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Amanda Kelley
Staff Photographer

This semester, Java City went from a coffee station in the C.I.N.O. Grille to a full blown coffee hop located in the back of Kimbel library.

There is an outdoor entrance for all those students who are “too cool” to be seen inside the library as well as an entrance from within the library in case studying turns into nap time.

With both indoor and outdoor seating, most students seem to be excited with the relocation.

“A lot of other universities have something like this and I’ve always liked the idea,” said junior Jennifer Spivey. “I think this is really nice,” freshman Margee Bailey agreed and added that “it makes quick and I don’t feel like I’m holding up the line [for people who are ordering food].”

Not everyone is happy, though. Junior Jessica Saffron finds the move “very inconvenient.” I spend a lot of time at the C.I.N.O. on my breaks and I’m never at the library. I know it’s just across the way but I can’t see myself going to the library to get coffee,” she said. But Bailey feels differently. “I can see myself going to the library more, for more [often] than just the coffee,” she said.

That’s just what the library is hoping for, an increase in the number of people who may use the library’s services.

According to Alison Faix, an employee at the library, by informal observation there seem to be more people in the library now that the coffee shop is open.

“We haven’t officially looked into it yet because it’s only been open for a week, but we have door counters and we will definitely be looking at those numbers,” she said.

The menu has been updated as well, with several more specialty beverages and more options to personalize the coffee. There are more syrup flavors and extra espresso shots if desired. Even the milk can be changed to whole, low fat, non fat, soy milk or half and half.

Also, instead of just drinks they sell pastries, muffins, biscotti and cookies, all to complement the coffee.

Another feature carried over from the old coffee shop in the C.I.N.O. is the frequent buyer card. Students who purchase 10 drinks can get the 11th one free. Students just need to ask the employee behind the counter to obtain a card.

The coffee shop also sells coffee mugs, coffee beans and grounds so Java City products can be brewed at home.

At the grand opening on Nov. 6 they gave away a free mug with each purchase and they will pour the coffee drink right into the mug instead of a regular cup if students bring it back with them.

The hours keep up with the library schedule, operating from 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1-10 p.m. on Sundays.

Seniors - be wary of contagious disease: SENIORITIS!

Jaclynn Yocum
For The Chanticleer

Kasey Vitale is relaxing on the beach. The waves are lapping at the sand and she is massaging lotion on her arms and legs.

In three hours a paper is due that she has barely started. And she couldn’t care less.

Vitale has caught the highly contagious disease of “senioritis.” “I can’t lay out when it’s sunny or go to the beach where I grew up in New York, the sun doesn’t shine like it does down here,” fifth year senior Vitale stated. “I only have one more semester to get all the sun I can.”

This dreadful disease, although unofficial, is also known as slacking off in both academic and personal performances. Senioritis can lead to students dropping difficult classes and letting their grades slip before graduation.

This contagious disease causes the postponement of a lot of students’ graduation date.

Students at Coastal Carolina University are starting to catch this widely-spread disease early this year. Seniors are realizing they only have a short time left to “party” and have already begun to lose all academic interest.

“I don’t want to stay home and study when I know that this is my last semester to hit up the bars one last time,” another fifth year senior, Krista Kimble, said. “I have friends that are seniors and I pester them to hang out with me so I don’t feel guilty being the only one not doing school work.”

The summer make it more difficult for students to get back into academic mode. A place like Myrtle Beach is a lot like summer
# Campus Events: What to do and where to do it

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## Party Safe Awards Program

In an effort to inform and encourage others to share in the lessons learned by the Party Safe Program, the Counseling Services Center and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership has announced a monthly contest.

Share your experiences as a “party safe” member and submit them in writing to the Office of Student Activities in the Student Center Room 106 or the Counseling Services Center, 204 University Boulevard.

Your experience may be selected and you might win free gifts, eligibility to have your story published in The Chanticleer (anonymously if you so wish), a $50 award (or some other equivalent prize) for the best story submitted twice a month, admission to the end-of-the-year “party safe” gala awards party and entry in a grand prize sweepstakes at the end of the year to win a prize worth $250.

**Make the “Party Safe” Pledge:**

As a member of the Coastal Carolina University community, (your name here) promises to:

- If I choose to drink, I will never drink and drive, or let a friend who has been drinking get behind the wheel of a vehicle. I’ll never accept a ride from someone who has been drinking, and I’ll always use a designated driver.
- Never accept a drink from someone I do not know, unless I take the drink directly from a server/bartender, and I will watch my drink closely at all times.
- Not use any illegal drugs or any drugs/medication that have not been prescribed to me by a physician.
- Practice safe sex, if I choose to engage in sexual activity.
- Not commit, condone or remain silent about violence inflicted upon women and men.
- Watch out for my fellow students, especially if one of them is extremely intoxicated and may be in danger of being drugged, assaulted or taken advantage of in any way.
- Wear a “CCU PARTY SAFE” wristband to signify my commitment to the safety of all CCU students, their friends, families and other members of the community.

**Correction:** In Volume 43, Issue 12, it was reported that the communication department was involved in a Dancing Nancies and Tripping Billies event for the Celebration of Inquiry. It is not the communication department involved with this event, it is communication major students. Also, the Women’s and Gender Studies program is a minor that is optional for all communication majors, as well as other minors in the university’s curriculum.
Graduation speakers have long list of accomplishments

Elizabeth Freudiger
Staff Writer

Approximately 562 students are eligible to participate in Coastal Carolina University’s December commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Both fall candidates for graduation as well as August 2006 graduates will participate in the ceremony.

Assistant professor of music and director of CUC’s Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, Terry Sinclair, will give the commencement address at this semester’s graduation.

Community educators Lois Eargle, William Baxley, Jr., Neyle Wilson and Emma Louise Johnson will all receive honorary degrees at the ceremony.

Speaker Sinclair is a gem in CUC’s faculty crown because of all her honored achievements. She was awarded Distinguished Teacher of the Year by the Student Government Association at last spring’s Honor’s Convocation. She is a doctor of musical arts in choral conducting, has a master’s degree in choral conducting and a bachelor’s degree in piano performance. Her other credentials include Director of Choral Activities at the University of North Carolina, Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Clemson University, along with public school and church music experience.

Eargle is a long-time resident of Conway and currently serves as a Horry County auditor and president of the South Carolina Association of Countywide Elected Executives. She is a proud mother of four children with a lengthy list of accomplishments, which she attributes to God and her family.

Her most notable activities are her charity work with the March of Dimes and her position as the official hostess at the White House for handicapped people. She was also the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors for the Conway Chamber of Commerce.

Baxley is a retired colonel of the U.S. Army and a former student of the military academy at West Point. He is veteran of the Vietnam War and was honored with several medals, including the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross, among others.

After his service in the military he moved to Myrtle Beach and became a professor of business administration. He was appointed Assistant Chancellor of College Relations in 1977 and in 1990 he became Dean of the E. Craig Wall School of Business Administration.

Currently, he is a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation, Inc. and he is on the Board of Visitors of the Wall School of Business.

Wilson has received several state and national awards, such as Outstanding Educator of America.

CCU Outstanding Alumni of the Year honored

*For The Chanticleer*

Derek Blanton, class of 1979, was recently named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. This award is given to a graduate of Coastal Carolina University who has made a significant contribution to his/her profession or community over a period of time.

Blanton is a magistrate and municipal judge for Surfside Beach. During his years at CUC, he majored in history and minored in business administration. Blanton was one of the founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and was involved in the History Club.

He earned a juris doctorate degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich. in 1991. Blanton is active in the Surfside Area Rotary Club and serves on its board of directors. He was very involved in the Myrtle Beach All Aboard Committee, which saved and restored the old Myrtle Beach train depot. He also headed up the middle school dictionary program and worked as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

**Mark and Will Adkins — E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration**

Twin brothers Mark and Will Adkins both graduated from CCU in 1989 with bachelor's degrees in business administration. Originally from Huntington, W.Va., they were active during their college years in CCU’s Business Club and they started club football as an intramural sport. Since graduation, the brothers have led successful careers as partners in the real estate and development business. Their company, the Waterford Group Inc., based in Cornelius, N.C., is a growing firm serving the Carolinas and Virginia and employs a number of CCU graduates.

In 2006, the Adkinses pledged a total of $1.8 million for the proposed football field house in Brooks Stadium—the largest donation ever made to CCU by alumni. They made a $130,000 donation in February 2006, and their pledge of $1.5 million was announced in November.

**Georgia Vaught Anderson — Spadoni College of Education**

A native of Loris, Georgia Vaught Anderson was one of the first CCU graduates to earn a bachelor’s degree in 1974. At CCU, she was president of the Student Government Association and won the George C. Rogers Award for Outstanding Service.

In 1978, she graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She served as an assistant public defender for Spartanburg County from 1978 to 1983, when she transferred to the Spartanburg County Solicitor’s Office. After a brief stint as an assistant solicitor she was appointed a full-time county magistrate. Anderson became a Family Court judge in 1995.

**Joanne Patterson — College of Natural and Applied Science**

Joanne Patterson entered CCU after earning an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. A single mother with a full-time job, she graduated magna cum laude in 1995 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. She worked in management positions with the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority and Citizens Against Spouse Abuse (CASA) before being named CASA’s executive director in 2001. Patterson is also active in the Community Coalition and other organizations such as the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Yasemin Saib — Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Yasemin Saib enrolled at CCU in 1991 as a political science major. While at CCU she participated in internship programs at Oxford University in England, Trier University in Germany and the University of the Bosphorus in Turkey. She graduated from CCU summa cum laude in 1995. After earning a master’s degree in technology from North Carolina State, Saib moved to New York where she worked in marketing and became active in Arab-America and Islamic philanthropic activities. After 9/11, she became a prominent media commentator and lecturer on Islamic issues, appearing on “Good Morning America” with Diane Sawyer and the PBS series
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Job Talk: Fall recruitment ends, new services are now offered

Mollie Fout
For The Chanticleer

The Career Services Center has completed its fall schedule of programs with great success. The career counselors have seen a record number of students in classroom presentations and for individual counseling and career assessment. We supported the academic programs in Health Promotion and Recreation and Sport Management with a targeted internship fair that brought 12 new employers to campus to recruit for the first time. One hundred and thirty-four students in those majors had the opportunity to speak directly to employer representatives and compete for internship placement. Ongoing assessment efforts will measure the success of this new program.

The center has inherited additional space for programming with the departure of the student-athlete advisers who have moved to the Athletic Administration Building. We now will expand our research materials for internship searches and graduate school information in the new Career Library to be located in Indigo House 110. This library will be open during regular hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Small groups are welcome to reserve the space for career exploration, graduate exam review or job search activities. Contact Yvonne Spain or Carolyn Hickman Williams at (843) 349-6433 or (843) 349-2358 to check availability.

Requests for mock interviews continue to grow so we have been able to work with the staff of the University Media Center to set up a permanent video system in Indigo House, Room 109 to provide broader access and timely scheduling for these valuable practice interviews.

Each college's Career Services Coordinator will be scheduling interview sessions as requested by individual students. Contact your career counselor to schedule an appointment.

Important announcement for December graduates:
The Career Services Center is open after graduation until Dec. 21. You are encouraged to make an appointment for final job search preparation, if you will remain in the area during that time. December graduates are eligible to participate in the Spring Senior Recruitment Days in February, but you must have updated your profile in the MonsterTRAK system and have an approved resume uploaded into the system as well.

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year-round. If fun can’t be soaking up the rays on the beach, there is always something else to do in this town.

If the time hasn’t already come for most seniors, it is time to begin filling out applications and looking for a preliminary job in the “real world.” This time is crucial and when students’ grades are significantly dropping, they could be jeopardizing job offers and opportunities.

“Yes, unfortunately, I have seen students at crucial times, such as graduation season, slack off. They just suddenly don’t care when they should care. Grades during the last semester are the most important ones. I have seen a student get a ‘D’ in a thesis class and then have to repeat it the following semester, thereby delaying their diploma and possible job offers. It doesn’t make sense to me,” said Dr. Lee Bollinger, professor in communication and director of internships at CCU.

This “senior slide” is pressure to let loose and have fun. Although it is the “last time” to party and be wild for most seniors, some seniors have taken another approach to falling into senioritis mode, like senior Carrie Welch.

“It’s really hard to focus on finishing up my semester because all I can think about is finally graduating and moving on with my life!”

Some seniors are ready for the real world but are still jumping on the senioritis bandwagon because they are ready to graduate.

Welch said, “I have had a lot of fun in college, but the anticipation of what is to come for the rest of my life is on my mind 24/7.”

Although it is inevitable that some seniors will catch this disease, some will fight it and pull through strong. Others will let their grades slip and unfortunately some will postpone their graduation date. Teachers fight against this time and time again with students but can only do so much, especially at a university in a hot spot such as CCU.

FINANCIAL AID DO’S AND DON’TS FOR 2007-2008

DO complete your FAFSA for 07/08 as soon as you and your parents file the 2006 Federal Income taxes by going online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

DO apply for a FAFSA pin number at www.pin.ed.gov for yourself and your parent if you or your parent does not already have one. The pin number is an electronic signature required for the student and parent when completing the FAFSA.

DO apply for application based CCU scholarships for 07/08 as soon as possible. The CCU Scholarship Opportunities brochure and application are available online at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/scholar.html.

DO research and apply for external scholarships as soon as possible. Links to external scholarship websites are available at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/scholar.html.

DO review loan information at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/loanable.html in case you require additional money beyond the financial aid awarded based on the FAFSA.

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IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION FOR SPRING 2007:

You will not receive a paper bill for Spring 2007. Your bill for the Spring 2007 semester will be available on-line through CCU’s Web site at http://my.coastal.edu. Through the “Students” point of entry, using your CCU student ID number and PIN, you may view your bill under the Bursar-Financial Services menu – “Current Account Balance.”

Semester bills will be online beginning November 29th 2006.

You can sign your “Certification of Intent” electronically through WebAdvisor under the Bursar-Financial Services menu – “Certification of Intent.” You must formalize your intention to attend CCU each semester by submitting a “Certification of Intent.” For additional information about signing your “Certification of Intent,” please contact the Bursar’s at (843) 349-2159.
News
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Crime Log

Nov. 6
Traffic violation/DUS
The subject passed the officer on the highway at a high rate of speed. After “clocking” the subject for a while, the officer initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, it was determined that the subject’s driver’s license had been suspended. The subject was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Nov. 7
Malicious damage to real property
On Oct. 23 the reporting officer noticed that damage had been done to one of the gazebos in the common area outside of Waccamaw Hall. After further investigation of the incident, the reporting officer obtained a confession from the guilty party.

Nov. 7
Vandalism
The victim stated that the subject had entered her room in Palmetto Hall and had scattered her belongings around while she looked for some of her possessions. The subject then left the area.

Nov. 10
Drug/narcotic violation/possession of beer by a minor/drug paraphernalia
The reporting officer was called to Magnolia Hall by the Assistant Residence Life Coordinator in reference to a smell, possibly marijuana. The officer went to the room and, while in the room, noticed a glass pipe and a small baggie with a green leafy substance in it. The two subjects who confessed to having the substance were arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Nov. 10
Larceny
The complainant stated that she had put some money in her desk drawer in the Williams Brice Recreation Center and when she looked in the desk later, the money was missing.

Nov. 11
Traffic violation/open container
The reporting officer initiated a traffic stop on the subject’s vehicle on S.C. 544. During the stop, it was noted that there were open containers of alcohol in the vehicle. The driver and the passenger were arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Nov. 11
Vandalism of auto
The victim stated that person(s) unknown had thrown a pumpkin onto his vehicle at University Place. No damage was noted to the vehicle.

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Bookmarks: Notes from the Kimbel Library

Allison Faix
For The Chanticleer

It is important to know how to search online article indexes and databases effectively and find what you are looking for. However, it can be beneficial to take some time to learn of the added services or “bells and whistles” that the databases offer. By making the most of these extras, students can save time and effort while working on a paper and also stay informed of new articles on their favorite subjects.

When conducting research away from home and finding an article that is perfect for a research paper, students do not necessarily need to print it immediately or jot down the citation. Check out the options available. Students might be able to e-mail themselves a copy of the article. Many databases offer this option.

Consider registering for a free account or profile for a database. Students may see options for this on databases such as Academic Search Premier or Science Direct. By setting up a profile, students may be able to save a carefully designed search to use again someday, set up a search alert so that they are periodically notified by e-mail of new articles of interest or receive e-mail alerts when a new issue of their favorite journal or popular magazine is available online.

After finding an article that can be used for a research paper, check to see if the database offers citation options. Many databases include guidelines for citing their articles.

However, some, such as CQ Researcher and Dictionary of National Biography, will actually provide the specific citation in a variety of citation styles such as MLA or APA. It could save a great deal of time to copy and paste that information while it is on the screen, rather than building the citation from scratch as the paper is being completed.

These are some of the more common timesavers. If students have the time when they are next researching, they should take a look around at the options beyond the search button. They may discover something really helpful, or something else that is neat.

Sometimes the options are harder to find. If students would really like to do something but cannot see whether the option is available, they should feel free to ask the librarians who will be happy to help.
Search for president presses on, to continue until spring

David Ward
Staff Writer

During the year ahead, Coastal Carolina University’s Board of Trustees has the task of selecting a replacement for President Ronald R. Ingle. Potential candidates must prove they are both capable of dealing with the everyday challenges and possess the vision and ambition to realize the potential of CCU’s tomorrow. To ensure that the best possible candidate is selected, the Board of Trustees has appointed a presidential search advisory committee.

Greenwood & Associates has been selected to provide advice and support to the Board. The committee’s principle purpose is to find the most desirable and best suited candidate to assume the presidency.

Committee is a group of 12 persons representing a broad base of campus constituencies. This group includes Student Government Association president Janet Shokal.

Timeline:
- Friday, May 5: Presidential Search Firm Greenwood & Associates met with the Board of Trustees.
- Thursday, July 13: Greenwood & Associates conducted forums with university constituencies to outline the search process, learn constituent opinions and answer questions.
- August 25: Students and faculty were encouraged to meet with the search firm.
- August 26: Greenwood & Associates presented at the Board of Trustees retreat.
- September: Advertisements were placed.

November 2006 through January 2007: Candidate interviews are held.

November 20: The Presidential Search Advisory Committee will continue the applicant review process.

Dec. 4-8: On-campus visits will be extended to a small group of candidates.

July 2007: Start date for new president.

This past week members from the advisory committee went to Charlotte, N.C. to interview a number of applicants.

Among them was Shokal, who said, “Overall, the interview process was an eye opening experience for myself and the committee as a whole. It is clear that this decision will change the university and I feel confident that we will find someone who will accomplish great things at CCU, as Dr. Ingle has done.”

Due to the rules of the selection process, neither Shokal nor any other member of the board is permitted to comment specifically on potential candidates. However, The Chanticleer was assured that potential candidates are student-centered, confident and ambitious.

This is music to the ears of students like Carol Jones who said, “I would like the new president of Coastal Carolina to be involved with the students and be willing to help them when they need it. I would also like to see the president active in school functions.”

Whoever might be selected, one thing is clear, CCU is on the rise. All we need now is the sort of visionary that can lead us into greater things.

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Point/Counterpoint: Should English be established as national language?

Mary Mullen  
Staff Photographer

The United States of America: a melting pot, a huge conglomeration of worldly cultures within the confines of political borders. We call ourselves one nation, but how can that be possible when we have mini-countries popping up in every major city?

There are places where a language other than English is spoken all day, every day and when someone tries to use English, the majority of the residents don’t understand. This misunderstanding is almost as if we were to describe a Beethoven symphony as a variation of wave pressure, it’s completely unnecessary.

So how are we supposed to function in times of crisis if we can’t understand one another? Why can’t the federal government set our official language as English in order to avoid any mass miscommunication? It doesn’t mean that you have to speak English and when someone tries to use English, the people who come to this country who don’t speak English.

Ten years ago, you didn’t see many bilingual signs in your local Wal-Mart unless you were in a large city, nor did you see stations on cable TV that air commercials and programs in a language other than English, but even my hometown in the middle of western Pennsylvania has bilingual signs in large chain stores; it is a town that has fewer people than our student body.

It’s almost as if our country has a form of schizophrenia, like we can’t decide if we want to be one thing or another.

Emily Nott  
Staff Writer

Although establishing English as the only official national language of the United States would more easily allow Americans to live and work in harmony, adding a second language such as Spanish would bring no harm to the well-being or future of this country’s citizens. In fact, national bilingual status would both enrich American culture and honor the dreams and intentions of our Founding Fathers.

According to the First Amendment to the Constitution, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech.” This statement forbids Congress from passing laws prohibiting any language but English to be spoken in the United States. Therefore, the establishment of English as the official national language could be considered not only impractical but also illegal.

Twenty percent of Americans speak a language other than English while the Hispanics comprise the largest minority with 12 percent of the population. Rather than viewing bilingualism as stifling of the American spirit, it should be seen as an opportunity for personal enhancement through the mastery of a second language.

Prior to Christopher Columbus’ discovery of the New World, nearly 300 indigenous North American languages existed. However, our country was founded by men whose ancestors were primarily English-speaking immigrants from Western and Central Europe.

These facts make me wonder why the issue of immigration and a strictly English official national language are even relevant to the modern world. If seeking a better life and immigrating to a country where your dreams can become a reality had been a solution unworthy of recognition then perhaps all of us would either still be speaking German back in Europe or one of the many dialects of the North American Indians.

New Mexico lists both English and Spanish as its official languages and the state seems to be functioning just fine. Although I do believe there is merit in choosing to deal with matters of government in English as it is considered the language of business, citizens of the United States should be free to choose which language they wish to speak.

America has always been known as the “melting pot” so wouldn’t bilingual official national language status simply reinforce that image. Yo creo que, “Sí.”

Movie review: ‘Stranger Than Fiction’ more drama than comedy

Neal Causey  
Staff Writer

Harold Crick lives a simple life. He is a mild-mannered, unassuming person who lives a largely solitary life. That is, until he heard “the voice.”

Will Ferrell breaks new ground in “Stranger Than Fiction.” More of a drama than a pure comedy, the humor is much milder and more subdued than in his most famous roles. This is something largely new for Ferrell, who is known for movies such as “Talladega Nights” and “Anchorman.” He is definitely funny in “Stranger than Fiction,” but also tender and at times, touching.

The voice the Harold hears is that of novelist Karen Eiffel, played by Emma Thompson. Eiffel is one of the most popular and acclaimed tragedians of her time, but there is one problem (for Harold at least). She always kills the hero of her novels.

Thompson portrays Eiffel beautifully. Eiffel is presented as somewhat troubled and is suffering from writer’s block since she cannot figure out how to kill Harold in her novel. Eiffel is a little morbid, and a bit too fascinated with death, as is evident by her work.

Seeking help with his problem, Harold consults a professor of literature. Harold visits Professor Jules Hilbert, a witty, sarcastic man played by Dustin Hoffman.

Professor Hilbert first tries to determine if Harold is in a comedy or a tragedy. They then see if they are able to control the plot development of Harold’s life. Ultimately, Professor Hilbert recommends that Harold just live his life as fully as he can. Hoffman is a veteran actor and his skills in “Stranger Than Fiction” show this.

Left with the realization that his life could end anytime now, Harold sets out to live as much as he can in whatever time he has left. He begins to change many small aspects of his life, learning to live and savour each second.

The idea of it all is really quite absurd. How could a person who actually exists come to be in a novel in this manner? Even more so, how could this person hear the writer’s narration? I have thought about these things some after the fact, but while watching the movie this did not even cross my mind. The acting and writing is just so good that I don’t really care.
Being in the right place at the right time does pay off

M. G. Fisher
Assistant Editor

In times of great importance, whether positive or negative, I often remind my friends that every decision that they ever made led up to the moment they are living in. Sometimes we find ourselves in the wrong places at the wrong times, but sometimes, we land exactly where we should. For me, that place was St. Louis, Mo., during the World Series.

For me, that place was St. Louis, Mo., during the World Series. As the Cardinals won, I saw fire reflecting from Busch Stadium back to the hotel and caught the outside of my room. Their colors had earned in the last three World titles (that the Cardinals had earned in the last 24 years, and I was there to see it - in their city.

As a few of my counterparts drifted off to sleep, my friend and I went downstairs to take the air before bed. What I found when I walked out those swinging doors was something like I'd never seen before... and I have seen a lot of things.

The streets were flooded with Cardinals fans on their way home from the stadium. Horns were blaring, people were toasting beers, newspapers reading “Cardinals defeat Tigers 4 games to 1: CHAMPS!” were being waved from the hands of smiling citizens.

As I watched people dancing in the streets, people running by moving vehicles giving high fives to their riders and hearing the whoops and hollars of a joyous city, I was swept away. As the trongs moved past me, giving me high fives as though I was one of them, I gave a piece of myself to the city of St. Louis. It didn’t matter that I’d never been there, and may never be back, all that mattered was that that night, everyone was from St. Louis. The city opened its arms wide for me and drew me in in a brotherly hug.

Neal and I woke our counterparts and we all raced five blocks to the stadium to become an even deeper part of the festivities. We stepped over bottles and candy wrappers, passed the people selling “CHAMPS” newspapers, passed a man playing “The Saints Go Marching In” on his saxophone and caught the bright lights of the field.

Videocameras, digital cameras, screaming fans, drunk fans, nearly naked fans, beer bottles, police, crowd control, red traffic lights (which everyone causally ignored as they scurried across the street), honking horns, beads, blankets, signs, disgruntled Tigers fans (tucking and running), laughter, young timid couples, old boisterous couples, fire fighters clapping the hands of fans from their engine, the smell of victory and rekindled love of the city...and me.

Rarely have I had the pleasure of being part of an elated mass mentality situation. With this article, which may seem a bit unclear or inutile to the reader, I tip my hat to the city of St. Louis; good for you.

I may not be a big fan of baseball, but I sure am a lucky woman. For the first time in a long time, I was at the right place, at the right time.
Features

Pop 101 concert to celebrate 80s music

David Weber
Staff Writer

O’Reilly has taken Pop 101 would be the “Music at the Movies Part II” concert that was given back in April. The group played various songs from movie soundtracks.

They played songs by a diverse group of artists such as The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Michael Jackson, Aerosmith, The Dixie Chicks and Frank Sinatra.

“The group attracts students who are interested in performing popular music of today and recent decades,” said O’Reilly. “It is not about doing broadway songs or classical styles, and I think many students relate to contemporary music.”

The group has seen many talented musicians come its way and the concerts they put on are always well-attended events at CCU.

The show Pop 101 has coming up will be a 1980s theme. The students will be performing many of the best loved songs of the decade.

“The eighties are really hot right now, so I think it is good timing on our part to feature these songs,” said O’Reilly of the upcoming event.

O’Reilly also said that since most of the students at CCU were born in the eighties it would be interesting to show examples of what was fashionable in those times.

Parents are also encouraged to come to the show and join in the nostalgia of songs they may not have heard in a while.

Pop 101’s concert of eighties hits will be on Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Auditorium. Prior to the show there will be a “Guess the Faces of the Eighties” presentation on a huge screen above the stage in the auditorium. There may also be an eighties fashion contest during intermission.

According to O’Reilly, “the band sounds great and the singers are amazing.”

New dean ready for CCU and the weather

Jacquy Yocum
For The Chanticleer

Making a coast-to-coast lifestyle adjustment might trouble for many people, but William Richardson’s move from rainy Tacoma, Wash. to muggy South Carolina was a snap.

“I don’t miss the Washington weather, that’s for sure,” Richardson said. “It rains nine months out of the year. Last year it rained around 33 days straight, the area is cool, has no snow and the days are short of sunlight. This is a good, warm change.”

“I knew [Coastal] was a terrific opportunity and a great place to go.”

Dean Richardson

Richardson was recently hired as the Dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University.

The weather, however, wasn’t the only aspect of South Carolina that Richardson immediately liked. After a two-day visit to the area and campus and with an offer on the table, Richardson jumped at the opportunity to work at CCU.

“I knew it was a terrific opportunity and a great place to go,” he said.

Richardson now heads 11 departments - English, communication, journalism, foreign language, history, music, philosophy, religion, politics, geography, theatre and visual arts - more than 1,000 students and 80 full-time faculty members in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

He said he is excited about the scholarly talent of the present faculty and their interaction with the students, as well as the growth of the college.

“I admire the faculty’s commitment to the university,” Richardson said. “This year is going to be really interesting. We are starting a new department and hiring a whole new group of faculty to mix with the talent we already have.”

Associate Dean John Navin said the new dean “is very supportive of student and faculty involvement and wants everyone to have a voice. Everybody who has worked directly with him, associate deans, chairs and faculty, have found him to be very likeable and down to earth.”

Richardson hit the ground running in his new job. He has been working with many of the department chairs and faculty, setting goals and making plans, some of which have been set in motion.

One of his first priorities is to bring in additional faculty members to support the new department of communication, which he says has the potential to become one of the most popular majors at CCU.

“This program is a big step forward for the university,” Richardson said. “If this is going to be a serious program, then a lot of investing needs to be done to strengthen the department.”

He also hopes to create an internship center within the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. The center would open doors and give student more opportunities for the future.

“He brings in an outsider’s perspective based on his years of experience,” said CCU’s Administrative Coordinator, Tom Bair.

One of Richardson’s overarching goals is to “globalize the university students and faculty to have international experiences.”

Richardson said international experience is critical in today’s shrinking world and practices what he preaches. Richardson has traveled to China, Germany, Soviet Union, Australia, Hong Kong and Moscow. For the past 25 years he has regularly traveled to Russia for research purposes.

During his tenure, the university grew from 200 to more than 2,500 students.

Now that he is settled in warm South Carolina weather, is there anything he misses about the Pacific Northwest?

“Tacoma has a large Asian-American community, and I miss my favorite Vietnamese restaurants,” he said.
Going the distance: Maintaining long-distance relationships

Ashley Taliana
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The butterflies of going off to college have finally settled down. Christmas break is right around the corner and soon enough those students in long-distance relationships that started back at home will be reunited with their partners. Have things been holding up just fine or are the threads starting to come undone?

Many students have significant others that are more than a hop, skip and jump away. Students are not the only ones in this unique relationship type. Recent graduates, working people and couples who have a partner in the military endure the same trials and tribulations as these students. Do these long-distance relationships stand the test of time?

According to www.longdistancerelationships.net, about 7 million couples, 2.5 to 3 million of them marriages, are LDRs. Up to 50 percent of college freshmen are in LDRs, while one in four college students have been in one at one time or another during their college careers.

Sean Pierce, a counselor at CCU, recently gave a presentation on long-distance relationships as part of counseling services’ Coffeehouse Education series.

“One of the most surprising things I found in research was that long-distance relationships have an equal chance of working as regular ones. The average length to be separated is 14 months before they can move close to one another,” said Pierce.

Technology is increasingly making it easier to stay in touch with one another. Programs such as Skype, video conferencing, instant messaging, e-mails and text messaging make the distance more accessible for separated lovebirds.

“There are more long-distance relationships now than ever because of new cheap communication. More people would have broken up are trying to maintain them [LDRs],” said Pierce.

Florian Gieseke is an exchange student from Germany whose girlfriend is in Madrid.

“It’s not easy. We rely on our computers, Skype and video conferencing to keep in contact. We try to see each other at least once every two months,” said Gieseke.

The office of Counseling Services offers a pamphlet on LDRs as part of its “Student Self-Help Series.” The pamphlet discusses how to make it work, how to avoid ruining it and what to do when things aren’t working. Below is a summarized list of how to make a relationship of this kind work.
- Set ground rules.
- Maintain intimacy.
- Be honest.
- Recognize the advantages.
- Communicate with your partner.
- Maintain a healthy social life.
- Focus on the positive.
- Avoid unsupportive people.
- Expect change in one another.
- Share the responsibility.
- Look for warning signs.

To obtain a copy of this pamphlet, find out more about LDRs or speak with a counselor call the office of Counseling Services at (843) 349-2900 or stop by the office in the Student Health Center building.

Paul Rice Poetry Broadside Series winner announced

For The Chanticleer

The Coastal Carolina University English Department is pleased to announce the winner of the inaugural Paul Rice Poetry Broadside Series contest. The contest was open to current CCU students. Twenty-nine entries were received and the high quality of the submissions made the process of judging extremely difficult, according to the judges.

The final judge, poet Jennifer Grotz of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, selected “Cheers” by Erin Grauel as the winner. Grauel will receive a prize of $50 and 25 copies of the broadside, which will be produced by the end of the semester. Grotz also awarded honorable mention to Annie Silva’s “Formerly Angelic” and Krystin Mementowski’s “Distilled.” In addition, Grauel noted that she was very impressed by the quality of writing she saw in the submissions overall. Everyone who entered the contest should take pride in that.

The “Cheers” broadside will be available within the next few weeks. Those wishing to acquire a copy should contact Dan Albergotti in the Department of English at albergot@coastal. edu or (843) 349-2420.

The deadline for the second contest in the Paul Rice series will be announced early in the spring semester.

About the contest judge:

Her essays and reviews have appeared in Boston Review, Virginia Quarterly Review, Gulf Coast and elsewhere. She recently joined the faculty at UNCG and also teaches in the Warren Wilson MFA Program.

In August 2006, Grotz received the New Writing Award in Poetry from the Fellowship of Southern Writers.
Afghan knitted by CCU student to be raffled to raise money for hospice

Coastal Carolina University’s informal knitting group, led by Linda Kuykendall, are raffling off a queen-sized afghan to benefit Horry County’s Mercy Hospice. The crocheted blanket, donated by political science student Patricia Bellamy, is purple, green and white. The raffle is a new edition to the annual holiday sale held by the knitting group. Items for sale will include knitted scarves for $12 and knitted purses for $25. The sale and raffle will be held between Nov. 27 and Dec. 8. The drawing will be held on Dec. 8. Raffle tickets may be purchased from Bonnie Neal in Room 201 of the Humanities building. For ticket information call Neal at (843) 349-2421.

The club had not been doing so well in the past because of lack of participation. However, the recent office holders are pulling the organization together.

“We revived [the club],” said Townsend.

The students are very organized but also very flexible.

“It’s very oriented. We’re holding things together and we have a new constitution. This way we will know what members and officers are supposed to do,” said Townsend.

The officers of the organization mapped out everything at the beginning of the semester. The most recent forum was held on Nov. 15 and it was titled “Homosexuality and Civil Unions: Where do you stand?”

When it comes to topics for forums, the club brainstorms different ideas that they would like to discuss. Controversial topics such as abortion and gay marriage are ideas that the members came up with and wanted to talk about in a scheduled discussion.

“The people who are more active in the club and participate have more of a say [in the events],” said Townsend.

“Our next forum might be religious-related,” added Townsend. When asked to elaborate, Townsend and White both called the event “The Mega Plan.” This is an idea they have for the Celebration of Inquiry (COI) in 2008. The officers plan to bring in qualified religious speakers to answer questions developed by the politics and philosophy departments.

“We want someone for Roman Catholicism, Muslim, Protestant and Judaism,” said Townsend. The students are still developing the idea. “We’re still in stage one of putting this together,” he said.

Many of the members joined so that the topics that are tipped around can be discussed on campus.

“I’m in the club because I believe in it. I think it’s good to have it on campus. These topics need to be discussed. We want to promote this kind of deep thought and philosophical discourse,” said Townsend. White, a senior, decided it was time to get involved on campus.

“I thought this year would be a good time to get involved. I wanted to see it bring philosophy to the masses. I wanted to get more involved in the department,” he said.

Christopher Reimold, the club’s secretary, is a philosophy major.

“I joined because I needed more to do in my free time,” he said.

Many of the members and other students enjoy the different forums that are held throughout the semester. Talking about controversial topics is interesting and, well, controversial.

“It’s fun to see it materialize and see the discussion come together,” said Townsend. The topics definitely get a rise out of students and this is what the members are looking for.

“I enjoy the discussions. I think people need to think critically outside of the classroom,” said White.

The members are coming up with more ideas for next semester and are moving forward with their big plans for Celebration of Inquiry in 2008. For more information on the Philosophy Club, go to their Web site www2.coastal.edu/philoc.
Homecoming celebration, parade a good time for all

The Chanticleer football team and cheerleaders follow the school mascot, Chauncey, out onto Brooks Stadium at the start of the Homecoming football game on Nov. 4.

Photo by Scott Dean

Dan Schoonmaker
Staff Writer

Homecoming week was kicked off with an event so significant that even Ron Burgundy and his award-winning news team were in attendance.

Coastal Carolina University students came out in masses to show off their talents at the 2006 Homecoming talent show and tried to go home with a $500 paycheck. It took nine acts, ranging from dance teams to solo singing performances, for the “wannabe” American Idol judges to select a winner.

“It’s homecoming weekend, what better reason for us all to come together and rock out.” -- Greg Denn

When the dust settled, it was sophomore Michele Boston of Florence who walked away with the crown, the $500 check and the rights to be called CCU’s most talented student.

The events continued Friday afternoon on University Boulevard. Floats lined the parking lot of Brooks Stadium, potential kings and queens settled in the back of their convertibles and the marching band ironed out a few last minute bugs in preparation for what will hopefully become an annual Homecoming Parade.

“It was cool to get a chance to stand in the back of our truck and throw candy to the kids while everyone admired all the hard work we put into our float,” said Drew Rose of Pi Kappa Phi.

The parade came to an end in the Student Center parking lot after traveling down the spectator-filled University Boulevard. The festivities then continued onto the Student Center Deck where a pep rally gave students a chance to come together and show their school spirit. After the cheerleaders and coach Kelly Moore led the crowd in a few chants, Coach Bennett expressed his appreciation for everything the students have done in supporting the team this season.

Later that night, comedians Alex Thomas and Edwonda White of the black comedy tour shared the Wheelwright Auditorium stage. As funny as the jokes were, the show was clearly highlighted by a group of students and one brave faculty member showing off their dance skills, or lack thereof.

A brisk Saturday morning didn’t stop alumni from holding their annual Homecoming pre-game picnic on the Prince Lawn. The event featured jazz, rhythm and blues band Shades of Soul and singer/songwriter artist Jesse Rice, followed by a barbeque picnic lunch.

Over on the student center deck students had their own tailgating activities with their own barbeques, games and socializing, and it was all headlined with a knock-out performance by the local up-and-coming band Wisenheimer.

“We like when we get a chance to play in front of all our classmates. It’s homecoming weekend, what better reason for us all to come together and rock out,” said Wisenheimer’s lead guitarist and sophomore English major Greg Denn.

After the festivities were said and done, tailgaters migrated over to Brooks Stadium where the football team put on a show destroying helpless Savannah State by putting up a season-high 66 points while only allowing a season-low six points.

With organization and planning by this year’s Homecoming committee, it seemed that CCU school spirit was at an all-time high. The week saw everything from head banging faculty to 12 foot tall Chanticleers.
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Section Editor

Dropping her seventh album on Sept. 26, Janet Jackson pleases her fans once again with her new release "20 Y.O." The 16-track album represents Jackson’s 20 years in the music industry.

Over the years, Jackson has made music dealing with children, racism and love, among other topics. In the “Intro” of her latest album, Jackson says that she has talked about everything and just wants to have fun.

Throughout the album, listeners notice new, funky and extraordinary beats which is always expected from Jackson. Even though it’s not exactly what fans expected, it’s entertaining nonetheless.

The laid-back track “Call On Me” is a collaboration with St. Louis hip-hop star Nelly. This was Jackson’s first single from the new album and it has become her 30th top 10 on Billboard’s Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. The second single, “So Excited” features rapper Khia and Jackson’s beau Jermaine Dupri. Jackson made a video for this single and has received a lot of feedback because her hand movements in the video determine whether she is fully clothed or naked. Many fans admire her courage to stand up to the controversial issue of her “wardrobe malfunction” at halftime of Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Other songs include “Show Me,” in which Jackson declares that “actions speak louder than words,” “Do It 2 Me,” “With U” and “Love 2 Love.” Each song has its own unique style, with productions by Terry Lewis, Jimmy Jam and Jermaine Dupri.

Few celebrity siblings can emerge from the shadows over the already famous relations and become superstars with their own personalities and own unique styles. This is exactly what Jackson did, separating her extraordinary talents from those of her siblings in the Jackson 5.

Since her breakthrough in 1986 with the album “Control,” Jackson has released hit single after hit single and has been a model of consistency, rivaling Madonna and Whitney Houston in terms of pop chart success over the long haul. Because of determination and consistency, Jackson has continued to please her fans year after year.

For more information on Janet Jackson’s album and other events, go to www.janetjackson.com.

1. (Intro) 20
2. So Excited
3. Show Me
4. Get It Out Me
5. Do It 2 Me
6. This Body
7. 20 Part 2 (Interlude)
8. With U
9. Call On Me
10. 20 Part 3 (Interlude)
11. Daybreak
12. Enjoy
13. 20 Part 4 (Interlude)
14. Take Care
15. Love 2 Love
16. (Outro) 20 Part 5

Be heard: What is your favorite Christmas movie and why?

“‘Rudolph’ because the clay animation for that year is so ingenuous.”
- Kyle Wyant, sophomore, marine science major

“‘The Santa Clause 2’ because Tim Allen is hilarious.”
- Jennifer Gost, junior, marine science major

“‘The Grinch’ with Jim Carrey because he is such a good actor and the movie is hilarious.”
- Mary Sult, sophomore, marine science major

“‘Christmas Story’ because it is a true classic and it is laugh-out-loud funny.”
- Kristian Marchman, health promotions major

“‘Scrooge’ because it is about the darker side of the holidays and it is such a dark comedy.”
- Chris Arrington, business management major

“‘Home Alone.’ What would you do if you were left home alone?”
- Eric Estra, sophomore, English major
How to survive those lowdown holiday blues

Jonathan Glass
For The Chanticleer

Many people often feel sad during the holidays despite all the talk of peace and good will. During this time, people often recall experiences of grief and loss. They feel frustrated when confronted with society’s expectation of joy and good cheer. Students, for example, often reflect upon met year and, if unrealized, respond by feeling a bit down. Also, some people experience a general sense of unease and sadness that may be difficult to comprehend or locate a cause.

Sadness at this time of year may, in fact, be quite normal and does not necessarily indicate a more severe disorder. However, for many people, the holidays are experienced with difficulty and sorrow. For one thing, people often take on too much during the holidays. Their expectations of themselves and others during this time may not match reality. Burnout is often experienced as people rush to complete multiple tasks, including schoolwork, family obligations and shopping. The signs and symptoms of depression include:
- Physical symptoms, such as aches.
- Emotional symptoms, such as sadness, apathy, decreased pleasure, crying and indifference.
- Cognitive symptoms, including feelings of hopelessness.
- Behavioral symptoms, including loss of interest in activities, deficits in personal appearance, social withdrawal, increased use of alcohol and agita-

Feeling blue?

Christmas food isn’t always the traditional ham or turkey

Jeremy Anderson
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During the Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa holidays, any kind of food is fair game for the dinner table. There is not really a picturesque meal defined for these holidays, as opposed to Thanksgiving.

A Christmas meal can be anything from a simple selection of easy recipes to a grandeur cooking event, depending on the family. Michael Donato, a student at Coastal Carolina University, said his family always prepares stuffed flounder, oil and butter pasta and penne with vodka sauce for Christmas dinner.

Another CCU student, Geoff Goodell, mentioned a sauerkraut soup prepared for his family’s annual Christmas meal. Jewish people focus only on a few staples for a typical Hanukkah dinner. Matt Silverberg, a Jewish student at the College of Charleston, mentioned potato latkes as the main dish his family eats for the holiday. Potato latkes are like hashbrown patties resembling pancakes, sometimes dipped in applesauce. Silverberg also said, “Even though it is technically meant to eat for Passover, my family makes matzah ball soup for Hanukkah too.”

Matzah balls are made as alternatives to noodles or dumplings in a soup.

Other Hanukkah dishes include mustard crusted rack of lamb, deep fried cheese balls and mushroom and feta cheese salad. Kwanzaa contains a wide variety of food possibilities for its week full of festivities. Some distinct recipes include coconut shrimp with peanut sauce, shrimp gumbo, North African lamb kebabs, sweet fried bananas and Tunisian marinated flank steak. However, some Kwanzaa dishes are shared with most southern dinners, like collard greens and okra.

For the many holidays throughout the month of December, there are just as many unique dishes to fit each occasion. Just because these meals pertain to certain cultures and ethnicities, does not mean that these recipes are not open for everyone to try out for themselves. All of these dishes can be found on foodnetwork.com.

Top ten songs for Thanksgiving break:
1. Chris Brown - "Say Goodbye"
2. Unk - "Walk It Out"
4. Ludacris featuring Pharrell - “Money Maker”
5. Justin Timberlake featuring T.I. - “My Love”
6. Mary J. Blige - “Take Me As I Am”
8. Beyonce - “Irreplaceable”
10. Jim Jones - “We Fly High”

Information from Billboard.com
FLASH Fiction

“One Slight Tick”

M. W. Fowler
For The Chanticleer

It was three in the afternoon, 1954. The wheel inside the clock on Mr. Williams’ arm wound down to a stop – one last slight tick. At that exact moment a tremor reverberated through his body, setting him to a cadence that contrasted his walk across the road like the skill of an amateur puppeteer compared to the fluid actions of a fully capable man. Brian Williams, the elderly man with the full grey beard and glasses, the man that many had thought strange from the first day he arrived from out-of-town, now upset the beach town in a way unknown to them.

The owners of the Boardwalk Candy Store, who gazed at him from inside and behind the safety of the glass storefront, called the police to report a public disturbance. Many on the boardwalk that day thought he was a drunkard, and at once their conclusion of his action seemed to explain everything they had ever thought about him.

Mr. Williams had lived in the beach town for little more than a year. Although he had a reputation as a loner, the better truth might be derived in knowing that no one had gone out of their way to include him in their revelry. He was an outsider to be sure, but mainly because he was from out of their geographical location; he had a different accent and novel ideas about the world in which he had retired to.

“He was a nuisance,” remembered Mrs. Taylor. “He was very inquisitive in the beginning, and he came off as being wholly ignorant of our way of life here.”

But the people who had long stayed away from him came out to watch him as he swung his arms madly, wildly at objects that were invisible to everyone but him. He was certainly experiencing delusions brought on by the vast quantity of alcohol he was assumed to have consumed. He spat, he jerked and he thrust himself up against a stopped vehicle. Smearing his face against the passenger side window, where eleven-year-old Misty Bashor sat, he consequently scared her out of her mind. It would be several days before she would recover from not only that intrusion to her day, but also the actions that Mr. Williams did next.

Upon reaching the opposite side of the street, he managed to seize his own arm, and he fell to his knees. He reached up into the air, something imagined, and all the while thinking of his own mind.

“Mr. Williams,” called Lt. Brooks, though he felt that Mr. Williams’ was unable to hear in his current state.

Mr. Williams didn’t answer. He continued to press at something in the air, something imagined from the depths of his mind, of which none on the street that day were able to perceive.

Lt. Brooks wrestled Mr. Williams to the ground, and Lt. Allen proceeded to help. Brian Williams resisted arrest though, and flung Lt. Brooks back. The two officers became ever more determined to subdue the man, and the heat of the battle increased. Likewise, the ferocity of the state of Williams’ mind intensified. He was overheard to scream, “No… No! You don’t understand!” But given the way Mr. Williams moved, what he truly said hasn’t been corroborated.

One arm knocked Lt. Brooks squarely in the jaw, and a leg jerk sent Lt. Allen reeling. But they got up again, and came at Mr. Williams with new investment. Lt. Brooks jumped on top of Mr. Williams’ back, and sent him crashing down. Then, Lt. Allen produced a pair of cuffs from his back. He latched them around Mr. Williams’ wrists, and the crowd that had gathered began their applause.

The cheers came too soon, though, for Mr. Williams was far from being sober. He screamed like an animal trapped at the

Crossword puzzle

Across:
2. Ocean
4. Near
6. Too easy
7. Out of date
8. _____ and Gretel
11. Automobile
12. Energy drink
13. Stewie’s dad
15. Writing utensil
16. Shades
19. Ashy skin
22. Sharpies
25. _____ Potter
26. Sleeping area
27. Serves drinks
29. _____ King (author)

Down:
1. Trail
3. CD
5. Twisted
9. Source of light
10. Assistance
14. Choices
17. Wake up call

18. American
20. Thomas
21. Protects picture
22. Spanish for mother
23. Girl’s best friend
24. “Sticky tabs”

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Special Olympics producing champs, requesting volunteers

Emily Nott
Staff Writer

"Last year the spring games were held at Socastee High School. Some of the football players from Coastal came out and helped, besides that was pretty much all the involvement we had," said Jessica Salmons, public relations director of Special Olympics in Horry County.

The state of South Carolina has asked Kim Kiff, director of education at Ripley’s Aquarium as well as director of Special Olympics in Horry County, to build up the program as it has dwindled during the past four or five years.

Although the spring games held in April 2005 boasted 600 athletes, Salmons would like to see the attendance for the 2006 spring games reach 1,000 participants. She stresses that these Special Olympics games are impossible to put on without the help of volunteers and generous donations from sponsors.

Disabilities possessed by Special Olympics athletes may include any condition from mental retardation to partial paralysis or the handicap of a wheelchair. It may also be any student, any adult or any child with any type of learning disability.

Special Olympics athletes also compete in fall and winter games in addition to the spring games. However, the spring games remain the focus of the training year as the climate in Horry County is more conducive to spring sports.

"I like it. It’s fun," said Adam Scroggins, a Special Olympics athlete. Since his youth, Scroggins has attended summer training camps and played basketball in the Special Olympic games. He thinks it’s a good way to meet new friends to keep in touch with throughout the year. His favorite memories of playing in the games include scoring important points in his basketball games while his fond memories of summer camp include swimming, laser tag and movie night.

Along with basketball, athletes also compete in golf, track and field, swimming, bowling, tennis, bocce, soccer and alpine skiing. Salmons would like to see local coaches and students volunteer in additional sports to offer the athletes more opportunities to train and play.

"The games are the highlight for a lot of the kids. It’s the big thing of the year for them. It’s like Christmas for a lot of people. They just enjoy getting out, participating and being involved in the games," stated Salmons.

The biggest challenge concerning the Special Olympics is not working with disabilities but rather getting the community involved. Salmons added that everybody wants to help but once it’s actually that time when fundraisers and activities are set, it’s hard to get the people to come out and do it.

"I think it’s more of a life-changing experience for people working with the kids than often for the kids themselves. These athletes will touch your heart and your lives," said Kiff. Salmons agreed that volunteering to help with the games results in an internal rewarding factor just knowing that you can help make a difference.

Salmons has also met with the athletic directors and would like to host the spring games at CCU. Kiff adds that anything anybody can do is greatly appreciated whether it involves volunteering with a fundraiser or the games or becoming a sponsor. The need is great for this kind of help, particularly with fundraising. A few of the major upcoming Special Olympic fundraising events include:

- Saturday, Dec. 2 – Eat at Fuddruckers!
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peak of its life, and he began
thrusting himself with renewed
energy, decidedly firm to stay
where he was. The two officers
tried their best to control him, but
he proved too much for them,
even in the fragility of his age —
Mr. Williams was never seen
without relying heavily upon his
cane. He carried the two officers
back to where he had been found
by them by way of their clapping
onto him. As he got closer, the
spasms he so desperately attempted to control overtook
him, and he tripped on his feet.
The two officers went with him,
and they vanished into the air of
the sidewalk! Mr. Williams’
watch fell to the ground with a
clank, and several seconds later,
as 14-year-old Sam Bashor,
beloved elder brother of Misty
Bashor and son of Mr. And Mrs.
Bashor of Elder Landing, stood
over it. he screamed to the
crowd, “It’s ticking!”

As he lifted the watch for all to
see, he vanished too, taking part
of the sidewalk with him!
The happenings on Main Street
haven’t been resolved, and no
authority has commented on the
incident, going as far as to deny
it, though the sidewalk and the
alley next to it have been barri
caded and structures built around
it to avail any peering eyes. No
one knows where Mr. Williams
came from, or where any who
gone missing that day might have
gone. Rumor has labeled Mr.
Williams as a foreign spy, and
others give slight glances as they
nudge their heads toward the sky.

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Economics club raises money for kids

Claire Arambula
Staff Writer

As American citizens, it is easy to forget how fortunate this nation is compared to the majority of countries around the world. For the most part, Americans tend to look beyond the bare necessities and take even the “extras” for granted. A day without air conditioning, electricity or a warm shower can seem like a crisis. But what about a day without a house, or without food or even without a change of clothes?

The children in Baghdad, Iraq are desperate. They don’t have clothes, blankets, coats, shoes, toys or the basic items that are essential for living a healthy lifestyle. In most cases, these children don’t even have parents to care for them and watch over them. The number of orphaned children in Iraq continues to grow. So many children are without parents due to the government control over the past few decades, the war, which has affected civilians, and the poor state of living that so many people are forced to endure. Among the casualties, many parents have died, leaving their children to fend for themselves.

Despite how simple it is for Americans to ignore the needy children in another country, it is not quite so easy when you live among them. Dr. John Mortimer is an accounting professor at Coastal Carolina University. He is currently serving as a lieutenant colonel in Baghdad.

While serving his time there, Mortimer has witnessed the state of living and is making an effort to help the orphaned children. He initiated a charity campaign to acquire necessities for the children of Iraq, in hopes of improving their lives. CCU’s Economics Club devoted time and effort to help Mortimer with his campaign. Boxes were placed around campus for students and faculty to donate any beneficial items to be sent to Iraq.

On Oct. 25, the Economics Club conducted a “Win Your Coffee” event, where students were asked to answer economics-related questions, and if they answered correctly, they won a free cup of coffee. Homemade pastries were also available to purchase. The money earned, $141.28, was used to send the boxes of goods to Mortimer in Iraq to give to the children.

The members of the Economics Club would like to give a big thank you to the club’s adviser, Dr. Andrew Weimbach, for his guidance and advisement during the fund-raising event. They would also like to thank the students and faculty of CCU for generously donating for this cause.

It is the youth of the American society who should be the first to respond to the cry for help from countries less fortunate than this one. Even more rewarding than obtaining wealth or material things, is the ability to affect even one child’s life in a positive way. No one should hesitate to give of themselves. Join Mortimer in his fight for the orphans of Iraq. To those who were able to contribute, your actions are greatly appreciated. To those who missed the Nov. 14 deadline, don’t forget the holiday season is just around the corner and it is never a wrong time to think of someone in need.

How to avoid getting sick this season

Amber Duran
Staff Writer

You can feel it coming on as you trudge to class struggling to hold your head up: the sniffing, coughing, tiredness, aches, sore throat, high fever; it’s the dreaded flu rearing its ugly head this season.

Often students don’t realize that this illness can be prevented, and that it’s less work than you think. The number one flu prevention tool is to get vaccinated. Many area hospitals and medical centers offer flu shots for discounted fees and some are even covered entirely by insurance. If people are afraid of needles or just don’t feel like they need a vaccine then they can relax, there is still hope beyond the tissue boxes and Nyquil. By following a few basic steps, getting the flu can be easily prevented.

- Avoid close contact: Try to stay away from people who are sick and when you are sick, try to distance yourself from others to avoid spreading germs.
- Cover your mouth and nose: When sneezing or coughing, use a tissue to help prevent spreading airborne pathogens.
- Clean your hands: It is essential that you wash your hands as often as possible. Remember to use hot soapy water and dry thoroughly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth: Germs spread more quickly when in contact with eyes, nose or mouth. Be sure to avoid these areas prior to handwashing.
- Practice other good health habits: Try to eat a semi-balanced diet with nutritious food, get as much rest possible, manage stress, be as physically active as you can and drink plenty of fluids; water is best.

If you have already been bitten by the flu bug, try to get as much rest as possible. Use over-the-counter drugs specifically aimed at flu symptoms such as, Nyquil, Dayquil, TYLENOL Cold & Sinus and Airborne. Don’t forget to drink plenty of orange juice packed with tons of Vitamin C to build up your immune system by replacing white and red blood cells to help fight off the illness.
‘Sordid Lives’ depicts comedic dysfunctional family

For The Chanticleer

‘Sordid Lives’ was written by Del Shores and was nominated for more than 30 awards when it first ran in Los Angeles, as well as 14 Drama-Logue awards.

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South Park vs. Steve Irwin - Have they finally gone too far?

Adam Gunter
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Congratulations to Dr. Maria Bachman!

For The Chanticleer

Associate professor Maria Bachman is the recent selection of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the 2006 South Carolina Professor of the Year.

Bachman, associate professor of English and journalism, is director of Coastal Carolina University’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program, an interdisciplinary program that draws on resources from education, business, humanities, the fine arts, and natural and applied sciences. She earned a bachelor’s degree from George Washington University, a master’s from George Mason University and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee. Bachman teaches a variety of courses on 19th-century British literature and culture, British and Irish modernism and the novel.

“Maria is an exemplary scholar and instructor,” said Edgar Dyer, a CCU vice president who nominated Bachman for the award and was formerly her dean in the College of Humanities & Fine Arts. “Our students acquire a magnificent educational benefit from her teaching ability and devotion to the classroom.”
Chanticleers meet CSU with a seven-game win streak

Kyle B. Ward

Sports Writer

The Chanticleers are streaking! No, it's not what you think, but the Coastal Carolina University football team is on a seven-game win streak heading into the Charleston Southern University game.

The Chanticleers set several team and individual marks in the resounding victory at Gardner-Webb on Nov. 11. As a squad, CCU chomped up a school-record 638 yards of total offense, the most ever in a Big South Conference matchup.

CCU had a season-high 332 yards rushing in the effort. The defense got in to the act as well, picking off five Bulldog passes to tie the team record.

Tyler Thigpen heralded a school record 425 yards of total offense (306 passing, career-high 119 rushing). He also became the first player ever to go over 3,000-yard rushing. He also became the first CCU player ever to record 300 career tackles and is now the league's all-time leader in tackles. In the win over then number three Furman, he earned a then-season-best 14 tackles.

Quintin Teal has been cashing in on picking pockets, having picked off a league-leading five passes last season, including one at Savannah State that he returned for a school-record 74 yards to set up CCU's first score.

For the season, CCU's ground attack has stepped up in Big South Conference play. In three league contests, CCU has averaged 276 rushing yards per game, while adding a solid 263 passing yards a game.

Jamar Leath is leading the team tackle lead with 100, ranking 21st nationally at 10 tackles per contest and the third CCU player ever with 100 tackles in a single season. He has corralled 348 career tackles, becoming the fourth player in Big South history to record 300 career tackles and is now the league's all-time leader in tackles. In the win over then number three Furman, he earned a then-season-best 14 tackles.

Mike Tolbert tied a career-best 22 tackles and the third-most Furman. He earned a school-record 74 yard to set up CCU's first score.

The offense is riding high and that's a good sign. For the season, CCU's 45 touchdown drives have averaged 70 yards on seven plays in just 2:48 per drive. Also, CCU has had 23 of 55 scoring drives go seven plays or more. In the home victory over Furman University, all four scoring drives were at least 65 yards, the longest going 83 yards.

CCU vs. Elon: L, 20-23
CCU vs. Wofford: W, 41-38
CCU at Ga. - Southern: L, 21-38
CCU vs. SC State: W, 33-14
CCU vs. Winston-Salem: W, 31-12
CCU vs. Furman: W, 29-27
CCU at VMI: W, 31-27
CCU vs. Liberty: W, 28-26
CCU vs. Savannah: W, 66-6
CCU at Gardner-Webb: W, 52-24

CCU vs. Winthrop: Why the rivalry?

Raytevia Evans
Section Editor

Most Coastal Carolina University students know that CCU's biggest rival is Winthrop University. What they don't know is the reason these two universities are in an ongoing rivalry.

"I think the biggest reason is because for the past 30 or 40 years, the institutions have had some similarities," said Matthew L. Hogue from athletic public relations.

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"The rivalry] has become intense over the last few years. Ten or 15 years ago we were competing for bragging rights. Winthrop's recent success in basketball has added spice [to the competition]," said Hogue.

Because of the success of both schools and athletic programs, the intensity of the rivalry has grown.

"Both schools and [athletic] programs are well-known now and get a lot more media. Alumni get more involved and that adds to the intensity," said Hogue.

Athletes and CCU fans are always excited to go up against Winthrop University. The determination is always there for each athletic event but the rivalry seems to pep up the athletes and encourage them even more...

Hogue said, "My view is that our school has had a lot of success. I would consider Winthrop our number one rival. We go toe-to-toe all the time. Sometimes we beat them and sometimes they beat us."
On Notice: Someone on Earth, please respond

Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

Am I on the right planet here?! The defending Super Bowl champs are 3-6.

God awful, yes, but truthfully, I saw it coming.

Our reigning World Series champion is an 83-win team featuring Jeff Suppan and Jeff Weaver as its numbers 2 and 3 starters. Not exactly the sexy one-two punch that people expect to see in October, but the Marlins ended Weaver’s Yankee career in 2003.

The Clippers, the hapless Hawks, Hornets, Nets and Jazz are leading their respective divisions right now.

In the annual Pats-Colts showdown, Tony Dungy outcoached Bill Belichick and Peyton Manning outplayed Tom Brady.

If somebody gets you an official NBA game ball for Christmas, that means they spent only $25 on you. I wish the NBA players would quit complaining about the new ball, which is ridiculously stupid looking. Be more worried about your defense and your image.

Marques Colston, a seventh-round draft pick from Hofstra University, is going to win the NFL Rookie of the Year. Truly, he is the pride of the Pride.

Mel Kiper, where are you on this one?

Heath Shuler is now “Congressman Heath Shuler.” Who saw that coming? And he’s a Democrat.

The NHL regular season is being shown on a quirky network called “Versus.” Someone tell me who is on Versus...please...anyone?

A few years from now, we will be casually referring to pro teams named the Santa Clara 49ers, Fremont As and Oklahoma City SuperSonics. Sounds hot, doesn’t it?

Three of the top college football teams are Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers. My god, are you this serious?

“Rocky Balboa (Rocky VI)” comes out next month. Rocky Balboa has now been retired for some time, but hard-up for money, he decides to step back into the ring against a few small-time boxers. Everything changes, though, when Rocky is offered the opportunity to step in the ring with the reigning Heavyweight Champion, Mason “The Line” Dixon, who is played by Antonio Tarver. That should be a good one, but I hear the soundtrack is terrible.

Because of Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake, every “live” sporting event runs on a televised delay that extends between four and 12 seconds, (a Britney Spears marriage).

Three of the most depressing franchises in sports right now are the Celtics, Knicks and Raiders. When I was a boy, those were the crème de la crème of sports.

Just in the past eight months, the best American baseball players, basketball players and golfers all had their tails handed to them in international play. We’re not number one, we’re number eight. Pathetic, yes, but do I care? Sure, but not about the Ryder Cup.

A few weeks ago, a Huard brother came off the bench to save Kansas City’s season and turn the Chiefs into a playoff contender. Man, he was God awful in Miami, and dang it, he had the Chiefs winning again until the Miami defense took charge and took names.

You get the point. Everything’s been turned upside down. I’m not sure I want to live in this sports world anymore. Am I on the right planet here? If the Hawks and Clippers are embattled in a Game 7 of the NBA Finals, I will be an unhappy sports fan.

It’s that time again...

Houston Texans - Well, too bad they don’t play every NFL team every week, or they’d be in the playoffs. Mario Williams is getting better, but the Saints are getting better dividends in this one.

Pittsburgh Steelers - Roethlisberger is bad, OK, watching him behind center is funny. Can they not turn to Charlie Batch? The defense is overrated like yesterday’s meatloaf. My high school could easily torch their secondary, and we still run the Wishbone offense!

ACC Haters - The ACC is not a bad football conference. As of Nov. 13, there are six ACC schools in the top 25 BCS polls - what other conference can say that? Granted, Virginia Tech and Miami have struggled, but at least the Hokies know who their coach

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Athletics Corner! The end of a great semester

Kelly Moore
For The Chanticleer

What a great semester! Hello loyal readers. I want to first thank everyone for supporting CCU Athletics this year. It is because of your help and support CCU Athletics has been so successful this far.

Speaking of success... here is a recap of all the great accomplishments:

- Both men’s and women’s cross country finished second in Big South Conference and are on their way to the NCAA Regionals.
- Both men’s and women’s soccer made it to the semi-final round in the Big South Championships.
- Volleyball had some huge wins against College of Charleston, UNC Asheville and Radford. They are now preparing for the Big South play-offs.
- Women’s golf has placed in the top 20 of every tournament they have competed in so far.
- Men’s golf is ranked fourth in the nation and Dustin Johnsof has been named the number one college golfer in America.
- Head football coach David Bennett is up for Coach of the Year and Senior Quarterback Tyler Thigpen has been put on the Walter Payton watch list. They have had some huge wins over nationally-ranked Furman University and Wofford University. Football is now getting ready for their most important game of the season.
- Women’s tennis coach was named South Carolina Coach of the year. The team was named to the 2006 All-Academic Team for the eighth consecutive year.
- Men’s tennis has been named to the 2006 All-Academic Team for the sixth consecutive year.

Thanks again for all your support. I hope you continue to come out as we head into the winter sports season...

Buzz Peterson and the 2006-2007 men’s basketball team kicked off their season at home on Nov. 19 against Wright State University.

Coach Allen Leforce and his Lady Chants met Southern Virginia Monday Nov. 20 as their home opener.

We will be having some exciting giveaways and contests during basketball season such as, T-shirts, hats, schedule magnets and of course, Coastal Idol. Make sure you keep your eyes open and

Younger volleyball Chants look forward to next season

Coastal Carolina University
Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

picked up a solid win against Liberty University to advance to the Big South semifinals. They will look to avenge a defeat the Bulldogs gave them last year in the semifinals as they lost 3-1.

The Chanticleers were led by Laura Obert was named Academic All-Conference, the Big South announced Nov. 13. Nyhof, a middle blocker, has led the Lady Chanticleer offensive this season recording 225 kills and starting in all 31 matches for CCU. Nyhof has a .202 hitting percentage, averaging 2.99 kills per game. She has also recorded 181 digs and 57 blocks.

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Laura Obert has competed in all but one match in her career as a Lady Chanticleer and has notched Big South honors twice in her career. Obert currently ranks fourth on the CCU all-time career blocks list and third in the Big South for blocking with 310 blocks.

As they have struggled this season, it’s due to not having everyone healthy.

“Injuries have hurt us all year long. We need everyone at their best. Our offense has been doing a nice job with a new setter, it takes a while to get a flow going. [The offense is] more sharp at the end than it was at the beginning,” Bauer said.

They return with just two seniors, Devon West and Thompson as the Chants will look to build off this season in a big way next year.

Jill Nyhof who had 21 kills and 10 digs and Nakia Thompson who grabbed her 14th double-double, recording 12 kills and 15 digs. Laura Obert also had double digits in kills, with 10. Meagan Tracey ended the night with 49 assists.

Jill Nyhof was named to the 2006 All-Freshman Team and

At the time of press, Nyhof ranks eighth in the Big South for hitting percentage, and tenth in kills. She has recorded three double-doubles on the season and has been named Freshman of the Week and Player of the Week once this season.

“Our freshmen have done surprisingly well. They’ve been real...
Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

Certain positions in athletics take time for leaders to finally prosper and rise to the top of their game. For Tyler Thigpen, that rise has been an interesting one. Being the starting quarterback from day one back in 2002, he’s been only one of three quarterbacks to start a game at CCU in that span between then and now.

“I wanted to make all-conference, that’s something I haven’t done. Winning the Big South and getting Offensive Player of the Year would be a nice accomplishment,” he said.

Current CCU co-offensive coordinator Gary Smallen got him interested in going to CCU when he was at Fairfield Central High School.

Growing up, Thigpen admired Steve Young.

“He’s a lot better than me. He was a great quarterback. He’s mobile,” he said.

Looking ahead to 2007, there will be a steep competition between William Richardson and Ren McKinnon for the quarterback position.

“Ren has one more year. He has a little more experience. Will has stepped up and done well when he’s been in there. There will be a good competition for next year,” said Thigpen about the two quarterbacks.

Heading into 2006, the CCU offense was retooled to help the passing game get rolling along and has paid dividends as Thigpen has over 2900 yards in the air and is the team’s leading rusher with 771 yards thus far this season. Those accomplishments have landed him on the Payton Award watch list, which is the Division I-AA equivalent to the Heisman Award.

“It’s an honor to be on that list. To win the award, that’d be an honor. This year’s turned out better than I wanted,” he said.

Though he has had a great year, 2004 was extremely tough on him on and off the field with the loss of his mother and breaking his collarbone.

“My mom was always a strong lady until she started going downhill during chemotherapy. When I broke my collarbone, which is part of the game, I learned that you can’t take things for granted.”

Like any athlete, he says there are some things he’d like to get better at in order to be successful at the next level.

“It’s been a dream of mine to play in the NFL. Hopefully I can get that chance. I’d love to be more accurate,” said Thigpen.

Surely he has become more focused this season as he has had a lot to prove.

“He’s done a god job being more focused. He’s hungry to prove that he’s worthy of the accolades,” David Bennett said.

Thigpen has enjoyed a wealth of success with junior wideout Jerome Simpson.

“Jerome’s a phenomenal athlete. It’s nice to have a complement like that. He gets the job done. The other receivers have done a good job this year as well,” Thigpen said.

Getting in those summer workouts has enhanced their relationship as well.

“We’ve been working hard and coming together since the summer. We’ve been on the same page and have been able to talk to each other. He’s a great athlete. He keeps the defense honest,” Simpson said about Thigpen.

Thigpen was in the first recruiting class ever at CCU.

“They’ve been a fun group to be around. You form long-lasting friendships. This is going to stick with me forever,” he said.

“We started this tradition. Tyler is a great leader. He gets a lot of criticism. He goes out there and makes plays for us, we have his back. It’s great to see him getting the credit he deserves,” running back Aundres Perkins said.

There’s one hurdle remaining on the checklist and that is the CSU Bucs.

“Didn’t finish last year. We have to come out and outplay our opponent. The hype and atmosphere will take care of itself. I’ve never seen that happen before, (the way CSU tied the game), we played kinda conservative, we tried to kneel it three times and punt, so getting a first down would have helped. Football hasn’t been here very long, so it’d be nice to get a home playoff game,” Thigpen said.

Going out a winner is every athlete’s dream. It’s never an easy ride to the top, which is why working hard the way Tyler Thigpen has done makes it all the more worthwhile.

Senior Tyler Thigpen dodges Liberty Flames during the Oct. 28 home game. The Chanticleers won, 28-26.

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