Two students were hospitalized with alcohol poisoning after a Pi Kappa Alpha party at the Peanut Warehouse.

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

All Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity activities have been suspended pending an investigation into an off-campus party that sent two students, ages 18 and 21, to the hospital with alcohol poisoning. The party took place on Jan. 28 at the Peanut Warehouse in downtown Conway.

One of the students was released from Conway Medical Center on Sunday night, Jan. 29 and the other was released Monday night, Jan. 30, according to Anne Marie, university spokeswoman.

University officials became aware of this incident when the hospital contacted the Coastal Carolina University Police Department in order to obtain contact information for the students’ families. The CCUPD then contacted university officials about the situation.

“The decision to suspend all activities of the fraternity came on Monday, Jan. 30, after the situation was discussed by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, Dean of Students Lloyd Holmes and Vice President of Student Affairs Lynn Willet. The fraternity was officially notified of the suspension in a letter from Marlon Gibson, assistant to the president. 

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by Ashley Taliana
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director of Student Activities and Leadership—Greek Life. Also on Monday, the five-member investigation panel put together to conduct interviews and find out exactly what led to the hospitalization of the two students.

"We expect that the investigation will take at least a couple weeks to complete," said Willett. "It's a very serious situation and we don't want to come to any premature conclusions. We want to be as thorough as possible."

Weigel explained that Gibson met with the presidents of CCU's other fraternities and sororities in order to keep members of Greek Life informed about this situation. Gibson could not comment on this.

"I hope that this is an opportunity for all our chapters to look at their own activities to see that they are acting in accordance with their own rules and the university's rules to keep their members safe," said Willett, "but that would be their own initiative."

The president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was contacted for comment in this article, but did not return the attempt made by The Chanticleer.

"The message I hope we all come away with is that while this investigation is a serious situation, it's not nearly as serious as if we were mourning the death of one or more of our students," said Willett.

Willett emphasized that there are ways to have a good time without putting yourself at risk. She encourages students to look at the way they party and take care of themselves.

"There are 1,400 college students per year that die in alcohol-related accidents," explained Willett. "I don't want any of them to be Coastal students. This is a national problem and the more we can do to protect each other and take care of each other, the less chance it will be one of our students."
Intelligent design banned from science

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

The College of Natural and Applied Sciences at Coastal Carolina University
voted on Jan. 13 to not include the con­cept of intelligent design in the science
curriculum.

A theory, by scientific definition, is one that is based on natural occurrences that can be observed and explicated without the use of explanations that go beyond the realm of nature. Objectivity must be used when seeking answers to specific questions like: "Where do humans come from?" and "How was the universe created?"

Intelligent design, as described by the Intelligent Design Network, holds that there are certain aspects of the uni­verse that are best clarified by an intelli­gent cause rather than one of natural processes. Because intelligent design implies its evidence and has no material proof of its truth, it does not meet the qualifications of a scientific theory.

Dr. Louis Keimer, an associate pro­fessor of chemistry and physics, points out that anything that is not natural sci­ence cannot be taken into consideration by scientific studies.

"Science is the investigation of the natural universe. Science does not say that there is no God, science does not say that there isn't some supernatural being. Science just doesn't concern itself with that."

The decision by the College of Natural and Applied Science doesn't imply that intelligent design cannot be presented in other college courses.

"Intelligent design basically says that as a part of science, certain things were done by a certain being. That con­cept really belongs in a philosophy or religion class because scientists do not concern themselves with supernatural beings that we can't test or study," said Keimer. "In science classes, students should be studying what has been sci­entifically proven."

According to Richard Sternburg, an evolutionary biologist at the National Institutes of Health, the theory of evolu­tion (commonly accepted as the way our universe came to be as it is today) is an incomplete one and is therefore mislead­ing for students.

South Carolina State Representative Robert Walter, in a speech given Jan. 23 to the Academic Standards and Assessments Subcommittee of the State Education Oversight Committee, said, "We should be teaching our children what's right and wrong as well as what's scientific and what's not."

Several states across the nation seem to agree with these arguments. Schools in Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Ohio and Pennsylvania have all voted to include teaching intelligent design in classrooms according to the Advancing Science, Serving Society Web site.

The controversy of whether or not intelligent design should be included in science curriculums will continue for years to come, both among school boards and among scientists them­selves. Hope remains that someday, sci­ence and beliefs will be able to reach a compromise.

"There are lots of scientists who believe there is a God who created the universe and was involved in setting things in motion, but what they say is that it's not our job [as scientists] to figure out the natural processes. I think sci­ence has done a pretty good job show­ing through natural explanations how things have happened since the begin­ning of the universe," said Keimer.

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"Women in the Media" will be pres­ented by Cynthia Hardy on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the recital hall of the Edwards building. Hardy was award­ed United Press International's Best Reporter in the State award. She current­ly serves as vice president of communi­cations for the Columbia chapter of the National Urban League.

AZONE, a group of local poets, along with Coastal students, faculty and staff will read African-American poetry on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. AZONE formed at the Dreamkeepers Community Arts Center in Georgetown and has performed at the Dreamkeeper's Meditation and Poetry Night.

The concluding event of the series will be the Cultural Celebration held on the Prince Lawon on Wednesday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. The annual event cele­brates the art, music, history and culture of many cultures with participation from students, faculty and staff of the communi­ty. The rain date for the festival is Wednesday, April 12 at the same time and place.

All the events are free and open to the public. For more information, con­tact the Office of Multicultural Services at 349-2863.

Beware of online dangers

by Chris Keriah
Staff Writer

College students today put them­selves at more risks than ever before by sharing personal information on the Internet. With a vastly growing cyber­space community, student information is flourishing on the web.

Facebook, a widely used and raved about website where students can com­municate by sharing profiles, pictures and messages, began as an experiment.

According to the University Business Web site, Hart student Mark Zuckerberg opened his online community in February 2004 and has jumpstarted an Internet community craze. Eleven million users across the country belong to Facebook already.

MySpace is a program like Facebook, its major difference lies in the people to whom it is available. Where Facebook is only available to college students, MySpace is available to any­one with Internet access. LivJournal is an easy-to-use personal publishing tool built on open source software and Xanga is another weblog community similar to the others.

With the creation of Facebook and other cyber-space communities, comes the opportunity to display a large amount of personal information that then becomes accessible to anyone else logged on to that particular site. Within these sites, people can interact with complete strangers, yet many students feel somewhat secure sharing personal information over the Internet because of an implied buffer zone through the com­puter.

According to information as pub­lished on UniversityBusiness.com, Virginia Commonwealth University stu­dent Taylor Behl shared everything about herself online for 12 months and then was found dead just weeks after the start of her college career.

Virginia police are still searching through her online blogs and profiles looking for clues about her death.

Coastal Carolina student Dave Minetti said, "I feel that Facebook is very well protected because the only way you can see someone's profile is if you go to the same college or are friends with a person. It is also protected by the fact that you have to have a college e­mail address to get into the system. Now with MySpace, anyone can check the information so I don't believe that it is that safe. I do, however, have a lot of personal info on both of them, but I feel safer putting it on Facebook."

Coastal Carolina student Erik Anfin has a different approach for online Web sites like Facebook.

"I don't put my life story on Facebook, just my name and maybe a funny quote or two. People who display their phone number and bank account online are practically begging to get robbed," said Anfin, speaking figura­tively.

The Internet will continue to grow; however, crimes don't have to. Protect yourself on the Internet by only sharing broad information, such as your first name and the city you are in. They do not display phone numbers, addresses or other personal information. For other suggestions and tips on how to protect yourself, visit WiredSafety.org.
The Showdown: A battle of opinions - Relationship or single?

By Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

I never wanted to fall in love; in fact, I did everything I could to avoid it. Ever since I was old enough to know what love was, I'd been telling myself it wasn't going to happen to me. I'd never stayed in a relationship longer than about three months, and I didn't think I could have been happier. Then, it just happened.

I've been with my boyfriend for a year this month, and this will be the first Valentine's Day I've ever had a reason to celebrate. A lot of people think I'm crazy to try and keep a steady relationship while in college, especially if you consider the amount of jobs and activities I participate in. They all say our relationship is doomed because relations, especially at college, just aren't meant to last anything, or don't last all four years. I'm too young to know what love is, etc., etc. I can't see into the future, so they may be right, but I do know that I wouldn't trade this past year for 12 months of being single for anything.

Being in a serious relationship has taught me so much about myself — more than I would have ever learned on my own. I've been in situations where I never encountered when I was single, and seeing how I dealt with those situations has helped me mature into an adult. As happy as I thought I was when I was single for the first 19 years of my life, it is nothing compared to the happiness I live in now. Not to be cliche, but I honestly always thought that it would be impossible for me to be able to share myself with someone. My boyfriend has provided me with a sense of comfort I never knew before. I know you probably think something critical and sarcastic in response to that statement, but if you are, you're probably either bitter or jealous. I'm not a romantic, and I'm not the lovey-dovey type — I am just stating the facts.

In my boyfriend I've also gained a best friend. Being with him provides me with a 24/7 system of support. However close you might be to your best friend, there is no one who understands your moods and who can cater to them as a significant other can. No matter what I'm going on with school, work, or other activities, he is always there to help where he can or patiently wait for me to finish everything. When I am on the phone in my 6 A.M. hypothermic state to teach myself to exhale, he's there to make me slow down and rest. If I get angry about something going wrong, he listens to me complain about it, then helps me move on.

To me, there is no better way to go through a busy college life. The consistency of my relationship has gotten me through one of the busiest and most hectic years of my life, all the while retaining a sense of internal satisfaction and happiness.

13 months ago, if you had asked me about my love life, I would have immediately replied, "What love life? I don't have time for one of those!" As I look back on those days, I realize that love isn't something you make time for, it's something that transcends time and becomes a part of your life, body and soul.

Student Health Services update

A recent change to Student Health Services is that one of the long-time physicians has resigned and moved to another health system. This means that only one physician is currently available, primarily on Monday through Friday. The current practitioner is still available to see students Monday through Friday. Attempts are being made to increase the frequency the physician is available, but if you are a student needing allergy injections or are on medications for ADD/ADHD, you will need to schedule your appointments when the physician is in the office.

Student editorial:
CCU welcomes new students

By Ashleigh Cunningham
For The Chanticleer

Just about everyone has had that moment when you look over the balcony of your new apartment just in time to see your parents pulling out a recently emptied suburban. Two days ago, your dad could barely see out of the back window because his vision was obstructed by the last bag of clothes you desperately needed to pack. You knew the two that just came all suggestions, comments and constructive criticism so that they can provide quality medical care.

Viewpoints Monday, Feb.13, 2006

by M. G. Fisher
Staff Writer

My average week consists of five days of classes, three days of work, four to six deadlines, one to two applications and if I'm lucky, six hours of sleep a night. I get up at 7 A.M. every day and get to bed at 12:30 A.M. I barely have time to think, let alone date. My last date was three weeks ago. Before that, it was over a year. I'm not ugly, bad-tempered, mean-spirited or cold-hearted — I'm a college student.

Hypothetically, let's say that I did go on a date. In my experience, as the evening progresses I will find that I am out with one of these types of guys: I am in love with you (on the first date) guy; the bad boy, the funny guy, the mama's boy, the pretty boy, the sexually confused guy, the "piece of ass" guy, the I'm sorry I forgot your birthday guy, the clingy/stalker guy, the drug and/or alcoholic guy. Mr. Intensity, the "HALO" is my true love guy, or any other of the 100 brands of crazy.

Every now and then you'll meet a regular guy, but even if you go past the rocky road of dating and get into a relationship, then you get to look forward to the complaints and emotional roller-coaster that comes along with it. You have to eliminate "T" from your vocabulary, because now you have to say "we." Awww.

On Monday, Feb.13, 2006, you can't go anywhere without telling your lover where you are, and who or what is going to be there (ex, opposite sex, beer, etc.). After you tell him, he'll still want to come...just to be sure you are okay (i.e. not talking to boys). You'll have to call him every night, shop for holiday presents, dress in clothes he likes, make a space for his stuff at your house, and start arranging your schedule around his.

There are a few college relationships that turn into marriage. Most of them just end up with two bitter people who have wasted the last five years of each other's lives feeling stuck in an unhappy relationship because they don't want to "hurt each other's feelings." All of a sudden, they are left on the side of the metaphorical road trying to remember who they were before they met the ex-lover.

Came on people...most of us are between the ages of 17 and 27. Faster than we know it we are going to be in demanding jobs, with demanding families, and our desires are going to go on the back burner. So, instead of fearing the word "single," or being scared of being alone, let's take this small amount of time we have to enjoy ourselves as free, young adults. Otherwise, we are just going to fall among the millions that regret wasting "the best years of their lives" to try and haul someone else's emotional baggage across the finish line of what we like to call a "relationship."

But then again...real love will get you every time.

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Omicron Delta Kappa update

Omicron Delta Kappa recently elected new officers for the spring 2006-2007 year.

Congratulations to the following new officers:

President: Dallas McGovern
Vice President: Anne-Marie D'Oro
Recording Secretary: Rebecca Curvy
Treasurer: Shannon Curtis

Corresponding Secretary: Christy Lynn
Public Relations Director: Jessica McMurre

ODK will be selling Honor Stoles at Grad Finals in the University Hall Rotunda on Tuesday, March 9. Each Honor Stole is $35. Cash and checks are accepted.

Update courtesy Jessica McMurren
Cost of Freshman Orientation: $90

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Finalize plans for graduation, join the alumni association and discuss career plans
Job Talk

As job search season gears up, there is good news from CollegeGrad.com and the National Association of Colleges and Employers. CollegeGrad.com, the top Entry Level Job Site, announced the Top 500 Entry Level Employers for 2006. The list represents more than 145,000 jobs nationwide for the class of 2006, with a 9.1 percent increase in hiring over 2005.

Ten of the Top 500 Employers are recruiting Coastal students this year through MonsterTRAK postings and on-campus interviews. The CollegeGrad.com site will be linked to the Career Services website through this spring semester.

Employers expect to raise starting salary offers to new college graduates, but most won’t be sweetening the pot with a signing bonus, according to a report published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

Approximately 75 percent of the employers responding to NACE’s Job Outlook 2006 report said they plan to raise starting salary offers to those graduating with bachelor’s degrees.

On average, respondents projected a 3.7 percent increase. The most current Salary Survey based on actual job offers is posted on the Job Links page on the Career Services Web site.

The Job Outlook survey is a forecast of the hiring intentions of employers as they relate to new college graduates. Each year, the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) surveys its employer members about their hiring plans for the upcoming class of new college graduates and other employment-related issues.

Among the Top 500 Entry Level Employers, 61.4 percent are planning to hire more college graduates in 2006 than in 2005, 15.9 percent will hire the same and 22.7 percent will be hiring fewer.

“It’s exciting to see the positive hiring trend continue for the Class of 2006,” said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. “For the third consecutive year, we are seeing employers increasing their entry level hiring. This means higher demand for college students and a more robust entry level job market.”

ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING - SIGN UP TODAY

Currently, 31 corporate or government employers are scheduled to recruit on campus during the month of February as part of the Senior Recruitment Days, the Wall College of Business Open Interview Forum and with Employer Information Sessions. Check the list of upcoming events on the Career Services Web site at www.ccoastal.edu/career. In addition, 24 school districts will make campus visits to recruit bachelor and master degree teacher candidates. CCU students and December graduates need to update their MonsterTRAK profile and upload resumes to access the Senior Recruitment Days (SRD) interview schedules.

EMPLOYERS HOSTING ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS OR RESUME DROPS FOR SRD (as of Feb. 3):
- Blackbird (Charleston); Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Burrowgh & Chapin Company; Cintas; Cisco Systems, Inc. (Raleigh, N.C.); Denny’s; Enterprise RAC; Nan Ya Plastics; Quantum Talent; Walgreens.

NEWS ITEM: Check out the new job search link www.Getthejob.com located on the Job Links page of the Career Services site. Dr. Ron Ingle, President of CCU, referred this site to the Career Services Center!

Feb. 2
- SALES ASSOCIATE
  Myrtle Beach, CINTAS

Feb. 1
- CASUALTY CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE/TRAINEE
  Columbia, NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Feb. 1
- DESIGN ENGINEER
  Spartanburg, WARC Transit Division

Feb. 1
- TERRITORY MANAGER
  Charleston, BLUE BELL CREAMERIES, L.P.

Jan. 28
- ENTRY LEVEL STAFF ACCOUNTANT
  Multiple Locations, CENTEX HOMES

Jan. 26
- ENTRY LEVEL ESTIMATOR
  Multiple Locations

CENTEX HOMES
- Jan. 25
  INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Various Locations
  EDWARD JONES
- Jan. 23
  CITY YEAR CORPS MEMBER
  Columbia, CITY YEAR, INC.
- Jan. 23
  LEVEL SUPERINTENDENT/FIELD MGR
  Multiple Locations, CENTEX HOMES

BRICKMAN GROUP, LTD
- Jan. 19
  CLAIMS ADJUSTERS MID ATLANTIC
  Various Locations

Jan. 18
- ENTRY LEVEL DRAFTSPERSON
  Multiple Locations, CENTEX HOMES

Jan. 17
- ENTRY LEVEL SALES OPPORTUNITIES
  Nationwide Openings, C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE

Jan. 17
- TERRITORY SALES MANAGERS
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Ready for the Uncastables?

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

A smaller division of Coastal Carolina University's Upstage Company, the Uncastables, are an improvisation group made up of seven CCU students and one faculty member whose sole purpose is to make people laugh. The Uncastables were founded at the beginning of last semester but already have high hopes for this semester and beyond.

"We hope one day as the years progress that our position will become big enough to be held in the Wheelwright Auditorium," said Matt Hayward, the ringleader of the gang. The Uncastables, currently hold shows in the Edwards Black Box Theatre.

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"Our whole idea of the night is to make everyone laugh. There is no serious drama and no one really knows what is going to happen because we take everything from the audience," he said.

The first show this semester, "The Uncastables' Make Out Party," will be held on Feb. 13 - doors open at 9:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 10 p.m. There is free admission, $1 raffle tickets to win prizes like tickets to Medieval Times, Alabama Theatre, a $100 Hoster's gift certificate, refreshments and the chance to see Matt Hayward in a diaper. (Be warned: adult language and themes may be included.)

The group wants to encourage couples to attend this pre-Valentine's day show. See Acting B3.

Squawk! Question: What are your plans for Valentine's Day?

"Single's Night Out by Coastal Productions because the pickins are slim at Coastal."

-Taryn Belle, Psychology major

"Single's Night Out, hosted by Coastal Productions."

-Shannon Mulvaney, marine science major

"My man is working on Valentine's and is taking me out the day before. The night of Valentine's me and my roomie are going to dinner and a movie because her boyfriend is in Iraq and we love each other like sisters."

-Heather Remley, biology/art studio major

"Going to a nice, expensive restaurant for dinner, then going to a spa for relaxation and massage and then heading home for a romantic movie."

-Marcus McKoy, philosophy major

"Hopefully dinner and a movie with someone special."

-Mike "Minkus" Erwin, biology major

"Going out to a fine dining restaurant and conclude the night with a movie of her choice."

-Adam Youngblood, marketing/PGM major

"Going camping."

-Laura Stanley, marketing major

"I have no plans, but I am looking for some."

-Dan Jolles, biology major

Student profile: Josh Hinkel

by Lekeisha Edwards
Staff Writer

Josh Hinkel, a graduate student at Coastal, has a lot to smile about. The professional composer and arranger from Easley, will premiere "Passages," a musical piece he composed for the winter concert that will be presented by the Coastal Carolina University Symphonic Band on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Auditorium. The Chanticleer recently sat down with Hinkel to discuss his amazing composition, his future plans and his love for music.

The Chanticleer: So Josh, how did your interest in music begin?

Hinkel: My interest in music began in high school through the inspiration of my band director. He inspired me to write music, helped me through the process of learning how to write music and never put any limitations on me. He was very encouraging and taught me that music could be a career that could be fun, you didn't have to feel like you were only going to work everyday.

TC: What kinds of activities or groups did you become involved with in high school that focused on music?

Hinkel: I was a member of my high school marching band, jazz band and percussion ensemble. I also participated in the S.C. All-State Band, and the All-South Honor Band. During my senior year, I was the Music Teacher's National Association (MTNA) runner-up for percussion performance.

TC: Where did you attend college for your undergraduate study and what was your major?

Hinkel: I attended the University of South Carolina at Columbia, and graduated with a degree in music education in 2001.

TC: Coastal is now your home for graduate study. What brought you to Coastal and what is your major here?

Hinkel: My good friend Kerry Seymour is the professor of percussion here at Coastal and he called me in December of 2004 and said that he needed help in the percussion department. He asked me if I would be willing to move to Myrtle Beach, become a graduate assistant and help him in the department. I also needed to get my master's so I felt it would be a great opportunity. I am getting my master's in Secondary Education here at Coastal.

Photos by Caroline P. Smith

Photos courtesy of Josh Hinkel

Photos and reporting by Trevor Arrossa.
Anthony Hamilton, the acclaimed Grammy nominated soul storyteller, returns with his brand new album "Ain't Nobody Worryin."

There is just one word that comes to mind when Hamilton's audience hears his music: divine. Containing 12 tracks, this album is Hamilton's expression of his personal experiences. The first single, "Can't Let Go," tells a love story from the man's perspective as only Hamilton can. He serenades his listeners with his extraordinary voice, singing songs about his encounters with love, life lessons and sorrow.

The album "Ain't Nobody Worryin."
also features unique tracks such as "Pass Me Over" and "Sista Big Bones," which are harmonies and different from any genre of music. The artist sings about surviving another day and laying his burdens down in the gospel-like song "Pass Me Over." He changes the pace of the album with the upbeat song "Sista Big Bones" in which Hamilton sings of his infatuation with an overcoming woman.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., Hamilton struggled during the '90s with his music career. During this time, Hamilton had two unreleased albums because his label, Uptown Records, had gone out of business. Hamilton began to write songs for artists such as Durrell Jones and Sunshine Anderson, eventually becoming a backup singer for D'Angelo for the tour of the artist's album "Voodoo."

In 2003, Hamilton finally released his first album titled "Comin' from Where I'm From" followed by "SoULful" in 2005. Since his first album debuted, Hamilton has been featured in songs by popular artists such as Nick Cannon, Jadakis, and many others. With the expertise of producers such as Mark Batson, Kelvin Wooten and James Poyser, Hamilton has successfully caught the attention of dedicated fans all over the world. Hamilton has performed on tour as well as on many television shows such as "Late Night with David Letterman."

Hamilton set the stage with this album by including musicians such as Santana and rising artist Tusha McMillan. His lyrics are realistic and creative. With his extraordinary manner, the artist's voice flows easily over his intense and subtle beats. "Ain't Nobody Worryin." can easily become part of an iTunes playlist after being heard once because of Hamilton's eclectic style.

1. Where Did It Go Wrong?
2. Southern Stuff
3. Can't Let Go
4. Ain't Nobody Worryin'
5. The Truth
6. Preacher's Daughter
7. Pass Me Over
8. Everybody
9. Sista Big Bones
10. Change the World
11. Never Love Again
12. I Know What Love's All About

Anthony Hamilton dropS third album...
show as a free way to spend time with their significant others.

"Guys - it's free so you don't have to pay for it," Farrar said.

Last semester, the Uncastables had one successful show that ended up selling out, and the group hope to continue that success this year with two shows this semester.

"We're trying to open our doors up for everyone, not just the theater department," said Rob Hambright, a member of the group.

The group recently held auditions and added three new members - Frances Farrar, Bryan Robinson and the faculty member, Melissa-Ann Blizzard-Hall. The group was excited about their new fellow comedians and what they each have to offer.

Blizard-Hall comes to CCU from New York City, where she worked on Broadway shows like "Hairspray" and "The Producers" as the costume shop designer.

"We are so happy to have someone with experience on board with us," said Hambright. "It adds a lot more to the quality of the show."

Another new member with some improv experience is Robinson, who came to the Uncastables from the Distracted Globe Improv Group in Greenville, S.C.

"He does accents and dialects perfectly! You should hear his George Bush impersonation - it's flawless!" said Uncastable Kirk Johnson.

Farrar is the new female addition, and she has become a part of what Johnson calls "the dynamic duo" of Farrar and Johnson.

"Frances and Kirk just have this amazing energy. Water is just wet, fire is just hot, they are just funny." - Other members of the Uncastables include Chas Fries and Dominic Sellers, who have both been with the group since last semester.

The Uncastables' ambition knows no limits.

"We have big goals and dreams for this semester and the upcoming years. We're trying to make a name for ourselves. Our motto is 'go big or go home'. We're gonna make you laugh or we're gonna cry," said Hayward, followed by nods of agreement by Johnson, Hambright, and Farrar. "Go big or go home!"

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) - At first, everything seems easy. But costs are higher than expected. You'll soon discover there's more work required.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You may have to work out a compromise eventually. You don't have to do it now. Your odds are better tomorrow.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - No need to run in terror from an unpleasant situation. Pretend you're not worried at all. It's just fun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Don't let a shortage of finances ruin your celebration. If you can't afford to do one thing, think of another.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Don't laugh - a person with a short fuse could go off for what seems like no reason. Don't laugh - that would only make matters worse.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Proceed with caution. Don't launch new projects until tomorrow or the next day. Save yourself a lot of trouble.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - People are still feeling stubborn and cantankerous, except for you. You're more likely feeling frustrated. Patience is required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - There will be disagreements today, some of which involve you directly. Stick to those. Don't worry about the ones beyond your reach.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - There are hassles at every turn. Anything that can go wrong will. Tomorrow the job will be easier, so don't despair, if you can help it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - There's a disagreement lurking just beneath the surface. It has to do with money, so take care. Those can get nasty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're encountering fierce opposition, but it won't last forever. Hold out for the points that mean the most, and let the others go.

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Book review: “A Million Little Pieces”

by Ashley Taliana  
Section Editor

Beginning the journey through “A Million Little Pieces” before The Smoking Gun Web site got hold of sources that conveyed the author, James Frey, wasn’t really as bad as he made himself out to be, made the journey a bumpy one to say the least. Being in the middle of the book when the scandal broke out made this read a tough one.

“The sickness is worse than usual. Thicker, bloodier, more chunks of stomach, more painful. Each wrenching ejection burns my throat and sends a sharp pain through my chest and makes me feel as if I’m choking.” Page 48

“Pieces,” originally labeled a memoir, chronicles Frey’s recovery period in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. Frey denounces the traditional 12-step program and pursues his own path to recovery. While recovering, Frey makes friends with memorable characters including Leonard, a mob boss, and Lilly, his girlfriend, who has been prostituted by her mother for drugs since age 13. The characters, comprised of various community figures and outcasts, are brought together by the demons they are fighting. They are teaching in their formation of relationships and quest for normalcy.

For those who live under a rock, or don’t have the Internet, television or radio, here is a quick rundown of what this scandal is all about. Frey’s book gained great popularity for being an Oprah Book Club pick, was put under great scrutiny by TheSmokingGun.com, which questioned whether some of the “truths” of this memoir were actually fallacies. After much examination, many key points of the book were fact found to be false.

When I first began this memoir in late December, I burned through the pages, finding it difficult to put down. Page-turner is such a cliché book review term, but it describes this book to a tee.

Early on, Frey describes a dental procedure performed sans Novocain because he’s a recovering drug addict. The imagery and language is so real that any filling the reader has had seen seems like a peppy paper cut. For three pages the reader can’t help but screaming in the sheer agony Frey is going through. This really happened to a real person? Oh, the misery of it all? Or did it really happen? As the all-mighty “O” later proved, this was not completely true. Frey could not recall whether or not he had Novocain for the procedure.

Spring semester began; I got sick and became less diligent in my nightly pursuit of Frey’s voyage through rehab. Amidst this time started coming the accusations that some minute details of Frey’s treatment at some small town police officers was a lot “nicer” than he played it in the book. Fair enough, “Ope” jumped to his defense on “Larry King Live,” cleared his name and said all was well - continue on readers. So I did.

Two weeks later, the reigning queen of TV talk relived her earlier statement about defending Frey. At that point I stood by the memoir; it was an entertaining book that I couldn’t drop. Later on in that show, greater mistruths were uncovered that had significant impacts on the book. I continued my plight but found the question of “is this really true?” looming over my head page in and page out.

Nightly, I trusted that this man, a living, breathing human being, suffered this agonizing life in the means and order in which he described. I felt a bit let down and distracted from his tale by all of this controversy.

For what it is worth, this is a fascinating tale, but remember “reader beware, advance with caution.” The ornate detail Frey uses when describing his body going through withdrawal makes this very real and raw. It is his strong attention to detail that keeps the reader strapped in on this ride. Hands down, this book is still a must-read but I hope when you’re wrapped up in this book you thoroughly enjoy it and don’t suffer the same distractions I did.

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What is a Chanticleer?

by M. G. Fisher

Many students at Coastal do not know what a Chanticleer is, or where CCU’s mascot came from. This rooster-looking bird is a mystery no more.

Coastal Carolina University was once a two-year branch of the University of South Carolina. After the colleges separated, Coastal did not have any athletic teams, let alone a mascot. According to the CCU magazine, the first sports team (basketball) was formed in 1963. The decision to be called the ‘Chanticleers’ was decided by that first team. Among the other choices were the ‘Sharks’ and the ‘Seahawks.’

As the university grew, the powers that be took a poll to see if the students wanted to keep the Chanticleer as a mascot, or switch it to something different. The students decided to stay loyal to ‘Chauncy’. Although the Chanticleer is a distant relative to the Gamecock of USC, he is not the only reason it was chosen. The name Chaucer. According to "The Tale of Chanticleer," the story goes something like this:

There was a widow that lived by herself. The only thing that brought joy to her life was her rooster. He was a good-looking rooster, and everyone liked him. But, there was a certain hen that liked him in a different way. Her name was Perteleote. The two birds became not only best friends, but lovers as well.

One day the Chanticleer (who chanted so clearly) had a bad dream about a “red beast” eating him. When he told Perteleote about his dream, she screamed to high heaven . But the Chanticleer was so quick and clever that the fox got proud and started to boast for true intelligence and wit. The only thing that brought joy to her life was her rooster. He was a spectacular singer, and even the birds could not escape him.

"The Tale of Chanticleer" is the story of a rooster who was so clever that he was able to outsmart the foxes and the hawks. The story is a reminder of the importance of being smart and clever in order to achieve success.

A tribute: Coretta Scott King

by Lekeisha Edwards

She was a visionary; she was a fighter and a survivor; she continued to have the dream that her husband had envisioned so many years ago. The wife of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. passed away on Jan. 31, 2006 in Rosarito, Mexico.

Coretta Scott King not only stood by her husband as he fought to bring an end to racial segregation and discrimination through non-violence, but also dedicated herself to making positive changes in society.

"Despite the bombing of the Kings’ family home in 1956, King used her experience from her studies and practice in music to create the ‘Freedom Concerts,” which consisted of poetry, recitation and music to describe the Civil Rights Movement. The Freedom Concerts traveled to notable locations and served as fundraisers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization founded by her husband.

As King and her husband traveled to spread the message of peace and equality, she was asked to speak and participate in a variety of events and movements, both nationally and internationally. In 1962, King served as a Women’s Strike for Peace delegate to the 17 nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. She also became the first woman to deliver a sermon at a statutory service at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London.

The Chanticleer makes a very valiant mascot, but no amount of brawn can compensate for true intelligence and wit.

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Jackson Scholars now accepting applications

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

The Jackson Scholar Program, a division of Coastal Carolina University's Jackson Center for Ethics and Values, is accepting applications for the next wave of Jackson Scholars.

The program lasts for four semesters and involves a light course requirement, a $500 stipend per semester, and various acts of community service.

"The Jackson Scholar Program is the Jackson Center's attempt to take some students under wing in an effort to better the community and those students' lives by making them more aware of ethical concerns and considerations and how it affects their community," said Jason Fishel, the assistant director of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values.

This program became a reality when the Jackson Family, founders of the Ocean Lakes Family Campground, gave the Center an endowment. They wanted to do something good for the community and they thought giving the Center the opportunity for this program was the best way to do so.

"They think there is a real need in the community for programs like [the Jackson Scholar Program]," said Fishel.

Last summer, the scholars participated in the "Deepening the American Dream" conversations sponsored by the Fetzer Institute and worked a three-day summer ethics program with sixth-graders from schools all over Horry County. This summer Ethics Academy is organized and run by CCU professor Renee Smith and the Jackson Scholars.

"I don't even like kids, but working with those amazing sixth-graders was such a rewarding experience that I can't wait to do it again," said Kate Carlier, a Jackson Scholar.

The academy is going to be expanded this summer into four days instead of the previous three, and the new Jackson Scholars will be able to participate as well.

Six students were accepted into the program in the spring of 2005, and the application process has begun again for the next six.

Amanda Price, an English major, is planning on applying.

"I've always been interested in philosophy and have always been driven to be a leader. I currently work with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), a therapeutic program for autistic children, and I think the Jackson Scholar Program would help me contribute to that organization," she said.

With this second wave of Jackson Scholars, the Center hopes to make the program a permanent part of CCU. Fishel said they would like to expand the program and someday establish an ethics code on campus.

"We want to get conversation started in the community and on campus," he said. "The Jackson Scholars work together with the Center to help increase awareness of controversial topics in ethics."

Students interested in applying should be aware that they do not have to be philosophy majors to be a Jackson Scholar. The application is available online at www.ccu.edu/jacksoncenter/jaxscholars.html. Applications are due no later than March 10. Please contact Fishel at 349-4149 or Claudia McCollough at 349-2660 for more information.

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**Powder puff football comes to CCU**

by Amy DeVito

Staff Writer

Blue 42, blue 42, hike, hike, hike is not a great thing. Hasselbeck versus Roethlisberger? There's no greatness in that game, I thought, 'Wow, both teams lost.'

Roethlisberger is overrated . . . 9-22 for the day. . . . There's no greatness in that game. . . .

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Rickey Watters averaged more yards per carry and season, so where's the pub for him? It's not that hard to be a goal line back, Bettis wasn't even their starter. . . .

I'm already looking forward to the 2006 NFL season because I know it will not repeat, and that's a guarantee I can make with certainty.

It's that time again . . .

ABC- Enough of the Patriots! They lost and the fact of the matter is they hoped that the Patriots would make it to the Super Bowl. Maybe Joe Montana could have done the coin toss for a price.

Fame, not the Hall of Very Good. . . .

The testing policy for entering CCU. . . .

The Leadership Development Council worked with the Student Government Association to organize this sporting event at CCU. The LDC wanted to create an event that would be entertaining, yet give back to the Coastal community at the same time. Funds will go to the Dance Marathon, which will help support the Children's Miracle Network.

"I thought powder puff was something that Coastal could get involved in . . . something different that we hope will carry on as an event we do during Homecoming week," said Trevor Arrowood, the LDC president and coordinator of the powder puff tournament.

Men's baseball has fresh line-up

by Kyle B. Ward

Staff Writer

Fresh off its best record in school history, the Chanticleer baseball team has a tough task to do to if it wants to build on that 50-win season.

A great major-leaguers Mike Constanzo and Ricky Shefka to the Washington Nationals from their pitching staff. Second baseman Mike DeJesus left early to the Reds farm system. The Chants must replace 37 of those wins as Head Coach Gary Gilmore has to rely on Kevin Marrie and Mike Valier to carry a young staff like local players Zane Petty and Kent Altman. Freshman Brian Rotrick will compete for innings as well.

Outfielder Dom Duggan leads a feisty line-up that includes the duo of Aaron Veret and Adam Vrable to help set the table. They will look for David Sappelt to be an immediate impact player in the outfield. On the docket this year is Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Virginia, Pittsburg, Wake Forest and UNC. If the Chants could win more than half of those games and take care of business in the Big South, they can carry and season, so where's the pub for Bettis again?

On Notice: Program directors take note

by Kyle B. Ward

Staff Writer

This is a necessary complaint. I don't watch sports to see where the players' parents are sitting. I don't care that they're even there. That kind of hoo-hah is cute when the athletes are six years old. When the game turns to the sideline reporter sitting next to 29-year-old Timmy Jones' mom and dad, the average male viewer doesn't care.

If it's the Super Bowl, of course they're glad to be there. Why would they be unhappy?

Super Bowl XL was lousy for several reasons. At least when Joe Montana blew out Denver, we saw greatness. Ben Roethlisberger is overrated . . . 9-22 for 1237? That's not showcasing talent. As I sat there watching that monstrosity of a game, I thought, 'Wow, both teams aren't really that great.' The parity hoopla is not a great thing. Hasselbeck versus Roethlisberger? There's no greatness with that duo. As Americans, we pride ourselves in greatness, but Super Bowl XL disappointed us.

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Chants win big during the “Teal Storm”

by Kyle B. Ward

There was a sweltering heat at Kimbel Arena and it wasn’t just the air conditioning being turned off; it was the CCU defense that shut down a Winthrop team for the second time in two weeks, 64-50.

The atmosphere was surreal as hundreds of teal shirts crowded into the gym and even Head Coach Buzz Peterson was decked out in it as well.

“Pele said it was a Masters coat, but I said, ‘No its teal,’” said Peterson.

Winthrop tied with Birmingham Southern at 8-1 in Big South play, but they just couldn’t stop Coastal’s three-point shooting.

The Chants hit six three-pointers while also holding an 18-12 advantage over the Eagles on the glass. Winthrop had an 18-7 run in the first seven minutes of the second half but couldn’t get it done offensively. The one lead they had was 43-41 at 11:10, but that was it.

Moses Sonko put the game away on the fast break to make it 60-50 with 2:20 to play.

Peterson added, “I’m excited for our guys. We’re small, we’re gonna be outsized, but we’re not gonna get outworked. When we are being taken advantage of, we got to support each other.

Right now, we’re excited about what we’re doing but a lot can happen this next few weeks.”

Senior guard Colin Stevens said, “It was awesome playing in that kind of environment. Sometimes it got so loud that we could barely hear the offensive plays being called out. A lot of people thought that the first time was a fluke so this validates all the hard work we’ve done to earn those wins.”

Pele Paelay also became the 13th CCU player in school history to score 1000 points. He led the game with 19 points.

The High Point Panthers crawled into Kimbel Arena and looked to escape with a win. Freshman Joseph Harris would not allow that to happen. The Chants outshot the Panthers 54 percent from the field, only to outdo themselves with 65 percent in the second half.

Coastal was led by Leasure with 23 points, surpassing KeKe Hicks’ 83 during the 1992-93 season.

The Chants return to action at Kimbel Arena Feb. 18 against Birmingham Southern on Big South TV.