New opportunities for provost

by Ashley Taliana
Section Editor

Provo, a native of West Virginia, traveled to the school and interviewed for the position last week. According to a news release issued by the West Virginia school, Barr is one of three finalists that were narrowed down from a group of 70 applicants.

"As students at a university to be privileged enough to obtain an education, it is not a choice to give back to the community, but a responsibility."

- Dr. Peter Barr

Ask an average student on Coastal’s campus what the provost does at the university and a blank stare may be the only response received. The provost is the chief academic officer responsible for all the academic programs at CBU. A variety of units, including the deans of the academic colleges, the library and enrollment services and the directors of the international and honors programs all report to the provost. The addition of information technology and institutional research and assessment to the previous list earned Barr the role of senior vice president last month.

Barr began his endeavor at Coastal in 1987. He became dean of the E. Craig Wall College of Business Administration in July 1992 and remained in this position until October 2000. James Elson, associate professor of accounting, finance and economics who was associate dean of the college of Business at the time Barr was hired, commented that “[Barr’s] legacy here at Coastal centers around three areas. Emphasis on cultivating Coastal’s community involvement, the great number of academic programs that have come into existence and the allocation of new faculty members have been key points in his career so far.”

New degree programs that have been incorporated into Coastal academic programs since Barr became provost include degrees in Spanish, communications, philosophy, economics and an MBA program addition in the upcoming fall semester. During the span of time that Barr was dean of the Wall College of Business see Provoast on page A2.

Economic students’ applied research benefits Coastal

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

The economics program at Coastal Carolina University has a new addition to the curriculum in the form of service learning. Economics 493, the Service Learning Experience in Economics, involves an extensive group research project based on applied research the students perform throughout the semester.

“It’s a new class that is designed to give juniors and seniors an idea of what applied research is,” said Gary Loftus, director at the Coastal Federal Center for Economic and Community Development. “It gives the students a taste of what it’s like on the outside having to pay mortgage and insurance bills.”

The class is made up of six senior economic students and is facilitated by economics professors Dennis Edwards and Yoan Wachtman.

“I’m very excited about this class,” expressed Wachtman. “I think we have an excellent economic program – it is unique in that it requires all economic students to have a research experience, and this class gives them the opportunity to do so.” The project topic the students were assigned at the beginning of the semester is the economic impact of Coastal Carolina University on the surrounding areas. Given the sheer enormity of this project, the students have the duration of the semester to complete their research.

“Thier starting point is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of CBU,” said Loftus, who although he isn’t directly involved in facilitating the course, helps point students in the right direction. “They have to set the parameters of what they want to do—what’s the impact on the state on the county or on several counties. In other words, they must define the area having to do with economic impact.”

All six students work together to perform the research. Loftus had the idea of splitting the class into two separate groups, but since this was the first year of having the class, it was decided to let the class remain one larger group.

“Everybody is pulling their weight so far; they seem to be having fun with it.” Loftus said. “They meet a lot... See Economics on page A3

Famous poet comes to Coastal

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

The Coastal Carolina University chapter of the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity has been banned from the university for seven years, the decision coming from a five-member panel that investigated the fraternity’s Peanut Warehouse party.

The party, after which two students were sent to the hospital with alcohol poisoning, took place on Sat., Jan. 28 in downtown Conway. The party was sponsored by the fraternity but was also attended by enough members of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority for the party to be considered the sorority’s event as well.

Dr. Lynn Willets, vice president of student affairs, said that on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 22 the panel’s sanctions were delivered to both the fraternity and Phi Sigma Sigma, who was also in attendance at the party. Both chapters’ sanctions have three parts.

In addition to being banned from campus for seven years, the fraternity will have to petition the university to be reinstated at the end of the seven years. There is no guarantee with this petition.

Also, the major officers of the fraternity have to each meet with the dean of students to determine their individual responsibility. The institution will then decide what judicial action will happen for each officer. The university is reporting the hazing violation to the Solicitor’s Office and the solicitor will decide whether or not to bring criminal action against the fraternity.

Phi Sigma Sigma is banned from having any social activities for the remainder of the semester and is required to provide hazing and alcohol awareness to the chapter. The presentation must be approved by the university see Fraternity on page A3

What’s all the “Buzz” about?

by Chuck Mitchell
Community Editor

Coastal participates in Myrtle Beach Marathon

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**SGA Announcements**

The South Carolina Student State Association announced that student participation at both state and federal levels is important and this is a critical time for students in higher education. SCSSA opposes tuition caps that the state House is attempting to pass. For more information go to www.scstusa.com.

- The Coastal Teal Ball will take place on April 7 at the four-star Sheraton Hotel at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. For information on how to be involved, e-mail cpb2326@yahoo.com or call (843) 349-2326.

- Pat Singleton-Young announced that every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. there will be a meeting for those interested in helping with the Multicultural Celebration in April. Contact Singleton-Young for more information.

- President Ingle has voiced that he would like more opinions and suggestions about the bridge linking the campus to College Park, that better suit students and their needs.

- Meetings for Dance Marathon take place every Thursday in the Student Center, room 206 at 6:30 p.m. Dance Marathon will take place on March 25.

- The new media resolution from last semester has been approved. Faculty/staff parking spaces are now available to students after 6 p.m. except in the two main faculty/staff parking areas behind the Edwards building. Handicapped spots, yellow zones, residence areas and parking on the grass is still prohibited at all times.

**Campus bulletin board**

S.T.A.R. is hosting a late-night pancake dinner on March 1 in the Commons from 10 p.m. until midnight in order to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and Rivers of the World. Purchase your ticket for $3 in advance from Ms. Diane in the Office of Student Activities in the Student Center.

Poet Denise Duhamel will perform a reading of her own poetry on March 2 at 4 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. Poet "Mujer del Valle" will be at Coastal on March 7. The event takes place in the Wall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Attend Late-night "Bingo!" held in the Commons on March 2 at 10 p.m.

An open house for the Wall College of Business Administration's MBA program will be held on March 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wall 332.

Midterm Muffalows will take place on the Prince Lawn on March 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Coffee and Ethics, a new series hosted by the Jackson Center will take place on March 8 at The Living Room on 38th Ave. at 6 p.m.

Women in the Media will take place on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Edwards Recital Hall.

The My Coastal Pageant will be held in the Wall Auditorium at 7 p.m. on March 24.

Spring elections for SGA executive positions are approaching. A candidates meeting will be on March 1 and 2; campaigning will continue from March 20-29; voting will take place March 28-29.

To nominate someone for a Leadership Award, fill out the appropriate form online and turn in to the Office of Student Activities & Leadership in Student Center 106. The deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. on March 27.

- Student Leader of the Year
- Outstanding Organization of the Year
- Student Organization Adviser of the Year
- Emerging Student Leader
- Students in Philanthropy and Service Award
- Community Service Award – individual student
- Diversity Program Award
- Chanticleer Spirit Award – organization
- Chanticleer Spirit Award – individual student
- Unsung Hero Award – awarded to a student and employee

Don't miss the next movie in the Foreign Film Series, "SatiD Rouge" (Tunisia). It will be played in the Wall Auditorium on March 27.

Career recruitment will continue through April 28. See Career Services in the Prince building for more information.

Compiled by Caroline P. Smith, assistant editor
Economics

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492 will become a permanent part of the economics program, but the project will vary each year. Lofthus has some ideas for next year's economic endeavor, but it still remains to be determined.

"We don't know what we're going to do yet because we don't know what's hot," he said.

New exhibits in art gallery

by Raytevia Evans

Staff Writer

The Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery has a busy semester ahead. Including the exhibitions on display now, "Art in the Toon Age," the gallery director, Will Hips, has many events scheduled for this semester.

"In March, we're having an exhibition called A New Narrative," said Hips. This exhibit will run from March 27 to May 23.

Among these events, the Spring 2006 Graduating Senior Exhibition is also in the schedule. However, this exhibition will not be held in the gallery and will be scheduled for a different location, which is what was done last semester.

"This was a complete anomaly," said Hips. "We had already made definite plans for the gallery so we couldn't find an opening for the senior show."

Last semester, the show was held at Palmetto Studio of Arts.

"We're looking for a bigger venue than last semester for the spring show," said Dr. Steven Bleicher, chair of the art department.

According to Bleicher, the spring semester is pretty strong and the amount of graduates this semester is doubled from the amount in the fall.

"We just want to put on a really good professional show," explained Bleicher.

In the future, the department plans to have the senior show in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery. During the process of creating the exhibits for the show, the students determine how many pieces will be on display. They also work with faculty members and finally work with Hips. Twelve students will be a part of the show for the spring semester.

These students put their work on display at the end of the semester to show what they have learned and the progress they have made while studying at the university. The public, as well as students, are welcome to view the wonderful art work of these students.

For more information on the exhibitions in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, contact Hips at wehips@coastal.edu or (843) 234-3466.

Rebecca Randall Bryan
October 6, 1917 - September 24, 1990

Euthusiaistic and generous
By Coastal Carolina University

Photo by Trevor Arrowood

Art in the 'Toon Age
February 6 - March 10, 2006
Reception: Thursday, February 16, 4:00-6:00pm
The Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery
Curator: April Kingsley

This exhibition was organized by The Orange Art Museum, Winthrop State University.
The national museum tour was organized by Linda Telling Exhibitions of Los Angeles, Ca.
The Showdown: A battle of opinions - Internet profiles or not?

by Amy DeVito
Staff Writer

Staying in contact with friends and family is as easy as ever today; it just takes a click of your mouse. Internet profiles such as Myspace, Facebook, Greatestjournal and Xanga are used by millions of people across the world. All of these sites are free to use. These sites are a great way to cure boredom or provide an easy distraction after studying for many hours or working on a difficult class assignment.

Myspace is an online community that offers access to anyone with an e-mail address. Users can post pictures, add friends, leave comments to other people, and post picture comments on friends’ profiles.

Facebook is for college and high school students and is more restricted because you must have a college e-mail address to register. High school students must be invited to join, and the college and high school sites are kept completely separate. College students cannot see the profiles of high school students and vice versa. On Facebook, you can add friends from many colleges across the United States. Users can leave comments on their friends’ wall, post pictures and make their profiles unique to fit their personalities.

Greatestjournal is very popular around college campuses, including Coastal Carolina University.

Greatestjournal and Xanga, are online journal communities where you can post your journal daily. Users can make their journal “friends only” and choose which friends they want to see their journal. Members of these communities can post pictures, surveys about themselves and anything else they wish to make available to their online journal friends.

Internet profiles offer numerous ways to communicate. I feel like if you want to meet up with someone, the Internet is the only way there is nowadays to make friends. I say that society has progressed just fine through-out history meeting people and making acquaintances without the assistance of the Internet. It’s called conversation, the act of speaking out loud to another person while in their physical presence. Remember that?

You may argue that meeting people on the Internet is the only way there is nowadays to make friends. But let me tell you, it’s just not true. There are ways to make friends and maintain relationships without the Internet. It is simply too beautiful to have just happened.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jackson family for their generous endowment to the Jackson Center and Claudia McCullough for being a wonderful Center director.

Kate Carlier is a sophomore philosophy major.

Student editorial:
Student relates what it’s like to become a Jackson Scholar

by Caroline P. Smith
Assistant Editor

Would you walk up to a complete stranger and hand them a piece of paper that had all of your personal information on it? I certainly hope not. If you aren’t smart enough to physically hand someone all your personal information, then in all logic, you shouldn’t be dumb enough to display all that same information on the Internet. So doing so not only allows one complete stranger to know everything about you, but permits anyone who has access to the Internet and knows how to click a mouse to find out your entire life story and background.

Online forums like Facebook and Myspace may seem like a great way to meet people, but how do you really know the people you are meeting are who they say they are? The Internet doesn’t require people to tell the truth, it just requires people to fill in the various blanks. Trusting a complete stranger is not only naive, it’s stupid.

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ADVISEMENT AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION
for the 2006 Summer & Fall Semesters

February 20 - March 24, 2006
SELECT YOUR PREFERRED SECTIONS

The Fall 2006 Master Schedule of Classes will be available online on February 20th at http://webadvisor.coastal.edu (Select 'WebAdvisor for Students'; then 'Search for Sections').

- Review degree program requirements using the University Catalog or “Program Evaluation” online at http://webadvisor.coastal.edu (Select 'WebAdvisor for Students'; then 'Program Evaluation')
- Search and add chosen Course Sections to your Preferred Sections list. (For additional information visit http://www.coastal.edu/registrar/webadforstu.html)

An email will be issued March 9th with Registration appointment dates.
Eligibility for registration is based on credit hours earned plus credit hours currently enrolled.

March 27 - April 7, 2006
ADVISEMENT AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION

- See your adviser to schedule an advisement session.
- Adjust Preferred Sections based on your Adviser’s recommendations.
- Register during your appointed time.

March 27 & March 28:
(Monday & Tuesday)

March 29 & 30:
(Wednesday & Thursday)

April 3 & 4:
(Monday & Tuesday)

April 5 - 7:
(Wednesday - Friday)

Seniors and Graduate Students (90 credit hours or more)
(Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 27)

Juniors (60 to 89 credit hours)
(Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 29)

Sophomores (30 to 59 credit hours)
(Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on April 5)

Freshmen (up to 29 credit hours)
(Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on April 5)

NOTE: The University’s normal business hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Students, at their convenience, may choose to take advantage of the automated registration system (WebAdvisor) at hours other than Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. However, University support/staff assistance will be available only during normal business hours.

NOTE
- Students must have their login ID and PIN in order to register via WebAdvisor. If you do not have your user ID and PIN visit www.coastal.edu/search/pin or visit the Office of the Registrar (SNGL 108) with proper photo identification.
- Transfer students whose first term of enrollment was 2006 spring semester should check with the chair of their department after March 9 for registration eligibility.
Crimes Log

The Chanticleer Monday, Feb. 27, 2006

Coastal Carolina University Staff Excellence Awards

The Staff Excellence Awards have been developed to recognize the exemplary service of our teaching staff at the Chanticleer. Two cash awards, each in the amount of $500, will be given annually to staff members who have made the most noteworthy contributions to the students' academic and/or personal development experience. One award will be given to a Support Staff member and the other to a Professional Staff member.

Eligibility for Nomination

• Staff who are teaching faculty members of the University who have been awarded a minimum of 3 years of post-grad may be nominated for the Staff Excellence Award.
• The awards are designed to recognize the contributions of outstanding staff members whose efforts have made a significant impact on the university community but who are not a part of the student workload assessment.
• Nominees are selected based on the University Administration Award Committee's recommendation of staff through their performance evaluations and recommendations from other faculty members.
• The recipient must have strong ties to the university and their performance must have a direct effect on the education of students.
• All nominations for these awards must be submitted by January 15 of the academic year.
• Only faculty staff members are eligible for these awards.

Criteria for Selection

• The following guidelines will be used in the selection process.
• Professional Staff
• Community and administrative effectiveness and service to the university.
• Supported staff members will be selected for professional staff.
• Support staff members will be selected for support staff.
• All nominations will be evaluated by the award committee and the award committee will select the most outstanding employees to receive the award.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCUDPS

1. 2/7: Burglary
   The victim and roommates left their Palmetto Hall apartment and upon returning noticed that someone had entered the apartment and possession had been taken without permission.

2. 2/8: Traffic Stop - Improper Lights, DUI
   A traffic stop was initiated at University Blvd. and S.C. Hwy. 544 for improper rear lights and the driver was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were administered. The driver was transported to Conway Police Department for breath analysis, which was refused by the driver. The driver was ticketed and transported to Horry County Detention Center.

3. 2/9: Vandalism to Auto
   The victim stated that someone "keyed" her vehicle during the night. The vehicle was parked beside Maple Hall.

4. 2/9: Burglary
   The victim stated that someone entered his University Place room and took his cell phone and iPod.

5. 2/9: Threats
   The victim stated that a nightstand in Myrtle Beach, a threat was received from another person.

6. 2/12: Burglary, Grand Larceny
   One of the two victims reported that two laptops had been taken from their Waccamaw Hall dorm room while they were gone. It was later reported that the laptops had been taken as a prank and the participants were returned to their owners.

7. 2/13: Larceny of a Purse
   The victim reported that her purse, which was accidentally left on a bench in the Edwards building, was missing. Two unknown subjects were seen in the purse in the building. The purse was later recovered from the Dean's office.

8. 2/14: Burglary, Larceny of a Wallet
   The victim reported that her wallet, which was left on the counter in their Palmetto Hall apartment, was taken without permission.

9. 2/15: Disturbance, Referral
   A disturbance was reported for a University Place apartment. The complainant stated that one of the roommates had damaged part of the apartment and started an argument with the other roommates. The subject was interviewed by the officers, who then called the on-duty Resident Assistant. The subject was interviewed by the RA and pictures of the damage were taken.

10. 2/15: Traffic Stop for Disregarding a Traffic Signal, Open Container, Reckless Driving
    The vehicle was stopped at the intersection of University Blvd. and S.C. Hwy. 544 for disregarding a stop signal and driving recklessly. After the vehicle was stopped, the officers discovered open beer bottles in the vehicle. Both the driver and the passenger were arrested.

11. 2/15: Emergency Protection
    The CCU DPS was notified by an outside source that a student may be in need of help. Counseling Services contacted the CCU DPS and said the subject was at their office. The subject agreed to be admitted to Conway Hospital.

12. 2/17: Traffic Violation, Possession of Drugs, Open Container
    A traffic stop was initiated on University Blvd. because of improper lights. During the stop, it was determined that the subject had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The subject was arrested for that charge and a search was done on the vehicle. During the search, a white powdery substance was found. The subject was transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

13. 2/17: Traffic Stop - No License, Minor in Possession of Beer, No Driver's License in Possession
    A traffic stop was initiated on Chanticleer Drive West due to the noise coming from the vehicle. During the stop, the subject was found to have beer but not a driver's license in possession. The subject was arrested.

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Meetings are held Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in room 208 of the Student Center.

Letters to the editor and submissions are welcome from the CCU community. All submissions should not exceed 250 words and must include the name, phone number, and affiliation to the university. Submission does not guarantee publication.

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Traffic Violation, Possession of Drugs, Open Container

A traffic stop was initiated on University Blvd. because of improper lights. During the stop, it was determined that the subject had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The subject was arrested for that charge and a search was done on the vehicle. During the search, a white powdery substance was found. The subject was transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Traffic Stop - No License, Minor in Possession of Beer, No Driver's License in Possession

A traffic stop was initiated on Chanticleer Drive West due to the noise coming from the vehicle. During the stop, the subject was found to have beer but not a driver's license in possession. The subject was arrested.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCUDPS
Singleton-Young new director of freshman programs

by Raytevia Evans
Staff Writer

The incoming freshmen for Fall 2006 will be pleased how easy the college transition will be once they learn that Patricia Singleton-Young will guide them through the freshman experience. Singleton-Young, often called "Ms. Pat," has earned the position of director of freshman transition programs. She has been a member of the Coastal Carolina family for 27 years in different positions, including director of multicultural student services.

As the new director, Singleton-Young will be in control of developing and administering new student programs and services that connect students to the university and engage them in significant ways in academics and their co-curricular lives.

"Our first plan is to start an Orientation Program," said Singleton-Young. The Orientation 2 Program is going to be a complement to the first orientation to make the first college experience smoother for incoming freshmen.

Another program that is in progress is the Freshman Experience course.

"This course will be in effect next semester. It's for all freshman," said Singleton-Young. The class is being organized by her and Dr. NellJean Rice, assistant to the dean and associate professor of English.

"It's a transition course that will help freshmen understand the ins and outs of college," said Singleton-Young.

One of the most important projects that is also in progress is developing a campus-wide volunteer center.

"This will take a while to develop," explained Singleton-Young. The volunteer center will be for students who are interested in community service and also for outside businesses that are in need of volunteers.

While Singleton-Young is taking on these new projects, she is still continuing her duties as the director of multicultural student services. Ms. Pat is giving Coastal Carolina newcomers a lot to look forward to and creating more opportunities for all students.

*Please see the centerspread for volunteer organizations

Coastal students travel internationally

by Rebecca Williams
for The Chanticleer

With all of the different Maymeister study abroad programs that CCU now offers, the Spanish language programs have been among the longest and are quite popular with students. The Spanish language program to Costa Rica, directed by Elina Paul, is full to capacity. The other program to Madrid, has a few spots open.

"I would say that the Madrid trip was the best experience of my life to date," said Cassandra Gavillan, with the opportunity to study abroad to really take advantage of it. It is the most amazing experience that you will never forget," said Natalia Nasson, a junior health promotion major and Spanish minor.

Students will travel to Madrid for three weeks where they will live with carefully selected host families who only speak Spanish (except in case of an emergency). This "total immersion" into the Spanish language greatly accelerates the learning and retention process.

The students will take classes at Estudio Tampico, located in the heart of Madrid, where they will attend morning classes taught by CCU faculty. One of the main reasons that the majority of students go on these trips is to fulfill their Spanish 130 language requirement in order to graduate.

In regard to abroad trips, one of the comments heard most often is "I learned more in three weeks in Costa Rica/Madrid than I learned the whole time I studied in high school and CCU."

This, of course, does not reflect on CCU's teachers' teaching abilities, but rather the opportunity for the students to be placed in a setting where they are forced to speak the language, rather than just attending class while studying for quizzes, tests and homework.

The 109th Congress, 1st Session, S. RES. 308 has designated 2006 as the "Year of Study Abroad" for a number of different reasons, most of which reflect on the importance of U.S. students having the knowledge and skills to succeed in a world where global relations and knowledge is exceedingly important.

Many of the students who go for the main goal of earning their 130 language requirement are the ones who eventually go on to become Spanish majors and minors. After being exposed to a culture and language foreign to America, it really makes understanding our own culture and language easier.

Chris Emerling, a junior marketing major with a minor in international business, had the trip as "A great way to learn outside the box. Yo quiero más español!"

The other option students have is to take Spanish 330 in the morning. This is only open to those students who have fulfilled their Spanish 130 requirement.

This enables those students (mainly minors or majors) to earn university credit while being immersed in the language and culture of which they are studying.

After the morning classes, the students are permitted to enjoy a traditional Spanish siesta. In the afternoon, the students return to the school to study intensive Spanish in small groups for maximum learning.

The three-week schedule is broken up by excursions around Madrid to international famous museums and the house of parliament. Additional excursions included in the program are visits to see flamenco dancing, bullfighting and dancing and cooking lessons.

"We went to a bullfight which was a totally different sporting genre than I have ever experienced before. The trip lived up to its expectations," said Trent Miller, a senior accounting major.

On weekends, students travel on day trips to towns outside of Madrid. This year they will visit Toledo and Avila, both of which are full of history and rich in culture.

Students can earn up to six hours of Spanish credit during the three-week program. For those whose main purpose of going is to fulfill their 130 language requirement, the three extra credit hours can be used as an elective. For the majors and minors, the three extra credit hours earned will go towards their major or minor.

Another plus to this program is for out-of-state students who are only charged the tuition of an in-state student. For those concerned about the price of the trip, International Programs and the Office of Financial Aid are more than happy to help in arranging for the funds necessary to participate in this trip.

The last informational meeting for this year's program will be Wednesday, March 1 in Prince 101 at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the Spanish 130 or 330 programs in Madrid or the Spanish 330 program in Costa Rica, taught by Professor Dale Collins (all of which have a few spots left open), but are unable to attend the meeting, contact Lori Patterson in International Programs at lori@coastal.edu or at (843) 349-2084. To view pictures from the trip last year visit http://www.coastal.edu/languages/spain/.

"Being in Spain was an experience and an adventure that I won't forget. It enhanced my study of the Spanish language and bettered my chance at a successful career. Studying abroad will surely be a great asset to my resume," added student Lala Nemesiu.

Top photo: Chris Emerling
Top right photo: Trent Miller
Bottom left photo: The group of students outside the Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain.

All photos courtesy Rebecca Williams
Find out what everyone is squawking about!

Join The Chanticleer.

Meetings Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Student Center, room 208
chanticleer@coastal.edu or call 349-2330
Famous poet to read at CCU

by Caroline P. Smith

Poet Denise Duhamel is scheduled to visit Coastal Carolina University on March 2 at 4 p.m. and perform a reading of her own poetry in the Wall Auditorium. The event is being conducted as a portion of "The Words To Say It" series, an ongoing event held to give students, faculty and staff a chance to hear and talk to visiting writers.

Duhamel is coming to CCU thanks to English professor Lisa Johnson. "I have had her book 'Queen For A Day' for a few years and it just been stuck in the back of my head as something really interesting," said Johnson, who teaches Duhamel's poetry in her Women's Studies Capstone class. "Her poetry is not abstract or over anyone's head. She has great titles and great topics and she writes poetry that is accessible for students."

Duhamel began writing when she was about 10 years old. She spent a lot of time in a children's hospital due to bad allergies, and during that time she immersed herself in books and basically lived inside her head.

"I made my own books complete with the illustrations, tied them together with ribbons and gave them away," Duhamel said about her early writing years.

She attended Emerson College in Boston where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts for creative writing. She went on to Sarah Lawrence College for her master's degree in fine arts. It was during this time that she came across a poem by Kathleen Scivack that opened up an entirely new world of reading and writing poetry.

Duhamel's first poem was published in a college magazine when she was 21 and it wasn't until she was 25

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New nightclub attracts students

by Chris Keziah

Myrtle Beach's newest nightclub, Club Toxic, has splashed into the Grand Strand overnight and is being raved and reviewed as the beach's hottest club by Tripsmarter.com. Club Toxic opened at the beginning of this semester and is already taking over as Coastal Carolina students' favorite club.

"Toxic was a ton of fun, there was a lot of people there and it was free to get in," said CCU student Richa Jo Wedzik.

"I've been to Toxic once and it was good," student Katie Jenkins said.

Located right off of U.S. 501 between Robert Griscom Parkway and 3rd Ave. N., Toxic is a short drive from most locations at the beach. The strip is about five minutes away and it is a 10-15 minute drive from campus. This location is ideal for a new nightclub particularly because its closest competition is Master's, located all the way over on 10th Ave. N. (Not to mention Ron Jon's Delivery and Pizza Shal are just down the road for late-night snackers.)

College Night, which is every Wednesday, has helped Club Toxic progress extremely fast, featuring cheap and

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Squawk! Question: What do you do in Myrtle Beach during your spare time?

"I play basketball, powederpuff, lift weights and swimming."

-Jennifer Worthington

Health Promotions major

"I hang out with friends at parties and the bars."

-Shannon Bailey

Art Studio major

"I perform with the Epiphany Indoor Percussion of CCU. We compete on the weekends with ensembles from around the world."

-Kellett Arnold

Music major

"I go to the beach, Club Toxic and Broadway at the Beach."

-Julia Olsen

Marine Science major

"On Wednesdays I go to the Beach Wagon. On the weekends I play rugby for Coastal and go to the beach."

-Joseph Privette

Biology major

"I go to the beach and hang out with my friends."

-Rachel Boyd

Music major

"I go to Broadway at the Beach, the beach and play poker."

-Charlie Moore

Marketing major

"I go surf fishing and play putt-putt."

-Alan Astrom

Business Management major

Photos and reporting by Trevor Arowood
CD review: Jack Johnson gets curious

by Chris Kerliah
Staff Writer

Escaping Germany during the World War I, Hans Augusto Rey and Margarete Elisabeth Walstein married and moved to New York City with nothing but warm coats and five manuscripts. One of these, "Curious George," became a huge success and has existed for 60 years.

Published for the first time in 1941 by Houghton Mifflin, "Curious George" was made into its first movie and was released on Feb. 17, 2006. "Curious George" debuted at number four in gross sales for its release over "Firewall," starring Harrison Ford and "Freedomland," starring Samuel L. Jackson.

The "Curious George" soundtrack features songs written by Jack Johnson and Friends. Johnson was born in Oahu, Hawaii. He began his career producing surfing films and dove into the music business with his first album, "Breakfast Fairytale". The "Curious George" soundtrack includes 15 encouraging tracks that resemble Johnson's original sound.

The first track, "Upside Down," is a catchy tune that encourages people by reminding them that anyone can do anything they dream of. The second song, "Broken," is a love song about forgetting one's past and looking only into the future.

Track five, "Talk of the Town," features a slightly Spanish guitar accompaniment that puts listeners in a mood. Track 6, "Jungle Gym," is the most fun song of the compilation that features G. Love, a band Johnson used to play with, and brings out the child in all of us by relating occurrences on a playground to every day life.

The CD takes a left turn with track 7, "We're Going to be Friends." This is the infamous introduction song of the movie "Napoleon Dynamite," and starts the second half of the CD that is softer and slower than the first half. Number nine on the CD, "The 3 R's," is an adapted song by Johnson from the School House Rock song, "3 is the Magic Number." The three R's stand for Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Club corner: Globalist club

by Raytevia Evans
Staff Writer

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that she published outside of a campus environment. Her first book, “Smile,” was published by the time she was 31 years old.

Although she writes primarily poetry, Duhamel has also written several short stories, plays, various reviews as well as essays. According to a press release, her work has been featured on National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Station.

Since her first publication, Duhamel has written a total of eight books which are poem anthologies.

“I really like to write about pop culture and look at it with a huge view while analyzing it at the same time,” she said.

“I’m also interested in things that represent infinity that never end and just go on and on.”

Duhamel’s inspiration comes partly from her favorite poets, Karen Olds and Albert Gobath.

“Olds writes about the body and has a very intimate voice and Gobath writes a lot about pop culture,” she said about her favorite poets.

Aside from her teaching job at Florida International University in Miami, Duhamel is currently working on digital poetry. “Digital poetry are poems that are on the page but also have a 3D counterpart—they are little sculptures, really. Right now I have a pinwheel that has lines of poetry written on each little petal and a hammer wheel with poetry written on it.”

Duhamel described.

Not only is poetry a money-maker for Duhamel, it is also a great love of hers.

“My poems are kind of like my babies, in a way. I know that may seem silly, but it’s true. I think if I had been in a different class I might have had children, but it would have been too hard.”

Duhamel and her husband, fellow poet Nick Carbo, are childless, but Duhamel feels like she has still contributed to society.

In addition to being excited about visiting CCU and South Carolina, Duhamel is looking forward to an anthology she has coming out in December 2006 she worked on with two other poets titled “Saints of Hysteria.” Students are encouraged to attend Duhamel’s poetry reading.

“Hearing poets read is an empowering experience,” said Johnson.

For a list of Duhamel’s poetry, visit capa.conncoll.edu/duhamel_smile.html.

Toxic

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drink specials and dollar appetizers. The doors to Toxic are open and the party is on every night at 9 p.m.

The atmosphere of Toxic upon walking through the front door remains as dark as a club should with exciting, flashing lights accenting the dance floor. The dance floor is on the right featuring the club’s trademark “toxic” sign displayed on the floor and a live DJ, playing a range of music that covers hip-hop, top 40, techno and R&B.

There are a total of seven bars to choose from. The first one is shaped as a horseshoe and is located on the left of the doors. It is accompanied by a small cell phone room to make or take phone calls.

• The second bar is directly in front of the doors and is square-shaped but sometimes does not open until the club gets busier later into the evening. The other bars are located within the other three rooms: the tiki bar, the tornado room and the bedroom lounge. The different rooms offer a wider range of areas to hang out or dance, adding to the overall club experience.

The tiki-bar is located outside and will feature a lazy river in the summer time for patrons who get too hot shaking their “luffy taffy” on the dance floor. The bedroom lounge is upstairs and serves as the ultra-exclusive area of the club, which plays its own variety of techno music and hosts a bar strictly for V.I.P. use only.

For more information, contact Club Toxic at (843) 626-9800.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) Again, you’re reminded why it’s important to do whatever you’re promised. You’ve been there for your friends and now they’ll look out for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Check to see if there are any more benefits for which you qualify now. As time goes by, these things happen.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) No need to be intimidated by a holy miracle worker. You don’t have to fully understand, just make sure your heart is in the right place, and offer your help.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Pay the bills and get the money sorted into piles. Some is to save and some is to spend on a wonderful vacation. You can do this.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) All of a sudden, the answer is obvious. But will you accomplish the task and earn the rewards? Of course you will.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Proceeding on faith may not be a method in which you have much confidence. It gets easier with practice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There’s more and more work coming in. Your planning is put to the test. Keep making modifications and you can handle the flow.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Start by finding an excellent deal on something for your home. Finish by snuggling up in the midst of people you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Do the homework so you’re certain. Memorize the facts. Very soon, you’ll be repaid with more wealth in your pocket.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make sure you know the true value of what you have before you sell. Don’t make assumptions—get an expert’s opinion.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be excited, but it’s important for you to also be thrifty. Focus on business, not only now, but for the next several weeks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) A person you’ve done good deeds for gives you a great recommendation. It doesn’t say here who it is, so do good deeds for everyone.

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**Book review: “Prep”**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

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So here we are, you and me, seniors, pontificating to the rest of these poor, scholarly kids that college is the best time in your life.

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You. Want. OUT.

**NOW.**

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Coastal Idol winner

by Raytevia Evans

Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina's first Coastal Idol winner, Bethany Misurella, was very excited about her win on Feb. 20. However, not many people know much about this singer. The Chanticleer has spoken to Misurella to find out some fun facts about her.

Hometown: Greenville, S.C.
Year: Junior
Major: Psychology
First Began to Sing: “I started singing when I was younger.”
Who encouraged you?: “My high school chorus teacher definitely encouraged me to practice and learn to control my voice better. She recognized that I could become even better than I thought possible.”
Favorite Color(s): “Pink and lime green. ‘You could say I’m obsessed.”
Favorite Song(s): “Country Boys and Girls Gettin’ Down on the Farm” by Tim McGraw
Hobbies: “Singin’ (duh), drawing, shopping and studying.”
Future Endeavors in Music: “I don’t really know. I don’t have a desire to be famous so probably not.”
Clubs and Organizations: “I am a member of Gamma Phi Beta and a member of Psi Chi - The National Honor Society in Psychology.”

Students dancing and walking for causes

by Ashley Taliana

Section Editor

Free T-shirts, free food, live entertainment, contests and dancing - what more could a college student ask for?

“Dance Marathon 2006” will be held on March 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Kimbel Arena. Although this is a dance marathon, non-dancers are welcome as well. The event will benefit The Children’s Miracle Network and McLeod Hospital in Florence. Participants in the marathon are encouraged to raise money through sponsorship by other individuals or organizations.

In addition to all of the freebies, dance instructors will be teaching various dances and visits from children who have been patients at McLeod will be going on throughout the day.

Co-coordinator of the marathon and student Richard Odame said, “The event is a chance for us to come together as a community and celebrate these children who have become victims of their own illnesses.”

The Children’s Miracle Network is an alliance of hospitals that specializes in treating children with a variety of diseases and injuries. For more information on the event or to register, contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership at 349-2301.

DO YOUR FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) NOW!

Priority Deadline is March 1. Do your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible to be considered for the best Financial Aid packages. We have online FAFSA brochures in our office.

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

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Cost of Attendance
Forms for Financial Aid
Frequently Asked Questions
How to Apply for Financial Aid
Loan Information
Scholarships
Types of Financial Aid
Veterans Affairs and much more. Our home page has direct links to the FAFSA website and to various loan lender’s websites. You can directly access our home page by going to www.coastal.edu/financialaid.

CHECK YOUR CCU EMAIL AND WEB ADVISOR ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK. Both of these avenues are useful tools for reviewing your financial aid information. If you are not checking your email and web advisor you are missing critical and important information. If you do not have an email address, please contact Student Computing at 349-2908. Web Advisor can be accessed by going to webadvisor.coastal.edu.
Volunteering...
You can make a difference

As members of a community, it is a moral responsibility of individuals to contribute to their communities in a positive way. There are many different organizations worldwide that believe this and dedicate themselves to giving back to their surrounding areas. The community of Myrtle Beach is a unique one. The amount of visitors and tourists make it difficult to define a specific community, but thanks to organizations such as the ones on this page, Myrtle Beach area is slowly but surely becoming a better place. You can make a difference in your community as well, whether you donate certain items, money or your services. Every little bit counts - any amount of money donated is useful; any size item given is used by those in need; any services provided are greatly appreciated. Lend a helping hand and be a missing puzzle piece of your community. When everyone comes together and contributes, the community truly becomes a better place.

Family Outreach of Horry County

Location: 1323 3rd Ave. Conway, 29528
Contact: P.O. Box 2057
(843) 248-5392
Mission: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for families in Horry County.
How you can help: Family Outreach has a variety of programs that offer volunteer opportunities: Parent/Friend mentor: volunteers are paired with a pregnant or parenting teen to provide a good role model and encouragement. Welcome Baby: volunteers help prepare and deliver Welcome Baby Bags to hospitals. Baby Express: volunteers help prepare and deliver Baby Express Baskets to hospitals. Office help: volunteers answer phones and assist with office duties. Fund-raising: volunteers help plan and assist with fund-raisers.
Donations: Monetary donations are encouraged and needed. Please send any donations to the address listed above.

Habitat for Humanity of Horry County

Location: 1519 Executive Ave., Myrtle Beach, 29577
Contact: P.O. Box 2492, Myrtle Beach, 29577
(843) 916-8815
habitatmb@sc.rr.com
Mission: Building and renovating decent, affordable houses in partnership with people in need.
How you can help: Volunteers are always needed to help build and renovate houses, as well as in other areas (building hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.): Construction supervisors and crew leaders, resale store volunteers, office volunteers, fundraising volunteers, committee volunteers, overseers for recycling program and media volunteers.
www.habitatmb.org.

CCU Mentor Program

Location: Coastal Carolina University and public schools across Horry County
Contact: Margene Willis
(843) 349-2694
mwillis@coastal.edu
210 University Hall
Mission: Focus civic learning efforts around improving education in the community.
How you can help: Fill out an application online to be a CCU mentor. CCU mentors are trusted friends who are committed to seeing a child grow and develop. One hour a week is required all semester from mentors to meet and spend time with their student.
http://www.coastal.edu/cec/mentoring.
Grand Strand Humane Society

Location: 3241 10th Ave. N. Myrtle Beach, 29577 (past water park)
Contact: (843) 448-9151
Mission: The care and humane treatment of all homeless and abandoned animals; providing excellent guest services to those people visiting their facilities in the hope that all animals can find loving and caring homes; educating the community about responsible pet ownership and investigating an attempt to prevent cruelty to all animals.
How you can help: Memorial giving; honor giving; vehicle donation; planned giving; walking dogs; kennel clean-up; grooming dogs and cats.
Donations: Donating supplies is encouraged and needed: Dog and cat food, cat litter, dog and cat shampoo, pet food dishes, leashes, towels and blankets, pet toys, general office supplies, hand soap, paper towels, cleaning supplies and newspapers.

W.A.R.M. (Waccamaw Animal Rescue Mission)

Location: Adoption Center at the Inlet Square Mall in Murrells Inlet
Contact: P.O. Box 1764, Conway, 29528
(843) 347-6583
warm@scscoal.net
Mission: To provide facilities for the rehabilitation of domestic animals and wildlife; to educate adults and children in the importance of preservation of land and animals; to operate as a self-sufficient facility with a caring staff; to make pet therapy available for the physically and mentally challenged of all ages; to advocate spaying and neutering.
How you can help: W.A.R.M. needs volunteers in the following areas: Walking dogs, grooming dogs and cats, office assistance, adoption center assistance, fundraiser and events assistance, socializing and exercising dogs and cats, kennel clean-up, feeding animals and overall farm maintenance.
Donations: Online donations through Paypal are accepted. Donating supplies is encouraged and needed: Dog and cat food, cat litter, pet shampoo, towels/blankets, dog and cat beds, paper towels, trash bags and bleach/detergent.

First Book

Location: Horry County
Contact: Margene Willis (Chairperson)
(843) 349-2694
mwillis@coastal.edu
Mission: To give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books.
How you can help: Volunteers are always needed to help with book distributions and special events.
Donations: Monetary donations are encouraged and needed. Payments can be mailed to First Book, 1319 F St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C., 20004. Tax-deductible donations of $25 will purchase 10 new books for distribution. First Book does not accept donations of used or new books from individuals.
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by Chuck Plunkett
for The Chanticleer

Too often bands make it into the spotlight and are regarded as "new" bands. Few people realize that many of these bands have traveled a long road to get to the spotlight; it doesn't just happen overnight.

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On yet another headlining tour, The Academy Is... knows what it takes to make it through all of the ups and downs of being a music band. This rock group of five members has started from the very bottom and fought their way to the very top with just one major release.

Starting up in the tough Chicago music scene where bands such as Fall Out Boy, Rise Against, Placebo White T's, The Hush Sound and many more have come from, they knew the challenge that faced them. Lead singer and front man William Beckett, along with fellow band mate and guitarist Mike Carden, started opposite each other in competing bands on the scene. Their respective bands broke up and they found themselves talking to one another. A conversation that eventually led them to start writing together. After adding bassist Adam Siska and another guitarist and drummer, The Academy Is... was formed.

In 2004 they replaced that second guitarist and drummer with current guitarist and drummer Andy "The Butcher" Mrotek. I was able to sit down and talk with these two guys before their recent show at The House of Blues to get a feel for what the road that led them to where they are was like.

Although Chicago was tough, it is ultimately what molded them to what they are today. Rising up in what Butcher calls a "nourishing" scene inspired them and showed them what they would have to do to make it. They also realized the importance of a good live show, and they worked to master it.

Having seen them three times now, it's easy to tell that their live shows bring so much energy that breathes new life into the album when you go back and listen to it. I asked the guys how much of their success they attributed to their live shows and Tom answered plain and simple. "I think everything."

Getting noticed is one of, if not the biggest, struggle for bands who are trying to make it. With all of the technology and the Internet, spreading bands' music has become much easier and has enabled it to reach more people.

"We took advantage of it all, used it all, and it was amazing," Tom said and went on to mention such sites as mp3.com, Parevolve, MySpace, Livejournal and their own Web site.

Programs like these are what allowed Pete Wentz of Fall Out Boy to hear their demo and eventually get the band signed by Fueled By Ramen. The Academy Is... still updates all of their Web sites in their way of giving back to the fans.

If there is one characteristic that The Academy Is... embodies, it is confidence. Many good bands on the rise have been broken up by arguments, different visions or any number of conflicts. There are many factors that can cause doubts to appear in the band members and cause them to split but this isn't the case with The Academy Is... When asked if they ever had any doubts of the band making it, Butcher made it clear that they didn't.

According to Tom, the puzzle was complete. "We've done enough bands to know what it takes. As soon as we got to this all of the pieces were there." They knew what they had to do, and they've done it.

With all of the pieces in tact, The Academy Is... released its first full-length album on Fueled By Ramen titled "Almost Here". The title explains it all - the album is a story of a band going over the ups and downs of the music industry; "Almost Here" refers to the spotlight they now find themselves in. They released it Feb. 8, 2005, almost three years after the band first formed, and now just over a year has passed since the release.

Since then the band has sold over 100,000 albums and Butcher claims that their "lives have changed immensely."

"We were getting on some pretty awesome tours," Tom said, which allowed that perfect live show that they have worked on to be seen by the right people and for their audience fan base to grow.

The Academy Is... was featured on TRL's Spankin New Music Week and they performed live on one of the episodes. This performance introduced them to main stream America, where they stand today.

For The Academy Is... the road doesn't end here. "I feel we made it, but I'm not done," Tom said.

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Butcher added.

The Academy Is... has a new album that came out on Feb. 21 titled "From the Carpet," which features two new songs and a few old songs recorded acoustically. The band is constantly writing for its new CD, which will be released sometime in the spring.
Stuck in the middle of the Pack

by Kyle B. Ward
Staff Writer

The Lady Chants enter the final stretch with each game being important, as it seems that no one is running with the Big South Conference.

Junior Alisha Dill's career-high 27 points and six rebounds was not enough as Coastal Carolina's women's basketball team was downed by UNC Asheville 64-57 on Saturday, Feb. 18. The Lady Chants sit now, as of press time, at 14-8 overall and 4-6 in the Big South Conference.

The Bulldogs jumped ahead of CCU before halftime for the 26-25 lead. In the second half, a three-point shot by Junior Alisha Dill shot from the free throw line in the game against Radford University.

The Lady Chants defeat the Chanticleers 73-61 on Feb. 13.

Photo by Paul M. Robinson

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Streaking Chants winning in stride

by Kyle B. Ward
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What's the buzz? Get to know Coach Peterson

by Kyle B. Ward  
Staff Writer

While the men's hoops team was in the midst of an eight-game winning streak, I caught up with men's head basketball coach Buzz Peterson.

Kyle B. Ward: What got you into coaching?
Buzz Peterson: "When you're young, you've played it so much and loved it so much. It was about my junior year at UNC when I realized I wasn't gonna play in the pros. I got intrigued with what Coach Smith would do in our practices. I asked him after the season if I could stay around in the summer and watch Bill Guthridge, Roy Williams and Eddie Fogler and I'd see what they'd do in the summer. That's what I did after playing in Belgium. As a player, the fear of not playing room scares you because you want to see if you can do it. But then I knew I wanted to coach. I'm happy I did it. The thing I love about coaching, I love being around young men. They share a hobby of basketball. Of course they have to get an education and I can teach them life skills as well on the way.

KBW: What do you want to accomplish in your first year here?
BP: "The first year is very important that you instill discipline the way you want things done down the road. You make the kids work hard and build good work ethics and all that stuff. These guys have turned the corner and picked it up pretty quick. It's been fun now coaching them now and even in August. All I ask of them is to continue to remain resilient. They've remained resilient and it's paid off."

KBW: How would you describe your coaching style?
BP: "I like to be hands-on with the players. I give my assistants responsibilities, I want them to be involved. All I ask our guys is that they work on both ends of the floor and we'll make adjustments. I just want our guys to be the aggressor every night out."

KBW: As a player, who was the toughest player you had to guard?
BP: "Of course I had to guard Mike in practice. If you could recall, Georgia Tech had guys like Mark Price, Dennis Scott and Bruce Dalrymple. Dalrymple was strong, quick and hard to box out. Aside from Michael, he was a special player."

KBW: What's the best advice Michael Jordan ever gave you?
BP: "We talk occasionally. He would call me when I was at Appalachian State. We were so competitive as players. He'd say, 'I'm proud of what you've done with coaching, I couldn't ever do it. I don't know how you do it. Just continue to work hard and recruit.'"

KBW: What have you learned from being associated with Pat Summit and Dean Smith?
BP: "With Dean Smith, it was discipline. You treat everyone with respect. Coach Smith stays in touch with us. He's been so helpful. Everyone talks about it and it is like family and it means so much. Coach Summit, wow, what a special lady; she's a disciplinarian. You look at both of those, they both have good stuffs, so they've done a good job with that. They have disciplined programs and they demand that their players go 100 percent."

KBW: If you hadn't played basketball, what sport would you have liked to play?
BP: "Football. I loved football, I was so skinny. I weighed 165 pounds so if I got hit I'd break. Baseball was a little too slow for me, but I loved it. My favorite sport since college is golf."

KBW: What's the toughest place to play in?
BP: "Duke didn't quite have it until I was a junior. Virginia was a tough place to play when they had Ralph Sampson. Cole Fieldhouse was exciting and Duke became difficult to play in my last two years. I'd say Virginia."

KBW: What's it like to have a wife who is as passionate about what you're doing as you are?
BP: "She was a former ball player at Mars Hill. She was coached by Janet Coleman, assistant AD at UNC-A. I'm glad my wife's into it because it's my life and she knows what's going on the court because she played. Les Robinson said something that always stuck to me, 'Always keep your wife in tune with what you're doing, whether you're recruiting. Let her know as much as she needs to know.'"

KBW: What do you want to accomplish with your team this season?
BP: "I want kids to graduate, work hard. There's something exciting here. I want us to compete for Big South Championships."

The many faces of Buzz

Coastal's sixth man: Basketball Black-out

by Adam Lowder  
Staff Writer

The "Chant-crazies" were in full effect during Saturday's big game against the Panthers from Birmingham-Southern. The week-long hype about the "Blackout" game is over but it was a major success.

The first 400 students to arrive all backed black shirts with "COASTAL" written in teal - thus everyone in the student section and around Kimbel Arena had a black shirt on in support of the Chanticleers.

All the students were on their feet throughout the whole game. During the Panther player's introductions, the CCU faithful showed no interest, holding up newspapers to show they were uninterested.

The students had the arena shaking at tip-off and refused to let up. Birmingham-Southern's first two possessions were turnovers as Coastal held them to no points for almost five minutes into the game.

One of the game attendees Daniel Helms said, "Now that Coastal has a new coach and a winning record for the first time in a while, it's nice to have a new buzz about basketball to go along with the excitement of CCU football and base-ball."

Both teams began a little shaky, most likely due to the fact that it was a nationally televised game, but a big momentum swing came in the closing minutes of the first half. Chanticleer big man Matt Brennan grabbed the ball on the left baseline, went around his defender and met another Panther player with a reverse dunk on the other side of the goal. This play action ignited the student section.

"Anytime a big play like that happens we get pumped up, and that picks up the players' intensity, I feel like we've been the sixth man all year long," said student Aaron Dodge after the game.

Whatever Head Coach Buzz Peterson said to his players during halftime worked like a charm because Coastal went on a shooting spree.

Jack Leasure hit two three-pointers, both assisted by Pele Peterson, then stole the ball and hit another big three all in the span of the first two minutes. This set the pace for the whole second half.

Coastal then pushed the lead to as much as 18 before the Panthers were able to claw their way back into the game. They fought back to being within six points with 3:31 to go in the game, but to no avail. The Chants were just too strong and with their sixth man with them every step of the way, there was no telling how far this team could have gone.

The Big South Conference Tournament begins on Tuesday, Feb. 28 with the Chants playing at home.
A perfect picture of sports

CCU SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Basketball
Feb. 28 at Advance Auto Parts Big South Conference Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.
March 2 at Advance Auto Parts Big South Conference Semifinals, TBA

Men's Golf
Feb. 27-28 Ashworth Collegiate Invitational, All Day North Ranch GC, Westlake Village, C.A.
March 5-7 at Seminole Intercollegiate, All Day Golden Eagle, Tallahassee, F.L.
March 12 General Jim Hackler Invitational, All Day, Murrells Inlet.

Men's Tennis
March 3 at Winston-Salem State 2 p.m.
March 4 at Gardner-Webb 1:30 p.m.

Men's Track and Field
March 4 UNC Wilmington, All Day Conway
March 10-11 CCU Invitational, All Day Conway
March 24 at Raleigh Relay's All Day

Women's Basketball
Feb. 27 vs. Winthrop 7 p.m.
March 4 vs. Charleston Southern 5 p.m.
March 7 Advance Auto Parts Big South Tournament Quarterfinals, TBA

Women's Golf
March 12-14 at Pinehurst Challenge All Day Pinehurst Resort #8 - Pinehurst, N.C.

Women's Track and Field
March 1 at UNC Last Chance (Indoor) Chapel Hill, N.C., TBA
March 4 at Virginia Tech Last Chance (Indoor) Blacksburg, Va., TBA
March 4 vs. UNC Wilmington, TBA
March 10 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships

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Junior Kevin Marrie throws a pitch to a Virginia opponent during the tournament. Unfortunately, the Chanticleers lost to Virginia, 3-8.
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Senior Mike Fuentes, catcher, gets ready to swing at the game against Virginia.

Junior Danyelle Gerdts prepares to pitch to a Tennessee opponent during a doubleheader.
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Senior Sara Hosteltler gets ready to swing at a pitch thrown by the opposing Tennessee pitcher.
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