Did your spring break look like this?

A CCU organization, Students Taking Active Responsibility (S.T.A.R.), spent Spring Break in Brazil helping local villages build and renovate homes. See the inside of Squawk! for insight and pictures of the 11 students who traveled over 12,000 miles to help others.

Photo by Matt Morris

Animal rights activist to speak at Coastal

by Caroline P. Smith

Animals have rights, too. Tom Regan, a world-famous animal rights activist, is coming to Coastal Carolina University on April 4 at 4:30 p.m. to talk about the rights he believes animals are entitled to have.

Regan's stay and lecture at CCU is being sponsored by the Jackson Center for Ethics and Values. When Claudia McCollough, the director of the Jackson Center, first had the idea of asking Regan to come to CCU last semester, many people told her it would be impossible to get such a world-renowned speaker to give a lecture at CCU.

"What can anyone say but no?" she said. "I have been teaching Tom Regan philosophy for several years in my classes and I was a little intimidated to invite him," she admitted. "But I have to say he has been a perfect joy to work with and I am so excited that he is coming to honor our campus."

His lecture is titled "Animal Rights, Environmental Wrongs." McCollough believes the topic is perfect for a boom community such as the Grand Strand area. With such a high amount of temporary community visitors and members, the number of animals that are mistreated is becoming a growing issue, especially among household pets. Many people who come to Myrtle Beach will buy or adopt a pet, but end up leaving a few months later and abandon the pet to fend for itself, causing the local humane societies to overflow with strays.

Regan will address this type of problem, along with many others.

"I hope we have a full audience," said McCollough. "We've even invited the Humane Society and the Sierra Club to attend."

Regan is a highly achieved emeritus professor of philosophy at North Carolina State University. He was on the faculty for 30 years and was awarded the title University Alumni Distinguished Professor and the William Quarles Holloway Medal. According to his Web site, www.tomregan-animalrights.com, he is recognized worldwide as the top spokesperson for animal rights.

In addition to these honors, Regan has written many professional papers and more than 20 books. His latest book, "Empty Cages," addresses the terrible conditions that today's society inflicts upon all animals, from factory farm animals to horse and dog races. The book has been highly acclaimed as an inspiring and motivating book that will change the way many people treat animals.

The Case for Animal Rights" and "Bloombury's Prophet: G.E. Moore and the Development of His Moral Philosophy" are two books Regan has authored that were nominated for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

See Regan on page A3

Fraternity appeal denied; other groups self-report to officials

by Ashley Taliana

In a recent press conference, Dr. Lloyd Holmes, dean of students at Coastal Carolina University, said the appeal made by the CCU chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha was denied and the university will uphold the seven-year suspension placed on the fraternity following a Jan. 28 off-campus incident that resulted in the hospitalization of two students for alcohol-related conditions.

The semester-long suspension of social activities for Phi Sigma Sigma sorority also stands.

Also announced at the conference was the reinstatement of Sigma Alpha Epilon fraternity on CUC's campus. The incident and increased education on hazing has prompted two other Greek organizations, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, to question their recruitment and membership practices. The university has suspended all activities of both groups pending a full investigation into allegations of hazing.

Both groups self-reported to university officials to review their practices and make certain their actions were in accordance with university and national organization guidelines. The reports were not alcohol-related, but allegations of hazing their members are being investigated. Specific incidents have been cited.

"This is a positive step that students are making and questioning the practices of their organizations," said Anne Monk, vice president of Marketing Communications at CCU.

"We'll look at the organizations and help determine what their policies should be. The organizations are asking the university to really look at them and help them become the organizations they want to be," said Holmes at the press conference before Spring Break.

According to Alpha Kappa Alpha's national Web site, the organization has strict anti-hazing policies in place that advocate "suspension or permanent expulsion from the organization," if policies are violated.

Hazing policies could not be found on Alpha Phi Alpha's national Web site. Holmes also commented that hazing is a national issue, which "Coastal is not immune to." An investigative committee will determine the facts.

See Fraternity on page A3
Find out what everyone is squawking about!

Join The Chanticleer.

Meetings Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
Student Center, room 208
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SGA announcements

- The Faculty Senate has passed the new Philosophy 100 course.
- Changes will be made to the prerequisites for Economics 326 and 302, Biology 321 and the 321 labs, accounting and chemistry.
- Some courses for the PGM major will be deleted.
- A success seminar course for all disciplines has been passed.
- The Leadership Development Council would like to thank everyone who helped or participated in the powder puff football game for the Children's Miracle Network. A trophy was presented to the winning powder puff team during the March 6 SGA meeting. Maurice Simpkins and Anton Trice coached the winning powder puff team, the "G.I. Jane." The trophy will be on display in the Student Center. The meetings for the LDC are Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Student Center, room 208.
- The Grand Teal Ball will be held on April 7 and the theme is going to be "A Night of Enchantment."

Compiled by Lekeisha Edwards, Staff Writer

Campus bulletin board

- Don't miss "Satin Rouge," the next movie in the Foreign Film Series. It will be shown in the Wall Auditorium on March 27 at 3 p.m.
- A one-hour documentary will be shown in the Edwards Recital Hall on March 28 at 6 p.m. by the Invisible Children staff. The documentary will include information about the children of Northern Uganda and the unfair treatment they withstand as a result of the nation's civil war.
- Students interested in becoming peer mentors should contact Jason Springer at 349-2941 or see him in Prince 207 by March 11. Those interested should have at least a 2.75 GPA and be at least sophomores in fall 2006. Three credit hours will be given to peer mentors.
- Student assistants are needed to help with The Summer Ethics Academy for Jackson Junior Scholars on July 17-20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants must have completed at least one course in ethics at CCU and list as a reference at least one faculty person in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. Program assistants will receive a $200 stipend, daily lunch, snacks and a t-shirt. Those interested should submit a writing or by e-mail a letter of interest in which they address their qualifications, provide contact information and list their faculty reference to Dr. Renee Smith in EHFA 282, rmult@coastal.edu. The deadline for applications is March 31.
- The Mock StepShow will take place in the Wheelwright Auditorium on March 31 at 7 p.m. Contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership for more information.
- The Spadoni College of Education will host the Community Spring Festival on April 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Events will be held outside of the Williams-Brice building and will include live music, food for purchase and silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Professor Alan Case and his program to support Afghan children.
- Tax assistance will be available for students on April 3 in Wall 201. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and CCU accounting majors will be glad to help anyone with their tax returns.
- All workshops will be held from 2:30P to 3:45P
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**CCU provost accepts presidency in W. Va**

by Ashley Taliana

Coastal's provost and chief academic officer, Peter Barr, was unanimously named president of Glenville State College in Central West Virginia by the college's Board of Governors. CCU president Dr. Ronald Ingle will appoint an interim provost in the coming days.

"Peter will be greatly missed at this institution. He had aspirations of becoming a president, and I encouraged him with his decision," said Ingle in a recent interview.

Ingle will appoint an interim provost who will serve through next year, Ingle's last year at CCU. He expects the university will make a smooth transition in the absence of Barr. The proceeding president will then initiate a search for a permanent provost.

Barr will officially start as president of Glenville on July 1, 1,000 days after current university president Robert Freeman retires. The native West Virginian and his betrothed plan to move and be settled there by the middle of June.

According to Glenville State College's Web site, Barr was chosen from an initial group of 70 candidates and two other finalists, Dr. Willis Perry of Charleston, W.Va., and Dr. Henry Zimon of Pennsylvania.

"I will miss the people most at Coastal. I hope and believe that the opportunities and programs I helped work for continue here, especially the mentoring program," Barr said. "I have a real passion for higher education; it has opened my eyes to things I never thought about. I hope to bring my passion to help students open their eyes and bring a focus on educating citizens, of the Glenville area."

Barr has served as provost of Coastal since August of 2002. He became dean of the E. Craig Wall College of Business Administration in July 1992 and remained in this position until October 2000. Since Barr's term as provost, degree programs in Spanish, communications, philosophy, economics and an MBA program addition in the upcoming fall semester have been incorporated into Coastal's academic programs.

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cases, which will then be evaluated by university officials for sanctions or judicial proceedings, if deemed applicable.

The Jan. 28 party that prompted the self-exiled incident led university officials to believe J.T., the dog that was recently released from its duties, was trained to sniff out marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines and other drugs. In a recent incident, a student's vehicle was severely scratched due to the dog jumping on the car. This particular incident led university officials to believe the dog wasn't so passive in his drug-detection efforts.

The owner of the vehicle brought pictures of its damaged property to President Ingle, who deemed the damage worthy of reimbursement.

"The dog damaged a student's car and [having the dog on campus] was intimidating to students," said Ingle. "The aim of having the dog was to keep potential members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity as a line and were encouraged to finish a bottle of alcohol by the time it reached the end. Two male students, ages 21 and 18, suffered alcohol-induced comas and were brought to Conway Medical Center and put on ventilators. The committee that investigated this incident determined that Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Sigma Sigma violated alcohol policies of CCU, their chapters, encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Jackson Center for Ethics and Values at 349-4149 or e-mail Jason Fishel at jfishel@coastal.edu.

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**Campus drug dog released from duties**

by Ashley Taliana

Where is the next place you'll find J.T., the drug dog Coastal hired about six months ago? Chances are you won't be seeing him on this campus any time soon.

At the direction of President Ronald Ingle, J.T. has been released from his duty as the Coastal Carolina University Police Department's first drug-sniffing dog.

The Chanticleer first introduced J.T. when he was hired in September. Last summer the dog, a gift from Officer Clayton F. Cox, and his handler, Lieutenant Glenn E. Allen Jr., completed a rigorous training course where J.T. was trained to sniff out marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and other derivatives of these substances. However, it wasn't J.T.'s drug-sniffing abilities that got him fired.

The dog was trained as a passive alert dog, which means he calmly sits down when he smells an illegal substance. In a recent incident, a student's vehicle was severely scratched due to the dog jumping on the car. This particular incident led university officials to believe the dog wasn't so passive in his drug-detection efforts.

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"The dog damaged a student's car and [having the dog on campus] was intimidating to students," said Ingle. "The aim of having the dog was to keep students safe, not to intimidate them and make them feel uncomfortable."

Ingle made the ultimate decision to fire the dog.

"I believe the dog was more a deterrent than an effective tool," said Coastal student and University Place resident, Robola "I.T. routinely inspected cars at the entrance of University Place.

So what happens to the furry, four-legged canine officer now? According to Chief of Police Lester Haga, J.T. has been retired as a drug dog and will live at home with Lt. Allen.

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**NEW PROMOTIONS ON PACKAGES AND LOTIONS EACH MONTH!**
**The Showdown: Smoking - a disgusting habit or stress relief?**

by Brian Dunlop

Monday, March 27, 2006

Over Christmas break I was stressed out because of work and a cigarette relieved me. I started picking up the habit and buying my own packs.

Once I returned to Coastal, people began to continuously ask about my newly-developed habit. They tried to convince me not to start smoking. I look at what they said with a grain of salt and did not pay them any attention.

They often said, "I just don’t see why you're smoking." With a cigarette in hand, I take a puff and say, "Well I do, so get over it." I had finally found something that made me complete. Smoking is very comfortable for me. It’s one of the only things I can depend on.

I do not feel as though I should have a definite reason as to why I smoke. It is one of my personal life choices. While it is polluting the air for you nonsmokers, I make it my priority not to blow smoke in people’s faces. Personally, I do not think of the scent on smokers unless I am giving them a hug and I have never had any complaints about my smoking. How they react is not my problem.

Here is my message to all of you nonsmokers: leave us alone. We know that we have certain advantages over you, but we do not need to constantly remind us about it every chance you get. It’s not like they put smoking on a wanted poster (in fact, the facts about smoking. Just get over it.

**Staff editorial: College Park gate**

by Daniel Didion

After months of tension between Coastal Carolina University and the College Park community caused by the high level of CCU students partying in the area, the university hosted a forum last October to discuss the community members' concerns.

Following the forum, as a peace-keeping gesture, the University conceded to erect a steel gate at the only bridge between CCU's campus and the housing community. The gate closes at 9 p.m. and on weekends, thereby lowering student party traffic in the neighborhood.

However, this is not the case. On the contrary, this gate creates a trifling obstacle in the average partyer’s evening. It would take more than a little gate to keep a CCU student from their God-given right to a weekend adventure in debauchery. Most students simply slip under the metal fence, an easy task; the hardest part being removing the mud that is stuck into their shoes.

Depending upon their destination in College Park, students may also choose the path that would lead them to the gate which would lead them to the CCU's community entrance. The question is not how to circumvent this obstacle, but why does it exist?

What is CCU's responsibility to police the College Park neighborhood? I thought it was perhaps the police, but then when the number of police cars I see drive by every time I am on Destiny Lane, I would say they feel the same way.

Perhaps the community feels that the police do an inadequate job enforcing the public intoxica­tion, underage drinking and other laws of the like. Should this be the case, they are in the dark. Your appearance is completely ruined by something as small as a cigarette. Oh, so you see a handsome guy and you decide to throw him a flirtatious smile, except he doesn’t find it sexy at all. The darkness of your gun shows your terrible habit.

If you have been exposed and you walk away with a disgusted look on your face, luckily before he smells the stench of your breath.

So you think you’re cool standing up against the wall with a ‘death stick’ hanging from your lips? This image you’re trying to create by smoking is so far from cool and is very annoying to non-smokers.

Here is something to think about: Studies show that approximately 163,000 young people will be in the habit of smoking this year alone. Not cool.

**Letter to the Editor**

As the community grieves for the loss of Rebekah Granger and rallies to bring her alleged killer to justice, I sit here wondering why.

Why did the fact that Louis Michael Winkler savagely kidnapped, raped and tried to kill Rebekah, his suffering wife, less than six months ago (Oct. 2005) fall so easily by the wayside in the judicial system in this county?

Why did Circuit Judge Thomas Ross allow the obvious fact that this wretched excuse for a man on nearly $150,000 bond? Better yet, why should he? Did Russo later amend Winkler’s former request for a human being to maintain consciousness for two hours a day? Where is Russo now, as Winkler’s only target is being burned and laid to rest? I hope that Judge Thomas Russo feels he did the right thing, because his decision allowed this terrible murderer the last chance he needed to end this long-suffering woman’s life. That seemingly reasonable freedom from 4-6 p.m. everyday was just enough time for Winkler to find his prey and finish what he seemed so intent upon doing to her.

Men like Louis Michael Winkler are the exact reason that I feel the issue of gun owners’ rights ought to be let go. What Winkler really deserves, if caught, is most likely not what he will get. He deserves to be knocked off this planet just the way Rebekah was. But that won’t happen, not unless we’re all really lucky.

Let me paint a new, shining and promising picture for you to consider:

Men like Louis Michael Winkler, dead, could have avoided this entire mess. I think it would be of great benefit to the people of like the concept, Rebekah Granger and now her family and friends have received at his bloodied hands.

How sad is that? Even sadder, I think, is the fact that protecting one’s self isn’t necessarily a ‘right’ to the same people who are being victimized in a domestic situation. And I’m not talking about Kung Fu. If a woman were ever in the position that Rebekah Granger was in on March 6, and actually had the foresight to be armed and ready in case of a threat, what would happen? Would it really be as simple as protecting one’s self or one’s family? No. If a woman (or man) ever uses a gun in true self-defense, our society is trained to question it to the bitter end. Friends and family might even accuse you of being a violent person, someone who is putting others at risk.

The concept of domestic violence would often be proposed in such a situation. It is unfortunate, but our society has abused our freedoms and allowed the persecution themselves by deadly force is unlikely, unlike Christian and just wrong.

I know Winkler and other people like him will always be a part of our world. There is no way to weed out the background of the mind. Everyone deserves to be prepared and know your rights. If you are a woman who is suffering from abuse or discrimination, it is important to protect yourself. The judicial system we have unfortunately may not be enough to prevent disaster in your life.

Rebecca C. Powell
Conway, South Carolina

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**Viewpoints**

by Raayte Evans

Depending upon their destination in the area, university students have a problem with their neighbors' parking in CCU's campus and the housing community. Instead, members of the community simply appeal to their neighbors. It is unfortunate, but our society has trained its girls and women that protecting themselves by deadly force is unlikely, unlike Christian and just wrong.

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Basketball comes to a dramatic close

Congratulations to the Chanticleer men's basketball team for advancing to the Big South Championship. The game against Winthrop on March 4 was led by senior Colin Stevens with 18 points. Pictured above is Jack Leasure shooting over an opponent at the championship game. Leasure broke CC's and the league's record this season for three-pointers (321).

Women's tennis defeats Wilmington

The Lady Chanticleer tennis team defeated UNC Wilmington on March 22, 6-2. Senior Virginia Dibb, pictured above, along with Hayley Rudman, won an 8-5 doubles match. Their record this season is now 13-1. The women's tennis team did not lose a match this season until they faced Charlotte on March 18, 3-4. Their victory on March 22 puts their record at 16-1 this season.

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Monday, March 27, 2006

Pictured here with Governor Mark Sanford, Blakely Tuten is one of eight students who was recently presented with a $500 scholarship and an award plaque at the 2006 South Carolina Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel that was held at Kiawah Island Resort. She is also the recipient of the Governor's Award. Tuten is a senior at Coastal Carolina University and will graduate this May with a degree in Resort Tourism Management. She currently is employed at the Best Western Hammock Inn as the assistant manager and lives in Georgetown.

Press photo
The pendulum of politics in sway for fall elections

A student's perspective of politics

by David Ward
Staff Writer

The pendulum of politics has swung throughout American politics. It has been Oscillating in either direction, but the inevitable oscillation of the public's preference between the parties, as well as the ideology they brandish.

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Now at the dawn of the 21st century the American people must choose which party is better able to confront both the dramatic change taking place here at home and the daunting challenge abroad.

With so much at stake in issues ranging from the economy, education and healthcare to Iraq and terrorism, the elections to be held on Nov. 7 will be decisive in charting the future course of our nation.

All of the 435 seats in the House will be up for election, as well as one-third of the Senate and one-third of the governorships.

Currently, the House is comprised of 231 Republicans, 201 Democrats and one Independent. In order to regain control, the Democrats need to pick up 15 seats.

Current speculation about the 2006 elections by pundits from both sides of the aisle varies dramatically. However, it is generally agreed upon that the Republicans face a tough year.

There are several issues that are causing the Republican majority anxiety. The dip in President Bush's approval rating due to high profile scandals, the decline in support for the Iraq War, along with the perceived indifference of the Federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath pose the greatest danger.

Other domestic concerns that the Democrats are eager to seize upon include: the President's failed social security reform, domestic wiretapping and health care. Additional issues that might prove compelling to congressional constituencies are the recent appointment of Chief Justice John Roberts, as well as Associate Justice Samuel Alito and their influence upon the Supreme Court.

However, the Democrats face their own problems. The same pole that illustrated the plunge in President Bush's approval rating also gagged public opinion of congressional Democrats. The less than inspiring result was that Americans had even less confidence in them than in the President.

Further, despite the controversial nature of many of the Republicans' positions, the Democrats have regularly failed to establish a consistent or progressive agenda. The party's overwhelming deficiency in unified organization and strong leadership over the past several elections has proven disastrous.

Finally, as Karl Rove, President Bush's senior advisor, outlined in a recent speech, the definitive factor in Republican victories in the post-9/11 era is the American people's perception of the Democratic Party as being weak on defense and security.

"It is the young who fight and die in foreign fields, who must deal with the repercussions of the huge trade deficit and growing foreign debt, as well as the evolution of globalization."

Still, both Republicans and Democrats face many issues that are not exclusively their own, or easily encapsulated into sound bytes and slogans. Each party's agenda has been hijacked by their more extreme elements. Moreover, the persistent habit of members of Congress to earmark special projects within the budget is costing the American people tens of billions of dollars annually, all while the government is borrowing some two trillion a day, mostly from foreign lenders, to meet the liabilities that already exist and are only growing larger.

Above all is the pervasive and corrosive effect of K Street influence peddlers and special interest upon our democratic system of government.

The irony of the upcoming election is that the demographic that has the most at stake and potential influence in the outcome will also comprise the most apathetic group. It is the young who fight and die in foreign fields, who must deal with the repercussions of the huge trade deficit and growing foreign debt, as well as the evolution of globalization. In the way of jobs, lifestyle, civil liberties and our place in the world, this generation's tomorrow is intimately associated with the elections of today.

To all Coastal Students, Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of the Conference Steering Committee, I extend special thanks to all of the presenters, performers, hosts, conference volunteers and attendees who helped to make the 2006 Celebration of Inquiry Conference a great success!

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Sincerely,
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Artist profile: Jesse Rice
by Caroline P. Smith

The country Music Row of Nashville has welcomed Jesse Rice, son of Coastal Carolina University faculty member NelJeann Rice, into its songwriting community.

Rice grew up in Conway and attended Conway High School. Although he attended and graduated from Furman University in Greenville, he spent a lot of time at CCU since both of his parents taught there. His love for the stage and performing was born on the CCU stage, as his first memories of being on stage are of his participation in "Pirates of Penzance" and "Oklahoma!"

"He really started singing around 12 or 13," said Nelljean. "His father was in a band around that time and we spent a lot of time going to different performances." Rice wrote his first song when he was in middle school about one of his ancestors who fought and was wounded during a Civil War battle outside the town of Chattanooga.

"He was always interested in history, so he suggested to his father that he write a song about his great great grandfather," recollected Nelljean. "Paul (his father) turned right back around and said 'Why don't you write a song about it?' So he did!

Rice's love for history led him to Furman University, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts in history in 2001. He spent some time in Indiana teaching history and coaching soccer at Culver Academy before moving to Nashville. See Rice page B3

Santee Hall takes educational road trip
by Raytavia Evans

Santee Residence Hall sponsored a trip to Atlanta, Ga. so students could experience The King Center and the new Georgia Aquarium. Originally prepared for Black History Month by Willette A. Capers, the Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC), the trip lasted from March 4 to 5.

The information was open to Santee students first but other students were informed and were also interested in the historical event.

Seven students posed in front of a memorial in Atlanta during their trip March 4-5.

Photo by Willette Capers

Squawk! Question: What did you do during your Spring Break?
"I spent quality time with friends and family back home." - Quinnesha Winters, Biology

"I stayed here and went to Aynor Elementary to work on my 30 hours for my education class." - Adrienne Johnson, Elementary Education

"I went to New York City for St. Patrick's Day." - Hank Wortley, Biology

"I hung out with my boys back home and the beach." - Justin Good, Business

"I worked on my internship and celebrated my daughter's birthday." - Nikki Hilton, Politics

"I worked at Uno's at Broadway and went to the beach. I went to Miami University in Ohio and hung out with some of the Pi Kappa Phi guys." - Justin "Puma" Stolarski, Health Promotions

"I had a track meet here at Coastal." - Jarvarius Phelps, Undeclared

Photos and reporting by Trevor Arrowood
Raheem DeVaughn has “The Love Experience”

by Lakelisha Edwards

Staff Writer

"Now that Valentine's Day is over, many couples have reaffirmed their love for each other and many single, hopeless romantics have vowed to find their "one true love." There are also those who could care less about relationships but would love to hear some wonderfully soothing music. Raheem DeVaughn is where the search ends; his debut album titled "The Love Experience" will take listeners through the joy, the pain and the truth of the perplexing, yet elevating phenomenon we call "love."

The first question DeVaughn asks is the first track begins is "Are you feeling loved today?" DeVaughn digs deep into the elements of love and educates the listener about all of his struggles and setbacks as he has journeys through good and bad times to find a true soul mate.

After the first track of "The Love Experience," DeVaughn competes for the heart of a girl as he declares that he can offer a better love and relationship in "Guess Who Loves You More." The song "Breathe" is slow and soulful and moves the listener to the point of relaxation and meditation while thinking about the power of love. "Ask Yourself!" has the seductive sounds of a Marvin Gaye track as DeVaughn asks a girl if she has ever experienced being loved as much as she is being loved at that moment.

"Believe" is a moving plea for understanding and support from a significant other. My favorite song on the album is "You," which is an up-tempo song that expresses the extreme love and admiration DeVaughn has for his girlfriend. What is unique about this song is that DeVaughn sings in the chorus that "every word in this song's gonna be about you," and it definitely is as he uplifts the beauty of his beloved through gripping words. DeVaughn's commitment to spreading love is not only evident in his songs about relationships, but in society as well. The song "Who" is a call for positive change and compassion as DeVaughn sings about his personal struggles and the state of society. He makes it known that someone has to care about others and the problems of the world before any positive changes can come to fruition.

The song "Until" is about sacrifices and having to put your needs before your wants. It also highlights the unnecessary judgments some people tend to make towards others before actually getting to know them.

DeVaughn has what it takes to become a household name and favorite to lovers everywhere. If you like Anthony Hamilton, Lyfe Jennings, John Legend and their songs about love and life, you will love Raheem DeVaughn as he adds another element of greatness to the soul genre. Take "The Love Experience" today.

1. The Voice (Intro)
2. Love Experience
3. Guess Who Loves You More
4. Who
5. Where I Stand
6. Breathe
7. You
8. Sweet Tooth
9. Ask Yourself
10. Believe
11. Is It Possible?
12. Catch 22
13. Until
14. Cadillac
15. Green Leaves
16. Thank You

Club corner: Refuge Club at Christ United Methodist

by Raytavia Evans

Staff Writer

Students on campus who are interested in helping the community have joined forces. The Refuge Club, which started last semester, has long term plans that will benefit people in the Grand Strand area. The organization, which consists of 37 members, is open to all Coastal students who are interested in seeing their community grow.

The club meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. after the refuge service at Christ United Methodist Church in Fantasy Harbor, Murrells Inlet Beach off U.S. Hwy 501.

The club is currently trying to raise money to help the homeless in the community. They have recently held a successful raffle and are planning other ways to raise money. The students are hoping to raise enough money to build a shelter to support the homeless.

"Thankfully, a lot of the members have a heart for serving so they jump in to help out with all the projects," said vice president Tasha Sutherland.

Besides its trek to help the homeless, the organization has helped raise money to support the building projects in Brazil and it is also supporting Rivers of the World (www.row.org). The members are in the process of developing other events for this semester.

The members are looking forward to the extra help from Coastal students to fulfill the goals that they have set.

DeVaughn's "The Love Experience" is out now.
"I chose to go to Nashville because as a singer/songwriter there is a very tight-knit musical community, one that is more becoming and less cutthroat than the similar industries in New York or Los Angeles," Rice said. In order for Rice to successfully write country music songs for country artists, which is one of his ambitions, he said it is important for him to be right in the mix of things.

Last fall, Rice came back to CCU and played a two-night gig during the weekend of the home football game against James Madison University. He hopes to set up a similar gig next fall for the home game against Furman University.

Currently, Rice is working on the finishing touches of his album "Words for the Wasted" which is scheduled for release sometime in the middle of April. After the CD is released independently, he will begin a countrywide tour to support his music. Several songs are currently available online at www.myspace.com/joserice. Listeners of country music can expect personal and non-contrived songs from Rice.

"All of my songs come from my life experiences, and they mean more to me that way," Rice explained. "As a listener, it is my hope that one can tell and understand that and perhaps relate where I am coming from to something in their own lives." Rice said that if he had never gotten involved with music he probably would have ended up graduating from a law school and been a sports agent, but he admitted that he would have just missed music too much.

"Writing and playing songs has always been an outlet for me -- a sort of therapy. Music is my life. Not only is it what I want to do, it is what I need to do." The group also stopped at a mall in downtown Atlanta.

"The students had a chance to see downtown Atlanta," said Capers. "Some students have never been out of South Carolina so it was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and we had fun." Capers is currently planning other events sponsored by Samtie Hall. She is scheduling an End of the Year Midnight Madness where students will join in "old school" games, food, and socializing. Besides this event, Samtie has bundles of other fun and educational events for the future students to look forward to.

Job Talk: Career Services has last-minute help for graduating seniors

by Mollie Feut
for The Chanticleer

Spring Break is over and for seniors the last push to commencement is on. The Career Services Center and the coordinators continue to be busy helping students connect with employers to meet their hiring needs. Any students who have not met with the career services coordinator for their academic major need to call today to schedule an appointment, develop a resume and start the job search in earnest.

Just before Spring Break, the Career Services Center launched an online interest survey related to a new professional development program that will be offered through the Division of Student Affairs in the fall of 2006. The Division of Student Affairs announces the T.E.A.L. Senior Seminar for degree-seeking students who have completed 90 or more credit hours in any academic program of the university. All graduates of the university will be considered leaders in the workplace and the Excellent Alumni Leader Senior Seminar will prepare participants for these roles.

Six weekly sessions will consolidate learning outcomes related to career decisions, career and life skills, financial literacy and a personalized strategy for transitioning to professional life. The sessions will offer discussion and activities providing students the opportunity to practice professional behaviors in business and social settings. There will not be a student fee for this program.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) Postpone travel plans, distance phone calls and launching new projects. Do all that stuff on Wednesday.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) A misunderstanding could cost you. You can ask questions, but don’t be crushed if you don’t, at first, get answers.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Proceed with caution now. The person who’s in charge could cause a bigger problem. Do your own research and come up with an alternative plan.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You can envision amazing things, but there’s lots of work to be done. Don’t race off before the job’s finished. That would prove to be quite foolish.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Controversy will arise, you can bet on that. Do you want to get involved? Don’t, unless paid for your time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is one of those Mondays when everybody’s calling and bugging you and being pesky. And most of what they try doesn’t work. Take care.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You want to provide the best for your loved ones, of course, but don’t be a fool. Don’t waste your money on something the kid can do without.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Complications will arise. Now that you know, is your sense of adventure enhanced? Be careful, anyway.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Verify what you hear, even if it’s from a reliable source. Misinformation is abundant. Also, watch what you say.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There are a lot of ideas being tossed around. Don’t assume anything. Wait to see which ones still look good in a couple of days.

Places (Feb. 19-March 20): You can see differently now. A lot of the fog has cleared. Don’t hurry into new territory, though. Watch, wait and learn.

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All of the stories deal with personal identity in a confused world. All of Alexie's stories in this book cover intense and complicated human emotions. He writes about disappoint¬ment, determination, embarrassment, hope, identity, love, sex, politics, sports, suicide bombers, unhappy wives and mothers, lonely people, dying children, electronic social devices, cab drivers, marriage, single mothers, dead fathers, feminists, infidelity, dying animals, liars, college, homeless people, alcoholics, homosexual¬ity, grandmas, traditional Indian dress and forest rangers.

All of these topics are covered in nine short stories. I guess you could say that they are all covered in each story, because Alexie's charac¬ters are so rounded and real. It is hard to separate what you feel they must have been in the past and what they are now.

This book is great for so many reasons, they couldn't be counted on fifty hands. It is a great book to just carry with you to class, the doctor or anywhere that you may have a free moment. Most of the stories are short enough to read between your classes.

The book opens with a quote by Sappho of Lesbos, and continues on just as poetically. Sherman Alexie is a bi-racial American writer. The fact that he is bi-racial is important in that he is half white-American and half Spokane Indian.

Most of his stories are about American Indians in a white world. I am a writer, and he is one writer that I admire. His writing is clever, inventive and very warmly isolated. He molds his words together like clay. They come in a seemingly random order until the story is fin¬ished and you look up to see a beautifully formed vase. His ideas both astound and inspire me.

Thus far, my favorite story written by Alexie is entitled "Can I Get A Witness?". It is about a lonely woman who hates her husband and her twin sons. She is having lunch in a cafe one day when a foreign man runs in with a bomb strapped to his chest and detonates it. She comes out of the wreckage and through the pools of dead nearly unscathed. A man on the street tries to help her and he ends up tak¬ing her to his apartment.

**Book review: 'Ten Little Indians'**

**Former ambassador to Rwanda at CCU**

Dr. Robert Flaten came to Coastal Carolina University on March 21 to address issues in the Middle East. He was invited to give a lecture by the university's Globalist Club.

Flaten's lecture was just one event planned by the Globalist Club this semester in their effort to increase campus awareness about national and international affairs, both in the political and eco¬nomic areas.

Flaten served as the ambassador to Rwanda from Dec. 1990 to Nov. 1993 before retiring from the Foreign Service the following May.

**Photo courtesy Robert Flaten**

Every seat was filled in the Edwards Recital Hall on March 21 when Dr. Robert Flaten came to give a lecture that was hosted by CCU's Globalist Club. Students, faculty and staff filled the seats to capacity and lined the walls in order to listen to the former ambassador to Rwanda.

**Photo by Caroline P. Smith**

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**Wall Fellows of 2008 announced**

Nine sophomores have survived a lengthy application process and three rounds of interviews to be deemed wor¬thy enough to be called the Wall Fellows Class of 2008.

The new members of the Wall Fellows class include: Tyrisa Davis, an English major from Gaston; Katie Hinson, a business management major from Myrtle Beach; Victoria Livinski, an economics major from Myrtle Beach; Alisha Norris, a finance major from Lorinc; Jeffrey Nusse, a finance major from Westfield, N.J.; Rachel Ramlochan, a double major in economics and finance from Newmark, Del.; Kevin Vandenberg, a double major in business management and finance from Wyoming, Mich.; Elizabeth Vickers, a resort tourism management major from Rock Hill; and Medelaine Winstead, a business management major from Charlotte.

Eight of the students are from the Wall E. Craig Wall, Sr. College of Business Administration and one stu¬dent, Davis, is from the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The late local businessman, Craig Wall Jr., initiated the Wall Fellows pro¬gram in 1994. According to the packet given to potential applicants, the pro¬gram is meant to bridge a training and experience gap between business stu¬dents' undergraduate education and the corporate world they wish to work in.

"This program provides opportuni¬ties to network and utilize various skills in a challenging, demanding atmos¬phere," said Ned Cohen, Director of the Wall Fellows program.

Victoria Livinski, member of the 2008 class, has great expectations of future experiences as a Wall Fellow.

"I expect to learn as much as possi¬ble about the business world, how to negotiate, give and take criticism, give good presentations and work on group skills. In today's business world team work is so critical."

"Alisha Norris hopes to "grow as a person and to enhance [her] future career, not only by being a part of the program but also being around career driven people."

Once students are accepted into the program, they enroll in a rigorous three credit hour per semester course that teaches non-traditional areas of study including interpersonal and commu¬nications skills, ethics, personal health and appearance, business and social eti¬quette, foreign languages and cultural skill. The Class of 2008 will begin in Wall Fellows course in the fall 2006 semester.
Eco reps plan to make a difference at CCU

by Anne-Marie D’Onofrio Staff Writer

They may not be Captain Planet’s Planeteers, but they are Coastal Carolina University’s next best thing—the ECO Reps. A group of 19 students with majors including marine science, psychology, biology, business management, interdisciplinary studies and special education have joined forces to make CCU a more environmentally friendly, or “green,” campus.

The ECO Rep program, in its fledgling stage at Coastal, was modeled after a program at Tufts University in Massachusetts. According to Elizabeth Moses of the CCU Campus & Community Sustainability Initiative, the Coastal ECO Reps will be active in such areas as campus recycling programs, a campus waste audit, procurement of recycled products by the university, sustainable food purchasing and campus bikeways.

Moses believes that students can help lead the way to a more sustainable university by involving themselves in these types of projects.

“Students are the campus,” she said, “and we need students involved in any program to make it successful. We’d like the students to not only be involved in programs and projects here on campus, but to spread it to the community.”

Throughout the semester, the students will be working in small groups to make advancements in their respective areas of interest. They will also attend regular meetings. At the end of the semester, each ECO Rep will receive a small stipend for the work he or she has completed.

The first waste analysis is to be conducted on Monday, March 27 outside of the Coastal Science Center. Outfitted in proper safety gear, ECO Reps will be sorting through trash disposed from the building in order to see how much more the university can be recycling.

Christine Lynn, a senior marine science major, is working toward more sustainable purchasing for the university.

“I think it’s important that procurement at Coastal is more environmentally sound because the college as a whole uses a massive amount of supplies,” she said. “If better choices are made on that large of a scale, it will make a big difference.”

Moses would like to see the ECO Rep program continue during future semesters.

“It’s a way to help [sustainability] spread to other students and faculty and staff,” said Moses. “By having some spirited and committed students to lead the way and encourage other students to help build a ‘green campus’ and have a ‘green’ way of life on campus.”

Middlebury College offers language boot camp

by M.G. Fisher

If all of those wishing to learn a foreign language in about two months, there is a place to go—Middlebury College Language School.

Middlebury College is in the state of Vermont and is world-renowned for its summer language courses. The college offers nine, seven and six-week programs each summer in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish.

The language schools are designed to teach students an academic year’s worth of whichever language they are studying. After a student is accepted and arrives at the college, he or she is placed in a “language village” with other students of all ages who are trying to learn the same language.

Throughout the summer, these people live together and attend and perform theater productions, seminars and films which are all delivered in the target language.

The biggest difference between the Middlebury language school and other language schools is that Middlebury is the only college that has a “Language Pledge.” All students are required to sign this pledge upon entrance to the school. It states that the student promises to speak, read, write, and listen to things only in his or her chosen target language. If the pledge is broken, the institution reserves the right to expel the student without providing credit or refunding tuition.

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Summer School is fast approaching! The following is important information you need to know if you are going to use financial aid for summer classes:

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2. May 31st is the deadline date for submitting your Summer application for financial aid. These forms are available in our office or online at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/forms.html. Please bring your Summer class schedule with you to the financial aid office in order to complete your Summer application. It is mandatory to complete the Summer application in order to receive financial aid for Maymester, Summer I and Summer 2 terms.

3. If taking Maymester classes, be prepared to pay tuition since your financial aid may not be processed in time.

4. A minimum of 6 credits is required for Stafford loans.

5. If you are receiving a tuition waiver, you must contact Financial Aid to determine your eligibility for Summer school.

6. The only funds available for the summer terms are the Pell grant, Stafford loans, Parent Plus loans or Alternative Student loans. Complete a Summer school application to determine eligibility.

CHECK YOUR CCU EMAIL AND WEB ADVISOR ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK. If you are not checking your email and Webadvisor you are missing critical and important information. If you do not have an email address, please contact Student Computing at 349-2908. Webadvisor can be accessed by going to webadvisor.coastal.edu.
At least 11 students from Coastal Carolina University did not have an ordinary Spring Break. While the majority of students were working or laying out on the beach, members of Students Taking Active Repsonsibility (S.T.A.R.) and advisor Matt Morrin took a 12,000 mile trip to Brazil. The group went to help build and renovate houses in villages along the Amazon River in association with Rives of the World and Habitat for Humanity. “It was an alternative to a traditional Spring Break,” said Matt Morrin. “It was a mix of service learning and being submerged in different cultures.”

“It’s something I will always remember. I am so lucky that I got to go and meet the ten other students who went, the members of the Presbyterian church who were there as well as the medical staff and team on the boat with us and the kids in the villages.” - Michael “Minkus” Erwin

“An interesting thing that was very different from our culture was how communal everyone was. The whole village shared everything - cows, land, it all belonged to the community. No one just slaughtered a cow to eat for themselves, it had to be an agreement.” - Matt Morrin
"It was great for us to see how lucky we really are and the things that we took for granted that [the people there] were so appreciative of." - Matt Morrin

"The kids wanted to play soccer non-stop. A lot of them had never seen their own photos, so we’d take their pictures and show it to them. They just always wanted to play with us. Everyone really welcomed us into their tight-knit group with open arms and helped us wherever they could." - Michael “Minkus” Erwin

"The last village we collected everything to donate and divided it up into piles and gave it to the 16 families in the village. We just kept giving and it was really cool that we got to give it all away." - Michael “Minkus” Erwin
Congratulations to the six P.O.T.Y. finalists

(Pictured from top to bottom, left to right)

Douglas Smith, Associate Professor in the Spadoni College of Education

Linda Kuykendall, Senior Instructor of Theater and Public Communication in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Randall Wells, Professor of English and Journalism in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

JoAnne Flanders, Senior Instructor of Spanish in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Stephen West, Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Frances Sinclair, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music in the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

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Lady Chants turn season around with sweep

by Kyle B. Ward

Just before Spring Break, I participated in my Yahoo fantasy baseball draft. It was live and I had the seventh pick overall. I figured I’d have to be a trendsetter and select the first pitcher. I was right and I took Johan Santana. When Miggy Cabrera was selected two picks later, I had to restructure.

Jake Peavy and Chris Carpenter went just before I could grab them, but I settled for an up-and-coming Jason Bay; I kick myself because I didn’t pick Roy Oswalt. I get the steal of the draft in CCU settle for an up-and-rising Jason Bay; I figured I’d have to be a first pitcher.

Sabathia and teammate Cliff Lee, hopefully a repeat of 2005 could be in order. Felipe Lopez plays multiple positions, but he’s attractive in many minds. “Pudge” Rodriguez lost 25 pounds, so he should have a solid 2006 at the dish, I hope.

The biggest gamble I took was Seattle’s Adrian Beltre, but he had an off-year at Safeco Field, 2006 is a different year. Closser Bob Wickman looks like a clean sweep for me as I have a slew of the Tribe.

Former Clemson Tiger Khalil Greene is a solid choice at shortstop. My first rookie selection was sleeper Jeremy Hermida of the Marlins, he has a nice bat. The rest of my team includes Matt Clement and David Wells on my pitching staff. My backups are Mike Jacobs, Orlando Cabrera and Johnny Estrada. This in mind, drafting a fantasy baseball team is a lot like adopting a family. You want them to do well, but when they don’t you get angry and you make difficult choices. It’s the Sweet 16, and there’s been a few upsets, bracket busters, whatever you call it; it’s happened. My Final four is a different name school is in the championship, CBS is happy.

Paul Tagliabue is retiring in July, but how scary would the league be if Condoleezza Rice was the Commissioner? She says she’s not interested... yet. Tags was a great commissioner, but why can’t David Stern or Bud Selig get that memo and retire?

Japan wins the WBC... whoo. I still don’t like the timing of it; it seems like it could be something great, but play in November.

It’s that time again...

Big 10 Conference - A mediocre tournament for them - no teams in the Sweet 16 for the first time in a decade. That happens when the selection committee throws in Air Force.

Bruce Pearl - Yes, I’m throwing him under the bus. Before they played Winthrop, he said at a national press conference that Winthrop was the best team in the Big South. Well, I saw Winthrop play, and I wasn’t impressed. They escaped in the tournament title game. Maybe he’s saying that Buzz Peterson is sharing the credit because they were his players. I’ll say this; he has respect for the Big South Conference, but when you say that kind of hooha on camera, no guff for you, pal.

Dallas Cowboys - I’m sorry, the Owens signing baffles me - Bledsoe is horrible. The offensive line is big and low and overrated. Bledsoe will be on his back way too much again this year. I’ll give him until week four of the regular season before TO is TO again.

On Notice: Inside the mind of a Fantasy Baseball draftee

by Kyle B. Ward

I didn’t know I had it; I try not to think about it because it can kind of mess with my head. I was concentrating on getting outs,”

As Kelly Feely drove her in with a single, Pat Kavanagh set the stage with a double and advanced to third on a sacrifice by Burrell in the seventh. Her last no-hitter was against North Florida on March 22.

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Former Clemson Tiger Khalil Greene is a solid choice at shortstop. My first rookie selection was sleeper Jeremy Hermida of the Marlins, he has a nice bat. The rest of my team includes Matt Clement and David Wells on my pitching staff. My backups are Mike Jacobs, Orlando Cabrera and Johnny Estrada. This in mind, drafting a fantasy baseball team is a lot like adopting a family. You want them to do well, but when they don’t you get angry and you make difficult choices. It’s the Sweet 16, and there’s been a few upsets, bracket busters, whatever you call it; it’s happened. My Final four is a different name school is in the championship, CBS is happy.

Paul Tagliabue is retiring in July, but how scary would the league be if Condoleezza Rice was the Commissioner? She says she’s not interested... yet. Tags was a great commissioner, but why can’t David Stern or Bud Selig get that memo and retire?

Japan wins the WBC... whoo. I still don’t like the timing of it; it seems like it could be something great, but play in November.

It’s that time again...

Big 10 Conference - A mediocre tournament for them - no teams in the Sweet 16 for the first time in a decade. That happens when the selection committee throws in Air Force.
Coastal baseball defeats Savannah 5-4

Baseball standings as of March 22:

- March 22 Coastal Carolina 5, Savannah State 4
- March 21 Coll. of Charleston 3, Coastal Carolina 1
- March 19 Coastal Carolina 10, High Point 2
- March 18 High Point 7, Coastal Carolina 6
- March 17 Coastal Carolina 5, High Point 4
- March 12 Coastal Carolina 17, Georgia Southern 13
- March 11 South Alabama 10, Coastal Carolina 2
- March 10 South Alabama 6, Coastal Carolina 5
- March 7 Wake Forest 8, Coastal Carolina 5
- March 5 Coastal Carolina 8, West Virginia 1
- March 4 West Virginia 10, Coastal Carolina 3
- March 3 Furman 7, Coastal Carolina 2
- March 1 Furman 9, Coastal Carolina 6
- Feb. 26 Tennessee 10, Coastal Carolina 6
- Feb. 24 Coastal Carolina 4, Va. Commonwealth 3
- Feb. 21 North Carolina 15, Coastal Carolina 0
- Feb. 19, Coastal Carolina 22, George Mason 6
- Feb. 18 Pittsburgh 6, Coastal Carolina 0
- Feb. 16 George Mason 5, Coastal Carolina 3
- Feb. 17 Pittsburgh 11, Coastal Carolina 5
- Feb. 12 Virginia 8, Coastal Carolina 3
- Feb. 10 Coastal Carolina 9, Campbell 0

Rugby team gains popularity at Coastal

by Daniel Didion

Staff Writer

The mention of the sport rugby conjures ideas of Europe, Australia or New Zealand. But what more and more Coastal Carolina University students are finding out is that this exotic sport is gaining popularity all over, especially on their very own campus.

CCU's budding rugby team has already begun to build a legacy for itself as well as spurring the interest of many student fans.

After one failed attempt by Dr. Furley to establish a team years ago, rugby finally got rolling at CCU three years ago when former computer science professor John Grahain built the current team. Since then, the team has built steam every fall, training and competing in exhibition games and every spring representing CCU in inter-collegiate play.

Many students are still not familiar with CCU's club rugby team. For the players it is only a matter of time before the enthusiastic bunch of what field captain John "Hoe-train" Hoehmann calls "a good group of loyal fans" infect students with their love for the sport.

During every home game the core group of fans has grown in numbers. What is it that attracts people to the sport so much?

Hoehmann says he was "hooked after (his) first game." The game's raw competitiveness appealed to him as an athlete.

For the fans, it is that same excitement that comes from such a visceral physical display. It makes sense that rugby appeals to Americans; after all, rugby is the root from which American football grew.

Another attractive quality for fans of CCU rugby is this year's winning season. As of March 22, CCU has enjoyed its best season ever, going undefeated until its final game of regular season, during which The Citadel was the first team to even score against CCU.

A preview of the 2006 Fantasy Baseball season

by Kyle B. Ward

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Yes folks, it's baseball season once again. The White Sox are shining their rings off and the rest of the American League is itching to knock them off that pedestal.

There are five names in the AL to look out for this season. Adrian Beltre had an off-year in Seattle; I see him turning it around having a solid year. David Ortiz will be phenomenal again in 2006; Coco Crisp and Wily Mo Pena are adequate upgrades from Johnny Damon. Johan Santana should be dominant again in 2006; if he's there when your turn is up, grab him quick. Miguel Tejada will have a solid season; he's frustrated and that scares me.

In the National League, I like Miguel Cabrera. He's 22 and has a great bat; the move to third base will benefit him in the long run. Albert Pujols is gonna have a great season, but it won't be his best year; the Cardinals' offense appears inept in 2006. Dontrelle Willis is a great player in the first half of the season, but he must prove himself in the second half.

Jason Bay is a rising Canadian star for the Pirates. He hit over 30 home runs and had 20 stolen bases.

Just like in football, you can't afford not to be a fan. Ryan Langerhans is not better than Manny Ramirez. Pay attention in your draft; David Ortiz will not last into the 21st round. Well, that just about wraps things up. Happy drafting and good luck to all who are playing.

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Pictured above: Zane Petty is the team's freshman right-handed pitcher. He pitched against Savannah during the game on March 22.

Pictured left: Junior Josh Echhuens hunts to advance the runners at the game against Savannah on March 22.

See the CCU Sports Calendar on page B12 to find out who and when the baseball team plays next.

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Coastal track runs, jumps and throws during weekend meet

**CCU SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Men's Golf**
- April 1-2: Augusta State Invitational in Augusta, Ga. at Forest Hills Golf Course, all-day event.
- April 17-18: Big South Conference Championship in Greenwood, S.C. at The Panther Golf Course, all-day event.

**Women's Golf**
- April 3-4: John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate in Stockbridge, Ga. at Eagle's Landing Golf Course, all-day event.

**Track and Field**
- March 31 and April 1: Big South Conference Challenge in Cullowhee, N.C.
- April 17: Invitational at Duke University, TBA

**Baseball**
- March 28: at Savannah State, 2 p.m.
- March 29: at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
- April 4: at Wake Forest, 3 p.m.

**Softball**
- March 28: at Campbell University, 4 p.m.
- April 2: at Birmingham-Southern, 2 p.m.
- April 4: against the College of Charleston, 4 p.m.
- April 6: against North Carolina State University, 4 p.m.

**Spring Phase II Intramural Sports**
- Begins on March 20:
  - 5-on-5 sand volleyball
  - Softball
  - Dodgeball
  - Indoor soccer

**Photos by Scott Dean**

Pictured top left: Junior Ebrid Cason takes the baton from a teammate during a relay race on March 3.

Pictured top right: Sophomore Kyle Hoddy launches a javelin during the track meet on March 3.

Pictured bottom left: Senior Abbey Bergquist (left runner) and freshman Felicitas Mensing run a distance event with a UNC opponent right behind them during the March 2 track meet.

Pictured bottom right: Senior Johnny Mitchell (left hurdler) and senior Nelson Oliveira run a decathlon in the track meet on March 2.