One year later: Katrina aftermath still problematic

A former New Orleans resident reflects on reconstruction

Ashleigh Gunning
For The Chanticleer

As a student, very much can be accomplished in a year's time: 30 hours of credit earned, a football season completed and countless friendships started. But for students from New Orleans and the entire Gulf of Mexico coastal region, this past year has been so much more.

August 29, 2006 marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina devastating the town which has so fondly been referred to as "The Big Easy." Needless to say, this year has been anything but easy for the 300,000 New Orleans area evacuees.

There are still families living apart from each other, still Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers being used as makeshift homes and the references including before Katrina or after Katrina will be in our language from now on. The

CCU presents Sept. 11 memorial service

"9/11 - Memories and Perspectives" is a memorial service dedicated to the tragic events that took place five years ago on Sept. 11, 2001. The event will be held in the Edwards Recital Hall on Monday, Sept. 11 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Various faculty, staff and students will be presenting different aspects and angles of how people responded and reacted to the tragedy of 9/11/2001. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. The schedule is as follows:

2:30 p.m. Memories
Barry Price, history instructor, First reports
Tom Bair, U.S. Navy, retired, CCU staff, The Pentagon in pictures
Randall Wells, English professor, Visiting Ground Zero
Sean Pierce, CCU Counseling Services, FEMA crisis counselor at WTC

3:15 p.m. Responses
Lee Bollinger, journalism professor with student Meghan Goldfinch, 9/11 headlines
Dan Albergotti, poet and English professor, The poetry of disaster
Arne Flaten, art professor, Responses in the visual arts

4 p.m. Consequences
Ken Townsend, history professor, On the ground in Afghanistan

Paul Olsen, photographer and art professor, Afghanistan: the camera's eye

4:30 p.m. Terrorism, Globalization and Islam

Mike Ruse, philosophy professor, Understanding terrorism
Pam Martin, politics professor, The globalization of terror
Richard Collin, politics professor, Western nations and the world of Islam

Photos by Stephen A. Gunning
Left: An overhead shot of a residential area of New Orleans shows the extensive amount of flood damage that was done to houses and neighborhoods.
Above: A roadway in New Orleans with debris and foliage that was left behind after Hurricane Katrina swept through one year ago.

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### From the desk of the president:

**SGA information and updates**

Well, we made it through Ernesto and I hope everyone had a safe and fun Labor Day weekend. As many of you have seen, College Park has been relatively calm lately and for that I am thankful to everyone who lives and visits over there. Thanks for reading my letter and I hope that it was helpful to you. I was proud to see that nearly no one got into trouble.

The Student Government Association has had a very exciting start to the school year with a successful Senator Retreat and by making quorum at our first meeting. I now have no doubts that we will have a strong and hard working senate to represent the student body. There are still opportunities to get involved, so please feel free to e-mail me or any of the executive officers and we can let you know about what positions are still open.

I want to give a special thanks to Mr. Matt Morrin, Director of Student Activities and Leadership for his service and support to SGA for many years and wish him luck in his career as he leaves Coastal Carolina University. I also want to highlight the achievements of S.T.A.R., CPB and P.R.I.D.E., all of whom had huge turnouts at their first meetings this semester. Keep up the good work!

SGA is hosting the second annual College Park clean-up on Sunday, Sept. 24 at noon.

Students interested in participating should meet in the Santee dorm lobby. All are invited and free food will be provided!

On a personal note, please remember to be kind to each other. Coming back to school and being in close quarters with so many people can be difficult, but if we collectively remember to appreciate each other and be patient, we will be the better for it.

*Quote: “The only people you need in life are the ones who need you in theirs.”*

**Leadership program brand new for Coastal**

**Janet Shokal**

*for The Chanticleer*

**Trevor Arrowood**

*Staff Photographer*

Leadership is a characteristic that everyone possesses and that most want to develop.

Rosalynn Carter, wife of former president Jimmy Carter, said this about a leader: “A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”

Coastal Carolina University now has the opportunity to go places its students never thought it could go. This year, the Office of Student Activities and Leadership developed a new stipend position called the Leadership Programming Coordinator. This position will allow new programs for CCU students to enhance their leadership skills and truly understand what type of leaders they are.

This program hopes to schedule leadership retreats, training sessions, student and organization leaders of the month, O.S.A.L. Leadership Fellows (similar to the Wall Fellows Program,) have nationally recognized speakers give presentations and provide information to students who want to get involved.

The program will serve all clubs, organizations and Greek life at CCU. It will provide programs that offer more leadership opportunities which will help their organization go further than ever before.

These leadership programs and seminars will bring changes and promise to CCU that skeptics would say was impossible. For more information about the new leadership programs, contact Trevor Arrowood at falarrow@coastal.edu or visit the Student Center, room 206A.
After 13 years, University President Ronald R. Ingle is retiring

David Ward
Staff Writer

At this moment, Coastal Carolina University is conducting an extensive search to decide who will assume the presidency, following the end of President Ronald R. Ingle's 13-year tenure.

The imminent selection could not have come at a more critical time. With rapid growth in both enrollment and infrastructure, CCU has reached a turning point as an academic institution. The next president will take the center stage in leading CCU into the 21st century and to even greater heights.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Presidential Search Advisory Committee representative of the university community. This advisory committee will be composed of ten members drawn from various fields and positions. Committee members include student body president Janet Shokal and faculty senate member David W. Evans.

The board has selected Greenwood & Associates to advise and support the selection process. Greenwood & Associates is a consulting firm, based in Miramar Beach, Fla., that specializes in executive searches in higher education.

The president enjoys broad authority for the administration of the university, overseeing an annual operating budget of $105 million. The president is also the primary spokesperson for CCU and is expected to foster good relations with the community while making friends and raising funds to expand the university's resource base. Moreover, the president will be charged with smoothly implementing CCU's strategic plan and cultivating strong relations with constituencies in the external community.

The list of expectations and criteria formulated by the Advisory Committee include:
- Managing an environment of rapid growth;
- Secure funding and other resources from public and private sources;
- Ensuring continual improvement of all university functions;
- Refining and implementing an enrollment and retention management strategy; and
- Developing and implementing a strong program of legislative and governmental relations.

Among all of these duties the most important role the president plays is to provide overall leadership and direction for the university. It is in this role that the president fashions the future of CCU as a premier undergraduate institution.

Every student attending CCU has a voice in who is selected as the university's next president.

For information regarding the Advisory Committee and the selection processes, go to CCU's Web site and click on the Presidential Search link. If you have ideas or opinions about the search, contact student body president Janet Shokal or your student senate representative.

This illustration depicts the enormous amount of positive changes that have taken place at Coastal Carolina University since 1993 when it severed its affiliation with the University of South Carolina and became a separate college.
Katrina, from page 1

good part is that many families are together living in those FEMA trailers “after Katrina.”

The most important thing to remember is that the character of the city of New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast will not disappear. The region has not backed down; the people have not given up and although there is controversy involving the government’s help, the people have helped each other.

Of those 300,000 New Orleans area evacuees, an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 initially relocated to Houston. Most were greeted with open arms and received help in a desperate time of need. Area residents opened their homes and businesses to the evacuees.

Conversely, in some of the more crowded parts there was racial tension and conflict among evacuees and the residents of the towns to which they evacuated.

The hard truth for many of these evacuees at that point was that they had nothing: no family, no resources, no form of communication (due to cell phone towers and land phone lines being down) and no knowledge of the conditions of their homes they left just days before. These people were fleeing for themselves in a new town, not knowing if the worst natural disaster in our country’s history had destroyed all there was to their town.

A year later, there are still concerns. For David Meeks, city editor of The Times Picayune, the largest concern for the citizens of New Orleans is to “offer a chance to come back (to New Orleans), and by that I mean something to come back to.”

The difficulties with which these same individuals are still struggling with today is an endless list, but some of the broadest problems include:

- More than 100,000 of the 188,000 households in New Orleans were swamped by at least four feet of water, some by as much as 12 feet.
- 99.8 percent of the homes in St. Bernard Parish (New Orleans’s surrounding area) were damaged by an average of 10 feet of flood water.
- The population of New Orleans dropped from 400,000 pre-Katrina to about 260,000 post-Katrina.
- In the luxurious Lakeview area, only 10 percent of the occupants living in the 7,400 households have chosen to return to live.
- Congress has approved only a $5 billion budget for a new levee system, which experts say is not nearly enough.
- Hotel occupancy in the famous French Quarter section of town is down 10 to 20 percent from last year.
- Unemployment is the highest it has been in recent memory at 7.2 percent.
- The rent for a two-bedroom apartment has increased 29 percent since pre-Katrina.

Two weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, President George Bush gave his first public address from the hurricane-torn city. In that address he pledged, “We will do what it takes, we will stay as long as it takes to help citizens rebuild communities and their lives.” He closed by saying, “This too shall pass.”

But maybe the best hope isn’t that this time just passes without notice. So much can be learned from this disaster, as Robert Block, co-author of “Disaster: Hurricane Katrina and the Failure of Homeland Security,” said during a Center for American Progress meeting. The nation can reevaluate the future city planning, disaster relief, government involvement at a state level and the process of preserving a national gem.

Editor’s note: The reporter is a transfer student from Louisiana State University.
President Ingle gives last State of the University Address

Kevin Yates
Staff Writer

For those students not in attendance at the annual State of the University address held in the Wheelwright Auditorium on Aug. 30, a great opportunity was missed to hear a brief synopsis of Coastal Carolina University’s future plans, as well as its current state.

After a comically warming introduction from Student Government Association president Janet Shokal, University President Ronald R. Ingle took the stage to deliver what would be his final State of the University address.

The first topic up for discussion on Ingle’s agenda was the bus stop located at Spadoni Park. Ingle indicated the stop as being a green power model built in conjunction with Santee Cooper to reduce CCU’s dependence on coal-generated power. The Smith Science building will house the instruments needed to measure the amount of power generated. Ingle humorously admitted to being skeptical about the project saying, “I asked Santee Cooper to run an extension cord to a single light bulb to prove to me that something is really happening.” Ingle also mentioned Santee Cooper as being a generous donor to the university and expressed his hopes for a continued partnership.

A number of matters concerning his future successor were discussed throughout the address. Among these was the need for a new science building and major expansion of the student center on CCU’s campus. Ingle conveyed his optimism for the upcoming General Assembly to pass a bill allotting funds for the new campus additions.

“These are facilities that demand attention if we are to claim institutional quality,” Ingle remarked.

As Ingle approaches the end of his tenure as president of the university, he is making clear that a smooth transition for his successor is expected. A President’s Cabinet of University Vice Presidents has been established by Ingle that will provide support for his successor into his leadership position. Ingle pointed out that his minor separation from the university would not completely break his bond with CCU.

“This action does not signify my isolation from the day-to-day affairs of campus life; my daily interactions with you are my greatest enjoyment - a key part of my dream job - and I will continue to roam campus.”

College Park: Found the new way to Coastal yet?

A student shares his perspective of the ensuing issues with a local neighborhood

Adam Lowder
Staff Writer

As a College Park resident for the past two years, I felt compelled to write this story when it came across my editor’s desk because it touches home with me.

For those who are unaware of where College Park is or better yet what it is, College Park is not the problem residential area it is rumored to be. Everyone has heard the rumors, “Don’t go to College Park or you’ll get arrested,” “The cops want to arrest you,” “You’ll be kicked out of CCU if you go there.” That is why I am writing this, to inform the student body what exactly has been going on in College Park recently and what has to be done to make the situation better.

I was lucky enough to interview Dr. Lynette Willett, vice president of student affairs, as well Dr. Richard Weldon, vice president for administration and finance. These two were influential in the College Park path that was constructed after the bridge was taken down.

After talking with them for a while, I realized that the university is not trying to make the students miserable and it is not about spoiling anyone’s fun. It is more about making life easier for everyone. They were more than obliged to talk to me and help get the word out to both the freshmen on campus as well as the College Park residents. We all agreed that there was more rumor than truth flying around the university, so I am here trying to set the record straight.

This past summer, the bridge that had been getting students to and from campus from College Park was removed for various reasons. There had been a lot of noise complaints from the residents and vandalism and indecent acts being committed to the houses on Converse Lane.

University President Ronald R. Ingle did not want to remove the bridge at first because it helps keep Coastal Carolina University’s parking problems at bay because good portions of upperclassmen live right by campus, as well as some faculty.

Once the bridge had been removed, the area was uprooted within the community that involved letters being written and calls being made to the school to find out why the bridge was gone and what the students were supposed to do about getting to classes. In response, a path was constructed behind the Carolina Pines apartment complex that leads right into the back of the Santee dorm.

This has worked so far in reducing the vandalism, which was the main problem to begin with. It does not go by any houses, so the noise complaints are down as well. CCU is different than typical colleges. Larger D-1 schools have some type of recreational setting for their students. CCU does not have a strip of bars to walk down to like Eastern Carolina University or Clemson University. We also do not have Greek housing, so College Park is a nearby area for students to release and have a good time during their inaugural year. Myrtle Beach is 10 miles away and unless students are 21-year-old freshmen, it is unlikely that they will be heading towards Broadway at the Beach.

I am proud to say I am a College Park veteran, so I have had the opportunities to see firsthand what happens around the area. I have been around when students were harassed by the police, but I have also been a witness of when the police have been lenient.

The cops are lenient, but students need to show respect by not talking back and not running away. If the police see a student as a level-headed college student just looking for a good time, the punishment will be less severe.

We need to understand that the university is not calling the police on the student-residents, it is the other non-student residents. The vandalism and noise some students are causing make the people who have lived there for years miserable. That is the whole problem; some students do not realize by acting this way they are ruining the privilege for everyone.

This path we have is a privilege; it can still be taken away if we do not use it responsibly. College Park residents need this path, freshmen need this path, so we have to make sure it stays around. This path helps eliminate the need to drink and drive, plus
Crime Log

Aug. 28
Alcohol violation/possession of drug paraphernalia
While on patrol near the Residence Hall Security Building, the officer noticed that the driver had dropped a person off near the dorm area. When he stopped the vehicle to talk to the driver, he noticed that there was alcohol in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle also produced a glass pipe.

Aug. 26
Simple possession of marijuana/possession of drug paraphernalia
During a traffic stop on University Blvd., the driver appeared to be intoxicated. The officer asked the subject if a search of his vehicle could be conducted. He gave consent and during the search, a green leafy substance was found. The driver was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Aug. 26
Larceny
The victim stated that while she was sitting at a table outside of The Commons, she placed her Coach bag on the table and turned around to light a cigarette. When she returned, she noticed that her bag was missing.

Aug. 26
Public disorderly conduct
The reporting officer was dispatched to check about a vehicle in the ditch on University Blvd. When he arrived on the scene, he noticed a subject staggering around the vehicle. When he approached the subject, the subject became disorderly, and was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Aug. 26
Sexual assault
A victim at University Place stated that she had gone to the room of a friend and during the time that she was there, he had sexually assaulted her.

Aug. 28
Burglary
The victim stated that a female was talking to her in her office at HGTC. During the conversation, the victim went to take care of some business and when she returned, the subject had left her office and her wallet was missing.

Aug. 29
Weapons violation/possession of crack.
During routine patrol, the reporting officer noticed a certain vehicle enter the University Place dorm area. The vehicle was familiar to the officer because of a previous problem that had occurred at UP. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and during the stop it was determined that the passenger in possession of a firearm. The subject was arrested and during a search of his person, was found to be in possession of "crack" cocaine. The subject was transported to the county detention center.

Sept. 6
Fugitive apprehension
The reporting officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Hwy 544. During the stop, it was determined that the passenger in the vehicle was wanted by the Horry County Police. The passenger was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCUDPS

Bookmarks: What's new with the library

Margaret Fain
For The Chanticleer

Do you want to know what's new in the library? Do you want to know when you can finally buy a cup of coffee there? Bookmarks is the place to find out. Each week, a librarian or student assistant will be highlighting different resources and services that the library offers. This week, the focus is on what's new in the library this fall.

To begin with, the library has received a "facelift." New chairs have been acquired for the study, presentation, computer and instruction rooms. Three presentation rooms have been constructed on the second floor for students to use while practicing for class presentations. The equipment for these rooms will be arriving soon. The larger room serves as an overflow instruction room this fall.

The new Java City Cafe is under construction and should be finished in late September and the new first floor instruction room is nearly finished. With the new Java City Cafe opening soon, we have redesigned the food and drink policy. Beverages are allowed in the library only in sturdy resealable containers. Absolutely no food is allowed in the library, except for food being consumed at the cafè.

The library is a lot quieter now since the new cell phone policy went into effect. The number one complaint of students last year was the noise level in the library and the ringing of cell phones. This year, students are being asked to turn their phones to silent upon entering the library.

The second floor is now a place for silent study and groups are asked to meet on the first floor or in study rooms.

Over the summer, we relocated all the circulating materials on the second floor of the library. 19 library staff and five student assistants moved over 90,000 items and over 4,700 shelves. The main stacks are now in A-Z call number order.

 Portions of the Media Collection were also moved. The DVDs and videos are now located in the back right corner of the second floor.

Further renovations to the library will be taking place during the spring semester and over next summer. A new information common area with additional student computers is in the plans, along with relocating the reference stacks and the current magazines.

We hope you enjoy the new chairs and enhancements to the library.
The First Year Experience Program (FYE) is starting off on the right foot for its first semester at Coastal Carolina University. Students and staff are all putting forth the effort to help the freshmen students have a fun and successful college experience.

The new University 110 classes are in full swing and the students are discussing the BIG READ novel, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time." The textbook for the class is "Getting the Most Out of College," by Arthur W. Chickering and Nancy K. Schlossberg. There are now 65 sections of this course.

The new Advising Center, also a part of FYE, is located on the second floor of the Eldred E. Prince building. Advisers are welcoming and willing to help freshmen students with their first year of college. There are eight advisers and all freshmen students have been assigned to one adviser. Students must report to their adviser before making alterations to their schedules.

"For the first time, freshmen will not be allowed to add or drop classes from their schedules. They have to meet with their academic advisers before any changes are made," said Jason Springer, the interim director for academic advising. The advisers are in their offices Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also included in the Advising Center is the Peer Mentoring Program. There are 20 students who have volunteered their time to be mentors. Mentors will be making visits to the University 110 courses to speak to the freshmen about college life, study skills, extracurricular activities and other interesting topics.

"I love being a mentor. I'm excited to get to know all the new freshmen and hopefully be able to help many get to know more about Coastal and find their own niche among the campus," said Samantha "Sam" LeClair, a peer mentor.

"We want to support them and provide them with information and an environment where they can be happy and successful," said Springer during a peer mentoring class.

During these classes, students work in groups along with advisers to think of different ways to keep students on campus.

"I didn't have the best year my freshman year, and had thought about transferring," said LeClair, "but by becoming involved in things I found my place here. So I wanted to share my experiences with the new students to show them all the possibilities there are at Coastal. I definitely think the program will be successful."

Peer mentors will reflect on and evaluate their own experiences while exploring college student development.

"We just want to help students get where they want to be," said Springer.

Academic advisers:

Aggie O'Brien-Gayes
Brianne Parker
Frances Richmond
Lauri Wood
Marcella Greene
Penny Oakley
Jason Springer
Carrie Ann Willis

Pictured far left: Interim Director for Academic Advising Jason Springer discusses FYE training with peer mentor Brette Wilson during a mentoring class. Left: Springer advises the peer mentors on what to tell freshmen students when they are visiting FYE classes.
Point/Counterpoint: Should college couples live together?

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

College is a time in the majority of young adults' lives when they meet the person who they will spend the rest of their lives with. After college (or sometimes even during college) a young couple will decide to get married. The most important step a couple can take before taking the big plunge into marriage is cohabitation.

When a person lives with their significant other exclusively, the relationship ascends to a completely new level of trust, intimacy and comfort if the relationship is a healthy one. Many couples will find they don't have what it takes to last after they move in together; it is better to learn this before marriage than it would be to get married and find out that you're not compatible.

When you live with your partner, you enter into a more intimate setting that cannot be achieved when you live in separate homes. Intimacy, both sexual and asexual, is a crucial aspect of any healthy relationship. If two people do not connect, or have "chemistry," the relationship is doomed to be dull.

It goes right along with compatibility; a couple may feel as if they are compatible with each other, but then again when they aren't living together and aren't seeing each other every single day, true compatibility is easily mistaken for a more innocent, friendly relationship that more often than not involves great sex.

People do act differently when they are in their respective abodes. They are more relaxed and don't feel as if they need to put on a face for the general public. When a couple lives together in the same home, they can truly let those walls down and be themselves around each other.

It's true that a couple can understand each other's habits and morals without living together, but when they share the same space they can each see how the other truly applies those habits and morals to their daily lives, both out in the world and in the home.

Moving in with a partner is a commitment both to the relationship and to the living situation. Each person promises to pay rent or bills and take care of the house or apartment they are sharing. The way a person takes care of their home can sometimes be a good indication of how they take care of themselves or the people they care about.

All in all, there are steps that inevitably need to be taken in every romantic relationship. They should always be taken for the right reasons and at a point in the relationship that makes the most sense for both parties involved. Moving in with a partner is not a decision that should be taken lightly, because once you have signed that lease or those mortgage papers, a true commitment has been made.

At some point in every relationship a couple has to decide what is the next step. For college-aged couples there are a few options; having a baby, moving in together or getting married. For some couples the order in which these events should be done is apparent. For others, it is a little less apparent.

College-aged couples living together exclusively is not a good idea. Statistically, (and you can research this to make sure I am not pulling your chain) divorce is more prevalent in couples that cohabitate before marriage than it is in couples that do not.

Some say it is a good thing to live together before marriage to "see if it is going to work out." This is a lame excuse to acquire a get out of jail free card. Really, what can you learn about your partner by living with them that you can't learn by spending all of your time together, but maintaining separate households? You could learn that they don't put the toilet seat down, or they don't take the trash out right away. If these are things that can make you decide that you don't love your partner enough to be with them. Then by all means, move in together.

If you think that there is some earth shattering thing that you are going to learn about them, some flaw in their moral system or that they torture small animals in the basement, or that they are in fact a gigolo, then maybe you have bigger problems then deciding whether to move in together.

Living together without getting married is just another way to leave things open-ended. You test your partner and their habits and decide whether you are willing to be with them based on whatever tests you set up. Without any kind of real commitment, it is easier to leave if things don't necessarily go the way that you think they should. You are not promised to stay with them through thick and thin, no matter how bad things get, no matter how much the world wants you to fail. You are promising to stay with them until their domestic habits drive you crazy and you can find another apartment and get away free and clear.

I am not advocating just getting married because you think your partner is your soulmate. I am advocating knowing your partner inside and out, really knowing them. If you have this kind of relationship, then there is not one little quirk that living with them will teach you that will be enough for you to give up on them.

Know your partner, and whether you stay together or not will not depend on something as silly as an address.

Book review: "I Am Charlotte Simmons" good read for students

Ashley Taliana
Senior Editor

"I Am Charlotte Simmons" by Tom Wolfe chronicles the freshman year of a sheltered prodigy from the mountains of North Carolina at the legendary Dupont University. Charlotte, who finally escapes her ignorant high school surroundings, is confronted with even more shocking, juvenile antics from her collegiate classmates. Her visions of an academic haven are shattered by a trampy, spoiled roommate, beer-guzzling frat boys and terms such as "sexed" and "dormcest."

Through her, all of the other main characters are developed. These characters include Joel Johansen, the basketball superstar whose star is quickly burning out; Hoyt Thorpe, the arrogant, attractive frat boy; and Adam Gellin, the precious, long-winded newspaper reporter.

Charlotte's simplistic upbringing in Sparta, N.C. leaves her at the bottom of Dupont's food chain. Dupont's catty, upper crust females devour Charlotte... complete in their Diesel jeans and pointy boots. It's her purity and naivety though, that draws the attention of men from different social strata across campus.

Wolfe gives an accurate portrayal of college life in the 2000s. It's an excellent read for college students, especially freshmen. (676 pages will be a breeze with a freshman course load. Wink, wink.)

Freshmen may find this read too be a comfortable peer, while upperclassmen will be conjured with memories of their first year at school. The setting can be adapted to almost any traditional four-year college with a school newspaper and athletics department. Throughout the book I couldn't help but find eerie similarities between the characters at Dupont and ones here at Coastal Carolina University.

Kudos to Wolfe who thoroughly did his homework on the "American University" of this millennium. References to "Old School," our generation's "Animal House," were cute details that exercised the author's knowledge of the vernacular of today's university student.

Wolfe brings these characters to life with his detailed descriptions of their thoughts, feelings and actions. I felt as if Charlotte was someone who went to CCU. I enjoyed her triumphs and failures in her miseries. Much to the dismay of my boyfriend, I spoke about her trials and tribulations as if she were someone we knew. Frankly, I was sad when the book found its conclusion.

At first I was weary of the length but found it so enjoyable to read, I burned through the pages. The only thing I found regretful was the ending. It was somewhat deflated compared to the rest of the book. The last two chapters just weren't consistent.

After 600 pages, it seemed like Wolfe lost his "mojo."

Albeit, I would still recommend reading "I Am Charlotte Simmons." It's a soap opera you can "tune-in" to for as long as or as little as you please. This can't be said about your reality drama shows like Laguna Beach; hey, you'll still have to wait a whole seven days to see what Jason and Lauren are up to.
Like it or not: The editor speaks out

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

It's been months since I received my last traffic violation ticket. I've been driving like a saint ever since, because, quite frankly, I thought if I got another ticket, I'd have enough points on my license to have it revoked.

To be completely honest, I'm not sure exactly how many points I do have, but unless I show up for my court date on the 13th of this month, I'll have four more.

Let me set the stage for you: it's late Tuesday evening and I've been on campus since 8 a.m. I had a pretty rough day and I just wanted to get home. I'm approaching the stop sign at the bookstore and University Boulevard and I can see that no other cars are around, so I just scoot through the stop sign. In my eagerness to get to my apartment, I drive a little faster than the speed limit. OK, maybe 20 miles over the 35 mph limit.

Then, in my rearview mirror, I see the flash, flashing lights of a campus police car. Hoping he was just trying to get past me, I slowed down a little to let him by, but lo and behold he stayed right on my tail until I pulled over to the side of the road.

Granted, I did run a stop sign and speed quite a bit, so I deserved to be pulled over. But I truly had no idea that campus police had state jurisdiction.

Needless to say, I was utterly shocked when Officer Hendrick came back to my car after taking my license, registration and proof of insurance, and presented me with a State of South Carolina Uniform Traffic Ticket.

I must give Officer Hendrick my thanks, however. Instead of giving me two citations for my two violations, he only ticketed me for speeding and issued me a campus citation for running the stop sign. I am very grateful to him for this; my speeding ticket alone is $180 and four points. Had he ticketed me for both violations, I would have had to pay $387 and had a whopping eight points added to my license. The campus citation only requires me to pay $35.

The point of this short story is to make sure students are aware that campus policemen DO have federal jurisdiction and if you get pulled over, they will ticket you. I've learned my lesson the hard way; don't follow in my footsteps. My advice to you: follow all road signs and laws, be sure to keep all required paperwork in your vehicles at all times and be courteous to all police officers.

A brief sidenote:

At least five times a week, I find myself either walking inside or outside the Student Center and having my ears blown away by the extremely loud chime of the bell tower. I realized that I have no idea why this bell tower was constructed and what purpose it serves other than chiming on the hour. I am also puzzled over the fact that it seems to go off at random times, for an unusually long period of time.

If anyone can let me know exactly what this bell's presence is commemorating and why it was constructed, I would be most obliged. I think that if I knew it's purpose, my ears would feel less violated.

Letters to the editor

In response to last issue's (Aug. 28 - Sept. 10, 2006) "Staff editorial: Premier education promise goes unfulfilled," I have to point out that I was initially disappointed to learn that a fellow CCU senior was not satisfied with the level of education he/she has received at CCU.

I was disappointed, that is, until I learned that this student was holding the university at fault, expressing such sentiments as he/she has not been thoroughly trained by CCU in his/her future career, and that he/she feels unprepared for that career.

As a student who feels no such bitterness, allow me to retort; the cumulative purpose of an undergraduate university is not to train students for a particular career, for this is designated to vocational schools, master's programs, internships (which are offered in plenty at CCU) and on-the-job training. What it is to have a graduate university is not to train students for a particular career, for this is designated to vocational schools, master's programs, internships (which are offered in plenty at CCU) and on-the-job training.

The attempt is to mold the young-minded youth into rational, life-long learners, capable of making informed and intelligent decisions in whatever field or situation they may enter in life.

If you notice, many college graduates never enter the career field they studied in college, but they are generally prepared for multiple potential scenarios. The goal is not a one-dimensional individual who is good at one job, but a multi-dimensional character prepared for success regardless of the situation. A foundation is created here and it our responsibility to build on that foundation. Just as anything else in life, it is what you make of it.

Mola Lenghi, CCU senior history major

Children's books not for children

I don't quite understand how in our society today, a child can visit his/her local bookstore, go to the children's section and pick up a book that includes death, social services and a world that is controlled and secluded.

I made a visit to Barnes & Noble recently and asked the clerk for a book called "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. The clerk led me to the children's section and I was a little confused because I was quite sure that this book didn't include anything a child would be remotely interested in at such a young age.

In the novel, Lowry describes this community that is created and controlled by the people. When born, these people are assigned a mother and father and as they get older, they are assigned a job that they will keep until they are "retired from the community." A young child wouldn't understand the thematic depth of this novel.

The Lemony Snicket series is also in the children's section in Barnes & Noble. In the first book, the Baudelaire children turn into Baudelaire orphans within the first few pages because their parents die in a huge fire. The term 'orphans' would definitely be a new word in a six-year-old child's vocabulary.

The Baudelaire orphans then go through a series of mean events with their various guardians. Even though the story is presented in a pretty simple way, I still feel that children wouldn't quite understand what's going on.

Maybe it is just me and my conservative belief that children should be exposed to certain things at a specific age.

Raytava Evans, CCU sophomore English major

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Features

Foreign program hosts Study Abroad Fair
Students find out how they can take courses while overseas

Elizabeth Freudiger
Staff Writer

The Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) held an international studies fair from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6 on the Prince Lawn. The event opened the door of opportunity for students who are curious about traveling and experiencing other cultures.

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Studying abroad is a unique and exciting way to earn credits, and in some programs students can even get a dual-degree. In addition, it is something that looks good on a resume, and depending on the program chosen, students can learn to speak a different language which counts as a job skill.

“The international study program is beneficial for students because not only does it help students learn about other cultures, it also helps them [become] more aware of themselves,” says CCU student Seraphim Beck.

Some programs may have special requirements but not many. If you’re thinking about signing up for a program a few semesters from now, you should start getting things together.

“It’s never too early to plan,” says the director of International Programs and Services, Geoffrey J. Parsons.

If you missed the fair, don’t worry because applying is easy. All you have to do is call the Office of International Studies at (843) 349-2094 and make an appointment. The office is located in a white mobile home on campus in between the gym and the back of the Eldred E. Prince building. Don’t miss out on a great chance to explore the world.

International students visited CCU for two weeks in August and September through the Office of International Programs and Services.

Photo by Ashley Talaim

Black and Gold pageant returns for fifth year

Claire Arambula
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, the Nu Phi chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity presented its fifth annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant. This pageant honors the beauty and achievements of young ladies who strive to scholastically succeed throughout their college education. This year’s theme was “The Reign of a Golden Legacy.”

This year’s contestants included four young ladies, all looking to take the crown from last year’s winner, Tyesha Davis.

Taryn A. Bell, 20, a senior psychology major from Baltimore, M.D. Contestant number two, Latoya Eaddy, 20, is a junior Health Promotions major from Latta, S.C. Senior and Psychology major, Andrea Ferdinand, 19, of McCormick, S.C. was contestant number three.

And last but not least, Britney Johnson, 20, is an Early Childhood Education Major from Darlington, S.C.

Each contestant participated in five exciting phases of competition: the Introduction of Contestants, the highly-anticipated Swimsuit Competition, the Performing Arts phase, the Evening Gown walk and finally the Intellectual Expression of each individual.

The band “Exclusive” kept the audience entertained in between phases and the show’s hosts kept the crowd laughing until the contestants were ready to make their appearances.

The ladies put on quite a show for their audience with talents such as dancing, playing music and reciting monologues. They shared their platforms and future goals, and their inner beauty shined brighter than their sparkling gowns. However, despite how well each contestant performed or how beautiful she looked, there could only be one winner.

Ferdinand was named first runner-up. And the winner for the year 2006, ladies and gentleman, your new Miss Black and Gold, Latoya Eaddy!

Eaddy will go on to represent Coastal Carolina University in the fraternity’s state pageant, and will hopefully advance further. Good luck, Latoya! To all of the contestants who competed in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, congratulations!

Far left: Pageant winner Latoya Eaddy models during the Black and Gold Pageant’s swimsuit competition.

Left: All four of the lady competitors of the Black and Gold Pageant pose dressed in traditional garb.

The award for Miss Congeniality was given to Taryn A. Bell. Second runner-up went to the lady dressed in pink, Ms. Britney Johnson. Andrea

Photos by Trevor Arraswood
Campus Edge not what some students expected

Lauren Merritt
Staff Writer

What is the buzz about Campus Edge? There is a new complex in town, and it has been grabbing everyone’s attention ever since construction began last February. But is it really all it’s cracked up to be?

Campus Edge is new to the Coastal Carolina University community this semester, and with more than 2,000 new students entering CCU, it could not have come at a better time.

Located on S.C. 544 directly in front of University Place, Campus Edge offers all the amenities of off-campus living, with a few luxurious extras such as a recreation center, tanning beds, high-definition televisions and a pool lounge area.

Despite these new amenities, students’ feelings are mixed. Although they report that any off-campus living is better than dealing with resident assistants (R.A.s) and checkpoints, many had several problems while moving into their new place.

Jessica, a sophomore at CCU, moved in after living on campus at University Place her freshman year.

“I have had some major problems at first, like trouble with my hot water running, and getting the T.V. to work correctly, but you can’t beat the location. It’s just a few minutes from campus, and adjacent to [University Place], so my commute is easy and I’ve met so many new people at Coastal after moving here.”

Others’ experiences have not been so pleasant. CCU student Alana Carpenter says she was living in a “construction zone” when she moved into her Campus Edge apartment.

“Campus Edge is ridiculous. I’ve been without hot water, electricity, and moved into the dirtiest apartment.”

Not everyone has had a hard time at Campus Edge, however. Jason, a junior at CCU, likes his new place.

“I’ve lived just about everywhere around here from campus to Campus Pointe and Carolina Forest, and I like this place the best so far. I’m living with my best friends, and the rent is just as reasonable as UP, just without the R.A.s and checkpoints.”

So overall, how do “the critics” rate Campus Edge? Ours give it a 6.8.

Jason adds, “the community and people are already amazing, and after they work out a few kinks, it’ll be great.”

Jackson Center to host seminars on moral issues

Neal Causey
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m., Coastal Carolina University’s Tea & Ethics series will host a presentation entitled “Is ‘Doin’ What Comes Naturally’ Ethical?” The discussion will be held in room 137 of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

This discussion will be led by Robert Bass, CCU assistant professor of philosophy, and Nils Rauhut, associate professor of philosophy and chair of CCU’s philosophy department.

This event is free and open to the public. Tea will be served free of charge.

A repeat of this presentation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Myrtle Beach.

This event will discuss issues such as whether living in harmony with nature will lead to a happier life, the feasibility of this philosophy working in today’s world, and whether the idea of living in agreement with nature has lost its appeal.

Bass holds a bachelor’s degree from Wofford College, and a master’s degree and a doctorate in philosophy from Bowling Green State University. Rauhut studied philosophy and history at the University of Regensburg in Germany. He holds a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Washington in Seattle.

The next Tea & Ethics event is “Loving What We Eat: A Case for (Not) Eating Meat” and will be led by CCU assistant professor of philosophy, Renee Smith. This discussion will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at The Living Room, a coffeehouse in Myrtle Beach.

The final Tea & Ethics event for the fall 2006 semester is entitled “Cut Down the Pine Forest and Build a Mall—What’s the Problem?” and will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 4:30 p.m. This presentation will take place in room 244 of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

This discussion will be led by Chris Podeschi, CCU assistant professor of sociology, and Yoav Wachman, CCU assistant professor of economics. A repeat of this presentation will take place on Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waccamaw Higher Education Center.

The Tea & Ethics series is sponsored by CCU’s Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values. The Jackson Center seeks to promote the importance of personal and professional integrity in the college and the wider community. The center pledges to hold forums discussing ethical issues that affect science, business, education, the arts, and the humanities. The Jackson Center also awards scholarships to students and sponsors visiting scholars.

Claudia McCollough is director of the Jackson Center and can be reached at 349-2440 for further information.
Coastal Crossroads
Where culture and entertainment collide

CD review: Gym Class Heroes define indie hip-hop

Chuck Plunkett
Entertainment Writer

In their sophomore release, this foursome out of Geneva, N.Y. proves that there is such a thing as indie hip-hop. On July 24, 2006, Gym Class Heroes released the album “As Cruel as School Children,” a 14-track album under Decaydance and Fueled by Ramen records.

It is easy to tell the band spent more time in the studio with this album than with their previous release, “The Paper Cut Chronicles.” The CD is not as raw and depressing as their first release but rather is packed full with great lyrics, put on top of tracks that anyone can dance to.

It also seems as if they had more fun recording this album. The lyrics can be comical at times, all the while remaining relevant and meaningful. All of these new elements are featured on the album’s first single, “New Friend Request,” a clever and refreshing look at one of the most popular sites out there, Myspace.com. A remix of this track is also found on the soundtrack for the new movie, “Snakes On a Plane.”

The album is co-produced by Patrick Stump of punk rock group Fall Out Boy, and he is also featured on the chorus of the track “4th Period: Clothes Off!” The song is strictly a party song with a good beat to it.

Also featured on the album is the lead singer of The Academy Is..., William Beckett. Both Stump and Beckett are label-mates with Gym Class Heroes, and William is featured on the track “7th Period: 7 weeks.” The track is an ode to the tough road that smaller bands travel while out on tour.

There is also a three-part track spread out on the album titled, “Sloppy Love Jingle, Parts One, Two and Three.” The tracks are a poetic acapella account of the lead singer Travis’ encounter with a beautiful girl at a bar.

“As Cruel As School Children” is an album that anyone can put on in their car, at home or at a party and just let the whole thing play. Fans of The Roots, Fall Out Boy, The Academy Is... and Talib Kweli should listen to Gym Class Heroes. They can be found online at www.myspace.com/gymclassheroes, www.purevolume.com/gymclassheroes or www.gymclassheroes.com.

Crossword puzzle
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Across:
4. Oblige
5. Restaurant dinner listing
6. Italian herb
7. Scratch
9. African antelope
10. Cast metal
12. Hearing part
14. Cut grass
16. Single
19. Sport group
20. Tawdry
22. Ran away
23. Scandinavian
24. Tooth
26. Blue - pencil
29. Domain
30. Day O’Connor
32. Sonny
33. Suggest
35. Grabs
36. O. T. Prophet
38. Letter part
40. Roman dozen
42. Belied
44. Zeal

46. Lettuce and toppings
47. Adolescent
48. Atop (2 words)
49. Rebutted
53. Befits
56. Calm
57. _____ Rummy (card game)
59. Isolated
60. Glass kitchenware
61. Comedian's opposite
63. Capital of Saudi Arabia
64. Moray

Down:
1. Compass point
2. Enraged
3. Tames
8. Buzz
10. Acting
11. Asian country
13. Fleece
15. Jetty
17. Looking at
18. Come close to
21. Composer

24. Mud
25. Loathe
27. Shin
28. Religious person
31. Cancers symptom
33. Kimono sash
34. Basic
35. Element
36. False god graven image
37. Skirt edge
39. Egyptian river
41. Minds
42. Elbowing
43. Trickery
45. Manner
46. Sneak
50. Bubbly
51. Navy color
52. Santa's helper
53. Encounter
54. Thai
55. Affirmative
58. Fence opening
60. Crony
62. North by west

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I killed a man in Rome. He was North African, I think. Black-faced like volcanic glass. He grabbed my arm and said, "Mon-ee, mon-ee!" I was on the path that follows the Northern side of the Tiber. I was going to take a right at the next bridge to cross into Testraverde for dinner. If I'd left my hotel one minute earlier, I'd be in Testraverde, not a murderer. He grabbed my arm and I pushed him to the edge of the path without thinking. I pushed him to the short wall above the river.

He went over easily and I heard him scream for a moment. There was no sound of a splash. I looked over the edge and saw him on a cement path that followed the river at least to the next bridge. His legs were on either side of his ears; stopped in the middle of a somersault. His arms stretched out, fingers on both hands splayed. He looked like a clown. I almost laughed. He did not look like a dead man.

A moment later I felt it. The sickening drop of internal temperature. The awakening from a dream that never happened. I walked to the bridge and crossed into Testraverde.

The lady at the hotel desk said that the trattorias in Testraverde were the best in Italy. I had gotten used to hearing things of this nature, but I had also grown accustomed to believing them. It did not hurt to believe. Until one found a better trattoria, why not?

I walked on the slick cobblestone and was mindful of my steps. It had rained off and on all week and two days ago I had seen a woman in a red dress slip in her heels. She had dropped her bags and a man had bent down to help her. She rubbed her hands together and spoke in Italian. Her face was very red. She rubbed her hands together as if they were dirty, but I saw a little blood. She had scraped them on the edge of the curb where she slipped. I wanted to tell her that she should wash them well with soap and a disinfectant, because I had done the same once when I was a child and hadn't thought it to be a serious matter. The next morning my palms were bright pink, and the next day, red, as each tiny scrape filled with infection. I was very little. Maybe four or five. My mother took me to the hospital on the second day and I was very lucky. I had contracted a very bad blood disease. Had we waited much longer, the doctor said they would have had to amputate both hands at the wrists.

I did not know how to communicate this to the woman, but I was sure that she would not have the same problem I did. Still, it had worried me that entire day. Now I had something else to worry about while I looked for a trattoria with a suitable menu.

I did not know if anyone had seen me push the man. I did not know if anyone had seen me look over the edge, either. An ambulance siren

Art exhibit explores photographer-writer bond

Neal Causey
Staff Writer
Coastal Carolina University's Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery will exhibit a traveling museum piece celebrating the photography of Walter Evans and the life and work of Ernest Hemingway. "Ernest Hemingway and Walker Evans: Three Weeks in Cuba," will be exhibited from Tuesday, Sept. 12 through Friday, Nov. 3.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. A public reception will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

In spring 1933, Evans and Hemingway were both living and working in Havana, Cuba. Evans was taking photographs of Cuban dictator Gerardo Machado while Hemingway was working on what would become his novel "To Have and to Have Not."

Evans's photography did even more than document the everyday lives of the Cuban people. His photography also showed the growing political unrest in this island nation.

In order to protect his prized photographs from the Cuban secret police, Evans gave Hemingway several of his prints to protect. Evans eventually left Cuba, never having asked for his pictures back. Their two paths never crossed again. Evans went on to become famous for his documentation of the American Great Depression and Hemingway to be widely considered as one of America's finest writers.

From 1939 to 1961 the pictures were stowed away along with some of Hemingway's other possessions in the back of Sloppy Joe's, a famous bar in Havana. After his death, Hemingway's wife donated some of the items to libraries and museums, and gave some to their friends Toby and Betty Bruce. Then in 2002, the Bruce's son identified over 40 Evans photographs in their collection.

In 2004, the Key West Museum of Art and History held an exhibition of these photographs. This exhibit also featured some of Hemingway's personal items such as letters, a leather flask, and a printer's mockup of "Death in the Afternoon."

The Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery is located in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, contact Cynthia Farnell at (843) 349-3466 or visit www.coastal.edu/bryanartgallery.

Far left: A photograph taken by Walker Evans titled "Havana" depicts the life of a family living in Cuba in 1933. Below: This photograph also taken by Walker Evans titled "Porch" illustrates the poor living conditions of many Cuban citizens. Both photographs, along with others, will be on display in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery from Sept. 12 through Nov. 3.
A dining experience: Outback Steakhouse a new addition to Tanger Outlet Mall

Jeremy Anderson  
Staff Writer

Recently, a new Outback Steakhouse opened right down the street on U.S. 501 in the Tanger Outlet Center. This past week, I went to test out the dining experience this new restaurant has to offer. I also brought seven of my friends along to help me accurately describe the restaurant's features.

As rainy as this day was, I was surprised to see Outback still packed with so many people. However, the wait for a table was not bad at all.

Besides the great food, I believe their service is their strongest quality. There was not one moment that we weren't taken care of, with constant drink refills and plenty of attention to whatever else we needed.

The atmosphere of this restaurant is very appropriate for the Australian theme. There are various tribal paintings, didgeridoos (native musical instruments) and other Aboriginal artifacts displayed in a dark, warm and comfortable setting. The bar is set in the middle of the restaurant, and it gives off a friendly hangout kind of feeling.

I ordered the lamb chops as my entrée. This dish was very tender, hearty and flavorful. My other friends ordered either steak or pasta, both of which looked very delicious.

However, this Outback Steakhouse is on the cusp of fine dining with almost every item on the steak menu exceeding $20. Although, a smart customer could sweet talk his or her waiter or waitress into letting them order a steak off the children's menu, which is about the same size, but half the price!

Overall, I highly recommend that everyone check out the new Outback Steakhouse for delicious food, fantastic service and a great dining experience.

Be heard: What do you think of all the recent conflicts going on with College Park?

“I think the bridge was more convenient and accessible to students.” – Kevin Wiley, Jr., political science, junior

“I don't think the path is any better than the bridge. It doesn't make sense to take down a bridge but clear a small piece of land to make a path.” – Ashley Griffin, elementary education, sophomore

“I think by taking down the bridge and making a path cut down a lot of complaints from non-Coastal residents in College Park. Basically, the university redirected traffic.” – Shannon Curtin, finance, senior

“Taking down the bridge was just a quick solution to a major problem that faced the university.” – Antonio Pee, business management, senior

“It was dumb to take down the bridge if the university was just going to make a cleared path. Also, when it rains students are going to get nasty because the path isn't paved.” – Keri McKlevey, middle grades education, junior

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Job Talk: Career services has updated programs

Mollie Fout
For The Chanticleer

What does the job market hold for the class of 2007? This is the report from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), Bethlehem, Pa.

In general, the job market for the college class of 2007 looks good.

"Employers have told us that they are very positive about their hiring plans for this year's graduates, and they report that they're seeing more competition for the best new graduates," says Andrea Koncz, employment information manager for the National Association of Colleges and Employers, which tracks job market trends for new grads.

"We're seeing a greater range of opportunities opening up for new college graduates," Koncz says. "And, employers in all sectors are projecting an increase in hiring. More than 20 percent of employers told us that they have raised or plan to raise their starting salaries to entice potential employees."

In spite of the positive outlook, Koncz cautions against sitting back and waiting for a job.

"Students need to be proactive in the job search; they can start by going to their campus career center for guidance and resources.

"Employers are looking for candidates who have the right mix of skills and experience for the job; in a good job market, that can be tougher to find."

The CCU Career Services Center recommends four actions students can take to increase their chances of getting a job offer:

1. Use the resources available at the Coastal Carolina University Career Services Center: You'll find a variety of career and job search related resources already collected for you, and you'll have access to expert advice or guidance. Among the services your career center provides are:
   - Updated technology on the Career Services Center Web site: www.coastal.edu/career including MonsterTRAK, CareerBuilderCampus and online resume writing software – Optimal Resume!
   - Career Services Coordinators for every major and NEW Career Peer Educators for individual assistance for students in all majors!
   - Expanded office hours and services on the east campus: Visit the Coastal Science Center, Room 166 for career counseling and information about services.

2. Research employers and their opportunities. This may be the single biggest secret to job search success! Research gives you direction for your job search.

3. Network: You'll gain an edge by building a network that can help you learn about organizations and their opportunities. Your network contacts may help you get your resume into the right hands or your foot in the door. Use the Career Contact & Alumni Network available on your MonsterTRAK account! Participate in Employer Info Sessions, prepare by attending Professional Etiquette Workshops offered by the Career Services Center.

4. Get relevant work experience. Employers place a lot of emphasis on relevant work experience gained through full or part-time employment, or volunteer work because it shows that you can flourish in a work environment.

Internships and co-ops are especially valuable.

Seniors can get additional advice on how to conduct an effective job search and connect with potential employers by contacting a Career Services Coordinator at the Career Services Center – Indigo House, 104 Tom Trout Drive or by calling 349-2341.

Editor's note: Job Talk is a column written by an employee at the Student Career Services Center. It will provide updated information about new job listings and helpful ways for graduating seniors to secure a job after graduation.
Students will be “Hot ‘N’ Throbbing” starting Sept. 14

Ashley Taliana
Section Editor

Around 20 Coastal Carolina University students will be putting on a production of Pulitzer prize-winner Paula Vogel’s play, “Hot ‘N’ Throbbing.” It will be produced, directed and designed wholly by CCU students.

Vogel, who has previously tackled touchy issues like pedophilia, prostitution and AIDS in her plays, lends this ensemble of CCU students with risqué subject matter that will surely “out-sex” the likes of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

“Hot ‘N’ Throbbing” chronicles the dysfunctional family unit, headed by the mother, Charlene, who writes erotic screenplays to support her sexually-troubled teenage son, Calvin and daughter, Leslie Ann. Aside from tackling all of this, she is also warding off her estranged, alcoholic husband, Clyde. Throughout the play, two characters at the edge of the stage act as a chorus, commenting on the action and quoting Joyce, Nabokov and other writers.

Cast members include Frances Farrar as Charlene, Matt James as Clyde, Sarah Jacobs as Leslie Ann, TJ Pass as Calvin, Bryan Robinson as “The Voice” and Bethany Trotter as “The Voice Over.”

“Hot ‘N’ Throbbing” will be directed by Jeff Rincione. It is his first time directing a play and hopefully not his last. Rincione chose the play and is in charge of coordinating the whole production. The play is an independent project which Rincione, a dramatic arts junior, decided to put into action at the end of the spring 2006 semester. While he considers directing difficult, he wouldn’t want it any other way. “Everything I see around me is a scene; there’s constant background music playing in my head,” he said.

Acting in a student-driven production is no slice of cake either. Bryan Robinson, who describes his character “The Voice” as Charlene’s conscious, says that acting in a student production has its ups and down.

“While we’ve had about only three and a half weeks to prepare and rehearse, [the informality] leads to a lot more discussion between the students as far as inspiration,” said Robinson at a recent rehearsal.

The play, which is part of CCU’s Second Stage Series, will open Thursday, Sept 14 at the Edwards Black Box Theater at 7:30 p.m. From Thursday until Saturday, performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance will be at 3 p.m. All showings are free and open to the public. Parental discretion is advised. For information about “Hot ‘N’ Throbbing,” call the Wheelwright box office at (843) 349-2502.

Below: Matt James plays Clyde and Frances Farrar plays the role of Charlene, the mother of two teenage children and the wife of a drunk in CCU’s performance of “Hot ‘N’ Throbbing.”

College Park, from page 5

CCU is about filled to the brim with parking, you could not take the 2,000 plus students who live in the College Park area and ask them to drive to campus. It would be pandemonium!

Dr. Weldon informed me that they were about to put a light on the path to do away with the bad eggs who are spoiling it for everyone. He asked me if I agreed with it, and I do whole-heartedly.

If there were a light then the juveniles who make the police come out to the neighborhood every weekend might not do as many of the immature acts and I would not have to see the “paddy-wagons” every time I leave my house.

I have spoken to the chief of police on more than one occasion and I am told the same thing every time. The police only arrest those with an open container in the middle of the streets, the "loud and proud" who have had a little too much to drink and cannot control what comes out of their mouths either by choice or their own inability, and mainly the disrespectful. I am not condoning underage drinking, I just want the kids who do make that choice, not to make a life-altering choice, i.e. getting kicked out of school, obtain an arrest record, or even die from poor decision making.

Dr. Willett, Dr. Weldon and I all agreed on one main principle: “mutual respect.”

I asked Dr. Willett if there was one thing that she wanted to get across to the student body, and she simply said “mutual respect.” “That respect should come from all three sides, the freshmen who apparently do not know any better yet, the College Park residents who are students, and the families and faculty who live in the neighborhood. If there can be a mutual respect of property and privacy then the students will stop being arrested and the university can stop getting complaints.
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Hyperus organizacionus: Ready for this semester?

Ashley Taliana  
Section Editor

A senior provides tips on how students can be organized over the semester

Getting organized for college isn't just about colorful dividers and having a planner; it's a way of life. While those two things may help, they're minor accessories to the facts. A key step to getting started is having a plan. Being organized is a major step towards success and fewer sleepless nights.

While Coastal Carolina University is more than three weeks into the semester, it is never too late to have a plan. Get a grip on classes while the semester is still young. A handheld planner is an excellent way to corral activities, deadlines and meetings. A smaller planner that is easy to have on you at all times, whenever a meeting or appointment must be scheduled at a moment's notice, will be most convenient. This will prevent "double-booking" and confusion about deadlines. As soon as a professor says something is due, jot it down.

"When a professor gives an assignment repeat it back to him or her. Make sure you understand what they are expecting," advised Darla Domke-Damonte, associate professor of management, marketing and law.  

Planners are part of the larger machine known as time management. An extension of the portable planner is a wall planner. Putting a wall planner where deadlines and activities are visible at all times is a constant reminder of what is part of this week's balancing act.

Set doable tasks on a daily basis. Breaking down large tasks into smaller ones will make them seem less overwhelming. The following tips address completing assignments:

- Set clear priorities.
- Make realistic timelines for the tasks at hand.
- Be aware of assignments and exams in the future, not just the coming week.
- Remain calm and faithful in yourself.
- Have a quiet place that's always ready for studying. If you can't find it at home, go to the library.

- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Students tend to underestimate the power of self-care. Many run themselves down by not getting enough sleep and not eating the proper foods. While a student's academic life is important, their personal well-being is vital.

Physical activity and eating right are essential in a balanced lifestyle. Dr. Domke-Damonte also stressed the power of reward. From her own experiences as a student she found it was best to accomplish things in four to five day sets and then reward herself.

"You can very easily burn out without a reward. Time needs to be made to relax, otherwise you will resent the schoolwork," said Domke-Damonte.

On the other end of the spectrum, do not overindulge. Too much relaxation and partying makes it harder to sink back into a working mindset. Rewards should match the duty completed.

There will come times when even the most organized of students will be stressed due to school work. Jennie Cassidy, director of Counseling Services recommends developing a "support network."

"Develop good friends and good relationships with your professors. Know who can help you and who you can vent with. This really helps get through the tough spots," said Cassidy.

Being organized should make life easier, not harder. Don't take this advice as law set in stone. Adapt it to your lifestyle and use the bits and pieces that work best for you.

Fiction, page 13

startedle me. It drove past, going in the direction I had come, but not five minutes had passed since the event. This was far too quick for an ambulance response. Unless there was a hospital nearby. Unless someone had found the body.

I reasoned again, I'm only going this way once and if I am arrested for murder and taken to jail, even if I am executed, it will happen when it happens and there is nothing I can do about it now, so I might as well find a suitable trattoria and eat some dinner.

I did find a trattoria and I ate a large plate of pesto spaghetti, a cheese pizza, and a mista salad. I drank one bottle of wine and two small bottles of water (with gas). I ate bread with cheese and oil and olives. At the end, I drank an espresso with a shot of grappa that smelled like roses. I paid my bill and waddled past the smiling waiter, burping, "ciao" as I left. I had left him a large tip for Italians: two euros. If I was to be arrested, which I fully expected to be, just as soon as I left the restaurant, I wanted to go having tipped my waiter well, so that if someone asks him, he might say, "he was a nice American who ordered in Italian and left me a nice tip."

I did not encounter any police as I walked back the way I had come. When I passed the place where I pushed the man over the edge I saw that he was still there in the same funny position. This time I did laugh and suddenly wished for a cigarette. I crossed the street and bought a package of Marlboro Golds at a tobacco shop.

When I came out of the tobacco shop it had begun to drizzle. I cursed around my cigarette. I turned up my collar and began walking to the hotel.

In the morning, I decided to leave Rome a day early and packed my bag. I checked out of the hotel and said to the woman at the desk that I really enjoyed my stay and would be back again. She smiled. She was quite pretty. Her name was Sylvia.

At the train station I watched two Carabinari in spotless uniforms drink their espressos and grappa at a café. Uzis swung over their shoulders. I felt foolish for ever thinking that I would go to jail for killing a man, but on the train to Brussels I heard a woman talking in French to a man reading a newspaper. She asked him, "Did you hear of the woman who died of blood poisoning yesterday? She slipped on the cobblestones and scraped her hands."

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Club corner: S.T.A.R. reaches out to the community

Raytevia Evans
Section Editor

Students Taking Active Responsibility (S.T.A.R.) is the community service organization of Coastal Carolina University. S.T.A.R. provides opportunities throughout the year for students, faculty and staff members to make an impact on the community. During past semesters, S.T.A.R. has worked with American Red Cross, March of Dimes and many other organizations.

S.T.A.R. meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center in room 208. There are no club fees and there are around 60 members in this continuously growing organization.

"A lot of people are interested in helping. They can volunteer for washing and walking dogs. During the second week of September, they will volunteer at the Department of Social Services. "We're going to baby-sit the children while the foster parents are in meetings," said Stabingas.

In the past, the organization has traveled to Long Beach, Ca., Vero Beach, Fla., New Orleans and Miami Beach. They have also traveled to Brazil and plan on making more trips in the years to come.

"We want to do a winter trip and then do the usual trip during spring break," said Stabingas. For more information on S.T.A.R., contact Kim Stabingas at knstabin@coastal.edu or Sunni Stewart at sdstewar@coastal.edu.

Left: Volunteers Kelsey Dunn and Julie Kabler wash dogs at S.T.A.R.'s volunteer project at the Myrtle Beach Grand Strand Humane Society on Sept. 2. Below: A total of 24 students helped wash and walk dogs at the Humane Society, which is S.T.A.R.'s biggest student turnout for a first event.

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Sports

On Notice: Crikey! Are the Marlins for real?

Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

I still can’t fathom how a Major League franchise can use 22 rookies in one season and still be in contention in the post-season in the month of September. I guess that I need to be pinched because I remember seeing their 31st loss to the Atlanta Braves.

Chipper Jones hit a three-run walk-off home run in the 10th inning, it was looking like it was going to be a long season. My other favorite team, the Red Sox, have sadly plummeted down the standings and have become putrid with losses of Ortiz and Ramirez.

That was until the Chicago Cubs limped into town. That four-game sweep proved to be the Marlins’ rite of passage as they would continue to climb that ladder.

It has been an unusually bad year competitively for the National League. Their story is compelling, due to the fact that they only have a 14 million dollar payroll; 16 Major Leaguers make more than that in a season. Guys like Scott Olsen and Josh Johnson have helped propel the “Fightin’ Fish” into striking distance in the Wild Card standings.

On Sept. 4, powered by Joe Borcherd’s three-run homer and a rule 5 pickup Dan Uggla’s two-run blast, the Marlins rallied past the Arizona Diamondbacks, 8-5; they became the only team in Major League history to rise from 20 games under .500 to pass the .500 mark in the same season.

The 1899 Louisville Colonels, a team that featured Hall of Famers Honus Wagner and Fred Clarke, improved from 22 under to reach .500, but that team finished 75-77-3 before disbanding the following year.

Sure, they still have Dontrelle Willis and Miggy Cabrera, but they also have great speed and outstandingly deep pitching in their organization. In baseball, dominant pitching is a premium, which makes what the Marlins did in the off-season not a “fire sale.”

Mike Jacobs is a quality first baseman. Hanley Ramirez is third in the NL in stolen bases. They could have four rookie starters have 10 wins a piece and that would be nice to have, since it was supposed to be a 100-loss season.

I know a lot of people turn to Penthouse magazine for their pre-season football and baseball predictions, but they had both the Marlins and the Reds in last place in their respective divisions, which would mean that baseball is won on the field and not in an adult magazine. Or maybe it is, who knows?

In the middle of all this unexpected success, there’s unrest behind the scenes as the owner Jeffrey Loria still hasn’t endorsed Girardi to return next year, he needs to go back so the Fightin Fish can build on this remarkably successful season.

Cripsey! Yep, its most certainly that time…

Dallas Cowboys - I don’t see them losing less than 10 games this year. Roy Williams can’t cover to save his life and T.O. is yet another cancer on another NFC East team. I wonder what Jimmy Johnson is doing right now.

The AP not ranking USC number one - I’m sorry, they’re so good, it’s sick. Yeah, they lost a lot of offense, but they have reloaded. Texas got Lucky in January, USC seems to always get those prized recruits every year. John David Booty looks solid, they got a big win in Arkansas.

Believing in Heisman hype in September - Please...at least wait until baseball season is over before you overhype guys like Brady Quinn and Troy Smith. Oklahoma’s Adrian Peterson is my early pick, but I like the Hokies LB duo of Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi, it’ll be tough to run up the gut on those guys.
Athletics Corner!

Kelly Moore
For The Chanticleer

This past week in sports has been filled with action. Our soccer teams are “kicking” off the season with a bang. The men's soccer team took first place in the Coastal Carolina/Adidas Invitational defeating both Bowling Green and Richmond in shut out games. The Chants are now 3-1 and will be back at home on Sept. 13 to face Davidson.

The women's soccer team tied Wofford 2-2 on Sept. 4; however, CCU out shot Wofford 14-11. The Lady Chants have a 2-1-1 record and will be returning home on Sunday, Sept. 24 to take on Liberty University.

Volleyball player Nakia Thompson, a junior, “killed” at the Western New York Invitational as she was named to the 2006 all-invitational team! She had 33 kills, 38 digs and one service ace on the weekend. CCU volleyball went 1-2 in the tournament.

CCU men's golf tees one up in Scotland during the Labor Day weekend. Although this was the first time this team has traveled to Europe, they finished third overall, shooting six under par. Individually, Dustin Johnson placed second, only five shots behind the champion! Cameron Hooper tied eighth and Zach Byrd tied for 11th!

Don't forget...we are taking bus trips to both of the away games and the cost for students is only $20! To sign up just go to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership in the Student Center.

Sports

CCU football faces Georgia-Southern and SC State next

When: Sept. 16, 2006
CCU at Georgia Southern, Paulson Stadium (18,000)
First-ever meeting
2005 Record: 8-4, lost in NCAA first round to Texas State 50-34

Offense: Multiple
Defense: 4-3

Key players: LB John Mohring, C Lance Wayne, WR Reggie McCutcheon

The lowdown: Beginning its 25th year of modern-era football, the Eagles have qualified for the NCAA I-AA playoffs 16 times. One more appearance could tie the Eagles for the all-time record (17 by Eastern Kentucky). Picked to finish third in the Southern Conference preseason poll, the Eagles return 14 starters and 42 letterwinners from last year's 8-4 squad. They must account for the 3,000 yards rushing lost from last season. Chris Covington and Melvin Greer will look to atone for that loss.

Prediction: CCU 17, GSU 14

When: Sept. 23, Brooks Stadium
South Carolina State at CCU
2005 Record: 9-2

History: CCU won in Orangeburg 24-23 in 2005, CCU 1-0

Offense: Multiple
Defense: 4-3

Key Players: RB DeShawn Baker, DB Marshall McFadden, QB Cleveland McCoy

The Lowdown: Junior signal caller Cleveland McCoy will direct the Bulldog offense. He was the top quarterback in the MEAC last season, passing for almost 1,700 yards and 13 touchdowns, while completing 57 percent of his attempts. He is also a threat as a runner. RB DeShawn Baker has rushed for over 1,000 yards each of the last two seasons for SC State. The Bulldog defense will be led by senior lineman Eric Turner, sophomore safety Marshall McFadden and linebacker Tony White, another sophomore.

Prediction: CCU 27, SC State 21

Editor's note: Information compiled and predictions made by Kyle B. Ward, staff sports writer.

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Red zone futility dooms Chants in opener

Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

As the sunset lost itself in the horizon just beyond Brooks Stadium, the swagger of the Coastal Carolina University offense went with it. Receivers dropped at least half a dozen balls as Elon shocked a crowd with eight completions and 162 yards in Conway, with a huge 23-20 upset win to avenge a 17-10 loss in 2005. The loss ended a 12-game winning streak at Brooks Stadium.

With eight possessions inside the Elon 30, the Chants came up with only 20 points. The Chants had their best opportunity to tie it at 16 in the second quarter but Jamie Fordham's fumble ended that drive and the Phoenix made that blunder a huge turn of events and made it sour for CCU that night.

Elon linebacker Chad Nkang, who may be a safety in the National Football League, had 13 tackles and became a problem for Hoke and the Chants. The Phoenix used some chicanery to balloon their lead to 13-6 before halftime. Receiver Bo Williamson connected to fellow wideout Terrell Hudgeons as they attacked an over-pursuing defense and then raced down the sideline.

After an eight-play 73-yard drive, the Chants stalled and had to settle for yet another Josh Hoke field goal. Hoke did miss a 39-yard attempt that went wide left in the third quarter. CCU turned the ball over again, giving the Phoenix a short field. They scored their last points on a fourth down quarterback back sneak to make it 23-9.

CCU gave it up four times, with two interceptions and two fumbles, and the Phoenix converted it into 16 points. Elon had two turnovers, which amounted to three CCU points.

Tyler Thigpen connected on his first touchdown pass on the seas with a fade to Jerome Simpson, who was contained to just 21 receiving yards to make it 23-18. Tight end Rodney Burgess caught a pass in the flat to convert a two-point conversion, making it 23-20.

Burgess led CCU receivers with four catches for 89 yards.

"We had a few breakdowns tonight. We're working on becoming on one unit offensively," said Burgess.

Thigpen compiled a school record 312 yards through the air. The offense looked good in spurts but they must convert touchdowns instead of field goals if they are going to win the close games.

"We have to learn from our mistakes. As an offense, we gotta come out and execute. We've gotta improve in the red zone," Thigpen said.

While the defense gave up that 42-yard play, they were only able to pick up two sacks the entire game.

"We needed to step up and play harder. I feel we didn't get to the quarterback enough tonight, we just need to fly around and play hard to be a successful defense," defensive lineman Sam Harper said.

CCU hits the road for the first of two straight road games against Southern Conference foes, traveling to Spartanburg to take on Wofford and Georgia Southern the following week.

CCU sports calendar

Sept. 13 - Men's soccer vs. Davidson at 7 p.m.
Sept. 15 - Women's soccer at Birmingham Southern at 3 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Xavier, Conway at 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 - Men's soccer vs. UNC Wilmington at 7 p.m.
Men's cross country, Coastal Carolina Invitational, Conway TBA
Volleyball vs. East Tennessee State, Conway, SC., noon
Volleyball vs. North Florida, Conway at 7 p.m.

Sept. 17 - Women's soccer at Alabama A&M at 1 p.m.

Sept. 18 - Men's golf at Inverness Intercollegiate, Toledo, Ohio, All-day

Sept. 19 - Volleyball at UNC Wilmington at 7 p.m.
Men's soccer at Liberty at 4 p.m.
Sept. 19 - Men's golf at Inverness Intercollegiate in Toledo, Ohio, All-day

Sept. 22 - Men's soccer at UNC Greensboro at 8 p.m.

Sept. 23 - Football at South Carolina State at 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 - Volleyball vs. Jacksonville at 2 p.m.
Women's soccer vs. Liberty at 2 p.m.

Girls and Sports