast break lay-up.

Coastal had one last chance, but Paelay's off-balance jumper fell short, giving Radford the road victory.

Lady Chants in must-win mode as season intensifies

by Kyle B. Ward
Staff Writer

After a tough loss at home to UNC-Asheville, the Lady Chants find themselves in a desperate must-win situation in every game. After each loss, it hurts the chances of CCU getting at least a top four seed in the conference tournament at the end of the season.

The first half had eight ties and seven lead changes as UNCA led 33-32 at the break. Coastal led by as much as seven after a Kim Turner jumper. Asheville then went on a 15-3 run over the next three minutes.

The lead went back-and-forth to start the second half until a 17-4 run by the Lady Chants made it 53-41.

Missing six free throws in that game may have been the difference but as Head Coach Alan LaFever said, "You can't win ball games if you can't make your lay-ups. We shouldn't be getting beat on the free-throw line. We just didn't get the job done tonight."

Lost in the defeat was the performance of Amber Rose, who led the team with 13 points, shooting 50 percent from three point land. Kim Turner added 12 while shooting 6-for-16 from the field. We know we gotta do better and fight harder. We've passed the pull and have kept each other motivated. We need to get better rebounding and hustle more after balls," Turner said.

Coastal had a look at a three as time expired, but Rose's attempt hit the backboard and rattled off the rim as they fell 68-65.

Coastal now leads the season series 23-18 over Asheville, but UNC-A has taken the last four game. The game ended with 11 ties and 15 lead changes.

Coastal next heads south to take on Savannah State on Feb. 1.

On Notice: It's the most wonderful time of the year

by Kyle B. Ward
Staff Writer

No, it's not Dec. 25, but it's rather close. I'm not one to gloat but I was there at the Duke-N.C. State game several weeks ago, and I was thinking that there's a reason why Duke is what they are right now—the legacy of all the great games and great wins surround the air at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Not only that, all of the retired numbers like Johnny Dawkins and Shane Battier's 51 hang in the rafters along with those National Championship banners. That has to be mesmerizing not only to conference opponents, but to non-conference foes as well.

It's extremely loud in the stadium as the "Crazies" become so intense that opposing teams like N.C. State falter under the pressure. Even during TV timeouts, the student section does not seem to shut up. Although Duke eventually lost to Georgetown in their next game, it's been a nice ride so far. As Coach K. put it, "We've been up in the penthouse all year."

It's a bit early to say who the final four teams are going to be, but more importantly, it's who is not in the top 25. Kentucky and Arizona have fallen off the radar. Even with the return of Randolph Morris, the Wildcats are still struggling even for their standards.

The bottom line this year so far in college basketball is winning on the road. Duke trounced Texas in New Jersey. UNC ousted Tualatin with a win and North Dakota State Beat Wisconsin. Winning on the road is imperative in how teams are selected into the "big dance." February is a critical month in college hoops, but the month begins with biggest stage in the world: the Super Bowl.

It's not the sexy match up everyone wanted, but I don't care about sexiness. The Steelers are lucky to even get this far. In any other Sunday, the Colts would have dominated the Steelers; that was the worst game-tying effort I've ever seen. The Seahawks have been dominant all year and I see them wining it easily, as AFC 6 seeds are 0-4 in the Super Bowl. I'll take the Seahawks 27-10.

It's that time again...

Cincinnati Bengals: I guess they forget that they play football in December in the NFL... losing three out of four is very bad. The Carson Palmer injury may be more of a loss than expected, but they should have played better defensively and they choked down the stretch.

New York Yankees: They still haven't gotten any better in the off-season. Damon is a slight upgrade, but honestly, the Red Sox have had the better off-season.

Atlanta Braves: I know it's February, but I'm going out on a limb here. Their NL East reign is over. I said that last year, but I mean it this year. Their infield isn't that great defensively and Leo Mazzone is gone.

Kyle B. Ward is a junior, Sports Management Major.
"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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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). National employers responding to NACE’s Job Outlook 2006 survey say 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. The job market in South Carolina for new graduates is somewhat less promising than the national outlook. Students are encouraged to keep an open mind about relocating for their first professional position.

Additional highlights from the national 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 salary, visit the Career Services Center Career Resources Lab. 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 began with the Careers 2006 conference in Atlanta, Ga. On Jan. 16, 2006, 20 students from CCU were invited to attend this commercial career fair.
• Spring Senior Recruiting Days are from Feb. 20 - March 3rd, and the Myrtle Beach Job Expo is scheduled for March 29th 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. Check out the full line-up online under the Career Services Website at www.coastal.edu/career. Call the Career Services Center at 349-6433 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.
Cool Beans by Douglas Greene

So, did you ask that girl out yet?

No. I'm waiting for the right moment.

Well when is that going to be?

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Oh.

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