Scherrens declines Coastal presidency

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Coastal Carolina University’s presidential position has been turned down by Dr. Maurice Scherrens, senior vice president of George Mason University.

In a written statement issued by Scherrens, he said that it wasn’t the right time for him to leave GMU and he apologizes for inconveniences he’s caused to CCU.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Charles Hodge announced Scherrens’ decline on Wednesday, Jan. 30 after the written offer was made Tuesday.

“Although Dr. Scherrens did not accept the offer, we have an excellent pool of candidates and we fully intend to select a president in the very near future,” Hodge said.

The board’s next step is to have a special meeting during which they will decide what plan of action to take. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. and will be open to the public before going into a private executive session.

Scherrens’ decline was not expected, Hodge said, but the board is ready to move forward.

Most students on campus weren’t expecting him to decline, either.

“I am thoroughly disappointed in Scherrens’ unexpected decline for our university’s opportunity position, especially after a long stretch of committee meetings to determine who the next president would be,” said Matt Molzan, president of Omicron Delta Kappa. “There were well-qualified individuals who he beat out for the position who would have jumped at this opportunity. In short, it’s frustrating.”

A few days prior to Scherrens’ decision, the Coastal Educational Foundation had approved an additional $50,000 for his salary, should he accept the offer, in addition to the $155,000 that the state had previously approved. Coupled with the $31,325 in benefits and the $40,000 housing allowance, Scherrens’ total salary package equaled $276,325. This amount is approximately $44,000 more than Scherrens’ current salary at GMU.

The group of candidates that Scherrens was selected from also includes CCU’s Vice President of University Relations Edgar Dyer, CCU’s Provost David A. DeCenzo, Western Carolina University’s Provost Kyle R. Carter and Marietta College’s Provost Sue DeWine.

Press photo

Dr. Maurice Scherrens declined the offer to be CCU’s next president.

Kyle Carter announced Friday that he has withdrawn himself from the presidential running for personal reasons.

Looking back on a man who has changed CCU

David Ward
Staff Writer

Ronald R. Ingle has led a campaign to sow the seeds of growth, progress, and improvement. In the thirteenth and final year of his presidency, Coastal Carolina University is continuing to reap the benefits of his leadership. The depth and complexity of the challenges that confronted both the institution and the newly-minted president deemed it prudent to review the development of CCU as a premier undergraduate institution.

Following the emergence of CCU as an independent institution, Ingle became the university’s first president. Since Ingle assumed this position, there has been a 55 percent increase in student enrollment. Coupled with this explosive growth was a similar expansion of the university’s programs and services.

Today, CCU has 40 different baccalaureate programs and is currently expanding its graduate curriculum. The president secured funding for Campus Experience, a community partnership that aims to improve teaching and learning at the university.

Furthermore, Ingle initiated a student-public engagement program in collaboration with Horry county schools. It is directed at high-risk students in an attempt to continue strengthening ties between the university and community.

Due to these developments and Ingle’s campaigns, the assets of the Coastal Education Foundation have increased from $5.9 million to $21 million.

While continuing to grow the CCU core foundation of science, business, education, and humanities, Ingle moved to exploit the unique resources of the region, propelling programs like marine science, professional golf management, and resort tourism management.

To meet the challenges and rising expectations he brought by the university’s growth, Ingle masterminded the strategic growth plan. This plan seeks to anticipate the future demands of a growing student body by creating a blueprint for future development.

One outgrowth of this plan is the $75 million capital expansion program aimed at expanding the university’s Conway campus. Another is the opening of University Place, which is a complex adjacent to the campus with 1,000 beds.

Still, the plan is more than just structural improvements. Its underlying goal is the creation of a total campus environment, or as Ingle said, “an identity.”

One of the central developments brought about by the drive for an “identity” was the birth of the CCU football team. Programs such as this have proved critical in governing greater loyalty among both the community and alumni.

In Ingle’s own words, “I hope I have done something to help Coastal Carolina University.” When one analyzes the influence of his leadership, it becomes clear he has done this and much more.
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### Ronald D. Lackey Service Award

**Attention Coastal students, faculty and staff:**

The Ronald D. Lackey Service Award will be presented at the University’s Annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 24. This is one of the most prestigious awards on campus. Only students who are nominated will be considered. You are invited to nominate students who meet the following criteria:

- in good academic standing, minimum G.P.A. 2.5;
- will graduate in May, 2007 or December, 2007;
- have been significantly involved in campus organizations;
- have provided leadership.

**Correction:** In Volume 43 Issue 14, The Chanticleer printed that basketball player Adrian Gross was a freshman. He is a senior.

### For freshmen eyes only!

**Carolyn Hancock**

*For The Chanticleer*

Spring Break seems to be right around the corner. While thinking about vacation plans, you should also start planning for the upcoming semester. Now that the first couple of weeks have passed, we are all starting to get back into the typical routine of going out late and waking up early. Everyone loves going out and having a good time, but we can not let this affect the overall outcome of this semester.

Most of us have already taken our first exam. How well did you do? Now is the time to visit your professor or get help if you did not do as well as expected. Generally, professors are happy to work with their students and appreciate the communication effort. Also, make sure to do the required work before the weather gets too nice and the beach becomes too large of a temptation. Along with making the grades, it is also time to get involved.

Club Recruitment day was on Jan. 31. Did you sign up for any clubs? To make the most of your four years, get involved in as many extracurricular as possible.

Spring Rush is coming up for many sororities and fraternities, and this is another great way to get involved. If you are more into environmental issues or community service, there are clubs for those issues as well. On the university’s Web site, there is a list of all clubs and organizations that CCU offers and I urge you to check it out.

Now is the time to be productive. Visit your adviser, teachers and student advisers to plan for making spring semester memorable. Professors are here to help, not to make your life miserable. Take advantage of their office hours, that is what they are there for.

Along with your professors, your advisors are a great resource as well. The advisers are here to be a tie-in to different activities on campus and help you with your academic progress. There are great resources all over campus. CCU provides them, now it is your turn to take advantage of the resources.
The road to the arena: Nearly complete, but only just beginning

Amanda Kelley
Staff Writer

The construction on University Boulevard is almost complete.
The roadwork, that has been in progress since last October, has been noticed by most students and has inconvenienced them as they enter campus from U.S. 501.

"Usually I can make it from College Park to class within 10 minutes, but lately, with all the traffic, it takes me an extra 10 minutes just to get past the Student Center," said Coastal Carolina University sophomore Stephen Fringle.

The straightening of University Boulevard and all the traffic that goes along with it began in mid-October of 2006 and has left many students wondering what exactly is going on and why the construction has been taking so long.

According to City of Conway Official Bill Graham, "The purpose of this particular project is to straighten University Boulevard making room for the upcoming arena. By doing this, we will be completely changing the U.S. 501 entrance to Coastal Carolina University and will be shifting the traffic light down about 40-50 yards closer to Horry Tech."

This means that the current CCU entrance that students know and are familiar with will be taken up completely to make room for the new arena parking lot.

Graham also said that there have been some setbacks due to bad weather. There are certain regulations on how warm the temperature has to be in order to lay down the asphalt which "Unfortunately did slow down the progress."

While the most recent weather snap has made it too cold to lay down the final coat on the road, Graham was happy to share the news that, "We are expecting to allow traffic on the new road within the next week."

This means that the long lines of traffic and number of irritated students will significantly decrease within the next few weeks.

This is only the first stage of construction for the new arena, so students should be prepared to see many more of those hard hats, bulldozers and cones, cones, cones.

New professors to join the Humanities College

Claire Arambula
Staff Writer

With the expansion of Coastal Carolina University’s campus, the retirement of several faculty members and the addition of new departments, the inevitable need for new professors has been brought to attention. The College of Humanities and Fine Arts (COHFA) alone has 20 positions to fill for the fall 2007 semester.

According to the Dean of COHFA Dr. Bill Richardson this is the biggest year for the college as far as searches are concerned.

"This is the most [professors] ever hired at one time," he said.

Departments involved in searches at this point include the departments of English, history, politics, geography, music, theater and art. Although only 20 faculty members will be hired, the interviewing process involves 40 to 50 prospects, long application reviews and an exhausting effort given by CCU’s current faculty.

With the addition of new faculty members and the problem of limited office space, a special committee has been formed by deans and specialists to look for places to add more offices.

"There is some room in the Edwards building, the Wall building and the Prince building," said Richardson. "It is important for the professors to have their own private offices so they can talk with their students."

This is an area of expansion that is still in progress. It is an important factor in the process and is not something that can be easily overlooked, especially with the development of new departments.

Presently, the communication department is a branch of the English department; however, there are already 200 communication majors enrolled at CCU and it is a concentration that is growing very quickly. Because of the growth, the decision has been made to give the communication majors their own department and thus new faculty is required.

One of the positions open in this branch is for the chair of the department. The other is for a professor who specializes in organizational communication. With the new branch of communication, students will be able to advance further in their studies.

The English department, on the other hand, is looking to fill five empty educator positions. With the retirement of two faculty members and the leave of three others, the department is interested in several candidates to broaden the course-offering diversity.

Among the new courses that will be available next fall, COHFA is looking for professors to teach creative writing (specializing in fiction), sociolinguistics, non-European ancient world literature and contemporary British literature. These courses will be instructed by only the most qualified individuals.

The many people interested in teaching positions at CCU face an extensive interview process.

According to Richardson, prospects are first interviewed at the National Conference. After that, they are brought to CCU for one full day. Their visits require them to teach one class, give a presentation and meet with the dean, chair, faculty, provost and with human resources.

"We are in the middle of the process," said Richardson, "But all the candidates so far have been excellent."

CCU’s standard for hiring a new professor is a difficult one to meet. The university is not so much interested in the prospective professor’s research interest as it is in the professor’s passion for teaching.

Dr. Sara Sanders, chair of the department of English, communication and journalism, expressed the expectations of the search committee when she said that the professors who will be hired must be “keenly passionate about their subject and very interested in teaching it.”

However, an interest in research does not go unnoticed.

"The professor will be a better teacher if they continue to be a student," Sanders said.

Among other qualities that COHFA is looking for in new educators, the hired faculty members must be good citizens of their departments. They should be ready to do extra services and bring a new energy to the college. The current faculty is expecting the candidates hired to have commitment, be good colleagues, be active and well-rounded and to bring more diversity to the campus.

"It will be good to have people who have different ideas and different backgrounds, and who remember the students," Richardson said. "They are part of something bigger than just their department."

"The addition of new faculty members is a really exciting thing," Sanders said.
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First-Year Experience has a great first semester

Ashley Stevens
Staff Writer

As the first semester came to a close and students headed home, it was time to look back and evaluate one of the newest classes at Coastal Carolina University; The First Year Experience, which is better known as University 110.

The inaugural semester of the class was said to be a success, with about a 4 percent increase in the number of freshmen who are continuing their education at CCU. Although the past semester did not go exactly as expected it was a learning experience for all those involved. Students and professors alike adapted to the challenges, thus leading toward the future of a better and more flourishing class.

"My primary focus is seeing that students are successful and satisfied with their educational experience, and if we do those things students will stay in school, and I think the course has contributed to those things," said Jason Springer, director of the first-year advising center.

The 110 class is a campus-wide effort that focuses on giving support and satisfaction to the students. The course will continue at CCU, but according to Dr. Nelljean Rice, director of the first-year experience, the whole program is going to be re-evaluated. The changes are based on surveys from the faculty and students, focusing on what they would like to see happen.

Among the changes set to take place beginning next fall is the addition of one upperclassman to each classroom, who are referred to as peer mentors. These students will work alongside the professor to assist the freshmen students.

Springer believes that students identify more closely with other students and the addition of peer mentors to the class will help upcoming freshmen feel more comfortable. Not only is this a great aid to the freshmen, but also a great leadership opportunity for current CCU students. Each peer mentor will be able to positively impact 20-25 new freshmen.

Although most freshmen do have mixed feelings about the class, Rice feels that the students will one day look back and say that it really helped them with their college experience.

"I probably could have gotten by without the class but it did help me to adapt to the college environment," said freshman Stacey Dillon.

If you are interested in becoming a peer mentor for the upcoming fall semester, contact Springer at jspringe@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2941. A 2.75 GPA or higher is required and students applying must be at least a second semester freshman. A brief interview is required.

Photos by Alyssa Derr
Left: Jason Springer, the director of the first-year advising center, helps a student in the peer mentoring class. Above: Springer talks to a class of peer mentors.

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ResLife: Hall Council begins and RAs are needed

Penny Oakley
For The Chanticleer

Residence Life opens this semester with an exciting new opportunity for on-campus students. Hall Council is an organization that gives students a voice in their living experience. Meetings are held Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Waccamaw lobby.

Hall Council is a group of concerned and enthusiastic residents who work to implement change in the halls. Each area – Waccamaw, Santee, Woods, Gardens and University Place – unites to form one Hall Council. The Council plans both campus-wide events and community programs for their specific area. They also help address concerns like safety and student success.

“I’ve been in Hall Council since last semester; we held some really neat programs,” said Connie Duvall, a resident of Santee Hall. “My favorite event was our ‘Fright Night’ where we invited children in the community to the halls for trick-or-treat.”

For spring, Hall Council members have mapped out programs like a Mystery Dinner Theatre, a softball tournament and Battle of the Halls. They plan to take members on a day-long leadership retreat around mid-semester. They also want to work with other campus organizations on their pre-established activities.

“This organization really has the potential to change the way students see their role[s] on campus,” Brittany Baker said, an ARHC at the Woods. “If students know they have the ability to plan programs and fix problems, they’ll ultimately have a more positive campus experience.”

For further information, students may contact their RA, ARHC or Hall Council adviser Nicole Svonavec at nsvonave@coastal.edu.

Resident Assistant (RAs) live in the resident halls and assist students through programming, crisis intervention and mediation. Applications are available online for these posts from now until Feb. 12.

RAs receive remuneration with a waiver for room and board and additional compensation for each year of service. Students applying for the position must be full-time CCU students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. They must maintain the 2.5 during their time as an RA and must achieve a 2.5 or higher every during semester that they serve in this role.

For more information or for application questions, students should call the Office of Residence Life at (843) 349-6400 or e-mail reslife@coastal.edu.

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Crime Log

Jan. 21
Public intoxication/fireworks
The subject was seen firing “Roman Candle Fireworks” in the area around Palmetto Hall. The subject was apprehended and an investigation revealed the subject to be intoxicated and not a student of the university. The subject was arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Jan. 22
Assist other agency/resisting arrest
While assisting an officer from another agency at a residence on S.C. 544, a CCU DPS officer wrote a ticket and took custody of a subject for resisting arrest.

Jan. 22
Stolen ID card
The complainant reported to CCU DPS that on Thursday evening while returning to a Cypress Hall room he/she dropped a key and the attached ID card. The complainant went in to the room and returned to pick up the key at which time the ID card was missing.

Jan. 23
Breaking and entering auto
The victim reported to the Department of Public Safety that person(s) unknown broke into his/her vehicle at Quail Run and took various items. Later the same evening, the victim called back to say that his/her friends were pulling a prank. All items were returned to the victim.

Jan. 23
Ill treatment of animals
Complainants informed the Department of Public Safety that they witnessed several individuals shoplifting at the University Place convenience store. When the suspects were confronted by employees, they fled.

Jan. 24
Possession of beer by minors
After receiving a phone call from Residence Life, officers responded to Santee Hall for alcohol violations. The students were given citations and released.

Jan. 24
Shoplifting
Complainants informed the Department of Public Safety that they witnessed several individuals shoplifting at the University Place convenience store. When the suspects were confronted by employees, they fled.

Jan. 27
Missing person, sexual assault
The Department of Public Safety received a call about a missing student who was last seen in the dorm area of Waccamaw Hall. After searching the school area, the student was found and transported to the emergency room for possible sexual assault.

Jan. 30
Injured Person
It was reported to Public Safety that a person working out in the Williams-Brice gym hurt themselves while using equipment. EMS was called and the victim was transported to the medical center.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCU DPS.

Bookmarks: Notes from the Kimbel Library

Amanda MacDonald

For The Chanticleer

Chantsource is one of the best ways to begin researching a topic because of the amount of time it will save students during the initial steps of research.

In case students are not familiar with it, Chantsource can be found on the library’s home page. Students have the choice of entering the site through a specific class or subject. Even if a specific class is not listed, the site will still be helpful. For example, there are two Shakespeare literature classes offered at Coastal Carolina University; however, information on Shakespeare is listed under “Shakespeare dramatist” instead of under the class title English 406.

The type of resources found on Chantsource vary slightly depending on the subject or class. Usually topic specific reference books such as biographies, bibliographies, encyclopedias, handbooks and guides are provided.

The call numbers are also provided if students click on the title, so this saves the step of searching the catalog for reference materials.

Chantsource provides links to the library’s databases that are most useful to the subject. For a student who is not sure of which databases to search, this is extremely helpful since Kimbel Library subscribes to so many.

Referring back to the Shakespeare example, some of the databases listed on the site are literature or arts-based such as JSTOR or Literature Resource Center. General databases such as Academic Search Premier or Infotrac OneFile are also provided.

One of the best features of Chantsource is the list of Web sites. Students often have problems choosing accurate online sources. When using a Web site for a project, students should want to choose a reliable source. Since the information has been reviewed by librarians, the sites are from accurate and reputable sources.

Next time students are assigned a paper, project or simply are interested in finding out more information for a class or about a particular subject, start searching at Chantsource.

It will save time in the beginning steps of research because it provides reference books, Web sites and databases. Students have to start somewhere, so start by using a source that is trustworthy and was gathered by experienced librarians.
Job Talk: What are you going to do after graduation?

Mollie Fout  
For The Chanticleer

If you are a senior, this is the time of year when everybody you know is asking you that question. We hope you already know, but if you don't, today is the day to contact your career counselor. There are many steps to take in making the transition to adult roles and professional life. The first step is the hardest so get a grip on yourself and contact your career services coordinator for an appointment to start your job search.

Speaking of Career Services Coordinators, Robert Bulsza has been hired as the new coordinator for students in the Wall College of Business. The Wall Center for Excellence, located on the second floor of the Wall Building and the Career Services Center are collaborating on a "pilot project" that will have Bulsza's office located in the Wall building, Room 233F, just around the corner from the Center for Excellence. We hope that having the Career Services Coordinator located in the business classroom building will make it easier for students to use career services. His e-mail address is rbulsza@coastal.edu and his phone number is (843) 234-3450.

Other Career Services Coordinators are:

- Spadoni College of Education - Carolyn Hickman-William - (843) 349-2358
- College of Natural and Applied Science - Connie Jones - (843) 349-2677
- Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts - Tom Woodle - (843) 349-2357

Job outlook for 2007 graduates:

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market for the college class of 2007 looks "good." Availability of a greater range of jobs in all sectors have 20 percent of employers projecting a hiring increase and they also are planning to raise starting salaries to entice potential employees. For more information on the job market, visit the Career Services Center at 104 Tom Trout Drive in the Indigo House.

- Andrea Koncz from NACE cautions against sitting back and waiting for a job to materialize. She said, "Students need to be proactive in the job search; they can start by going to their campus career center for guidance and resources."

Employers want candidates with specific skills sets, internship or job experience and sophisticated communication and technology skills. The Career Services Coordinators can help students identify their skills, show them how to put those skills on their resumes and how to talk about them in the interview. Call the Center at (843) 349-2341 or your Coordinator today to get started.

Watch for the following recruitment days:

- Senior Recruitment Days Feb. 19 - March 2
- Individual interviews 1-5 p.m. daily for Dec. 2006 and May 2007 graduates only
- Career Services Center - sign up via MonsterTRAK or interviewTRAK

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Point/Counterpoint: Is there really bias in TV, radio and newspaper?

Kelly Marret
Staff Writer

Some say television is too saturated in liberal ideals today, but I am here to wake up all those people who don’t even realize that the conservative base has a very tight hold on television programming, especially in news reporting.

A man named Rupert Murdoch who inherited a small Australian Newspaper in the 1950s successfully turned it into one of the biggest media corporations in the world, News Corp., a conglomerate that includes television, feature films, online services, newspapers and books. Over the years, Murdoch acquired more and more media outlets all over the world, from Australia and Europe to the U.S. and China. He became a U.S. citizen in the 1980s in order to legally buy television stations in the states, creating the Fox network.

One of his most acclaimed media sources in the 1990s was a newspaper named the New York Post. As time passed and more newspapers were printed, Murdoch was accused of strategically placing certain right-wing political agendas in a more favorable light than those that he just didn’t agree with. He was an obvious supporter of Republican Ronald Reagan’s presidential campaign with headlines such as “Reagan: I’ll save the Middle-Class” on the front page, and no favorable quote or story about democratic President Jimmy Carter. Murdoch’s headlines were said to influence local elections in New York as well.

This is clearly biased and bad for liberals since the average American could easily be tricked with Murdoch’s conservative propaganda. From news and entertainment to sports and even DIRECTV, Fox entertainment reaches billions of viewers all over the world. Even local news stations have a 60/40 percent chance of being owned by Fox.

Many people would disagree with me and ask about MTV shows or Comedy Central programs that are constantly making fun of George W. Bush and seem to have a solely liberal perspective. But did anyone ever stop to think that most of these programs are strictly for comedy anyway, not to mention much less reputable than MSNBC or Fox News?

The unknowing viewer can hear everything Jon Stewart has to say about our current administration and laugh at his candid but biased opinion, and then be tricked into thinking what they hear on the Fox News station are actual unbiased facts.

One of our four unalienable freedoms in the United States of America is Freedom of Speech. So Murdoch and his constituents can write or say anything they want, but to parade it around as factual unprejudiced information is wrong and misleading to the American public.

David Ward
Staff Writer

Perhaps no force today exercises as much influence and power as the media does. Its influence is pervasive and can be found throughout every aspect of American culture.

With this immense power comes the burden of great responsibility. This exercise was once a priority among the elites who control the Fourth Estate (a collective name given to journalism and journalists), but has hence become little more than a scripted sound byte or cheap slogan.

The abandonment of balance in favor of bias is evident in everything from the front page of the newspaper to the evening broadcast of NBC. In fact, the trend is so pervasive that most of the individuals orchestrating the news would be better labeled propagandists than journalists. With the exception of talk radio, media in this nation, and arguably throughout the western world, is overwhelmingly liberal.

Much of the liberal persuasion points to Fox News and Rupert Murdock as the real culprits behind media bias. However, when examined with some scrutiny, this line of thought is exposed as a falsehood.

Despite developments such as media consolidation, legislation passed in 1996 with the support of President Clinton; for every Murdock you have a Soros and a Turner. Despite consolidation, choice still exists. CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Bloomberg and the BBC are technically dazzling, well-structured programs that provide an alternative to Fox.

Most damning of all to the argument of a conservative bias in the media are the undeniable results of empirical studies conducted in order to ascertain which way the media tilts. These studies highlight an overwhelming liberal bias among the major networks and cable news.

Advocates of the liberal cause aren’t as agitated about some conservative bias as they are humiliated by the choices Americans make in the free market of ideas.

In an age where unbiased information is nearly impossible to come by, we all have to pick our position. The irony is, liberals are not angry about the lack of choice. They are hateful about there being a choice; it’s their way or the highway. Well, America, sounds like it’s time for a road trip.
MAPQUESTING LIFE

TOPIC: DIFFICULT ROOMMATES

Need some advice but don’t know where to turn? Look no further than The Chanticleer. Submit your questions (anonymously if you prefer) to either dkweber@coastal.edu or mgfisher@coastal.edu. Advice and support will be given from both a male and a female’s point of view for everyone’s benefit.

Do you have a roommate who just isn’t working out? Maybe you roomed with some friends and have discovered that you all don’t have as much in common as you thought. Quite possibly you got stuck with a roommate who is just a complete slob. Whatever the case, be it noisy roommates or awkward silences, there is plenty you can do to solve all these problems.

First, if your roommate is just too noisy at the most inappropriate hours, don’t be afraid to tell them the deal. Let them know exactly why you’d like the noise level kept to a minimum, albeit you’re studying, sleeping or just wish it was a little quieter.

Don’t confront them with fierce, angry behavior. Keep your composure; don’t let them know that you are angry. Use your words wisely. Don’t throw out commands as if you’re king of the dorm or apartment. After all, it is their place too, but try to come to an agreement. Find hours of the day that are suitable for the both of you, so that each person can have his own way.

In dealing with roommates who are utter slob, you can use just about the same technique as for noisy roommates. Try to come to an understanding that the place is shared equally, and because of this everyone should do their part.

If you just don’t get along with your roommates then there is plenty to do to deal with this situation. You can either try and find things you all have in common and use those things to build a friendship, or, if a friendship is unlikely, you can just find things to keep you busy and out of the apartment or dorm room. There are plenty of groups and events going on at CCU to keep you busy and to help you find other people to hang out with who you get along with.

Conflict with the people who one lives with is inevitable. These conflicts are usually more prevalent with strangers who are rooming together than with friends due to the fact that friends generally know each other’s living habits, so their quarrels are usually about bigger things than noise and messes.

In the case of roommates not respecting your need for certain quiet hours, the best thing to do is to talk with them about it. I recommend not going to them when the interruption is happening (if it is in the middle of the night), but waiting until the discussion/confrontation opening is over, therefore cultivating a situation less likely to upset them.

The day after, during general conversation, bring up the fact that you had a little trouble sleeping, and ask if they wouldn’t mind keeping the music and/or partying noise level down after whatever time you think you need. Some roommates will blow you off, some will agree to be respectful. It is very important to compromise, so if you ask for the noise down after 9 p.m., and they say that they prefer 11:30 p.m., then it is best to compromise on 10:15 p.m. This way your roommate knows that you are making as much effort to make things work as they are.

In the case of messy roommates, you need to do what you deem best. If you talk with them and they still refuse to clean up after themselves, you need to decide whether you are going to clean up after them, or leave everything until you can’t breathe in hopes that they will pick it up. I think that the best method here is to have a discussion that lets them know that you don’t mind how they keep their room, but that it is a matter of mutual respect to clean up after yourselves in the common areas.

Like it or not: The editor speaks out on educational opportunity

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Coastal Carolina University has always been and remains to this day one of the most unique campuses I’ve ever visited or heard about.

We have programs like Wall Fellows, The Jackson Center for Ethics and Values, The Words to Say it Series, Tea and Ethics, the annual Coastal Island Number One Day, two award-winning student magazines, the list goes on. An event that should not be left off this list is the Celebration of Inquiry.

I have heard countless numbers of students say they can’t wait for the Celebration of Inquiry (COI), but only because of the two days they get off of going to scheduled classes. At a campus that boasts 8,000 students who are allegedly here to receive a premier education, this is appalling to me.

CCU has staff members who work year-round brainstorming ideas and themes for the COI and organizing panels and presentations. This year’s theme is “Think Globally, Act Locally: Guiding Our Changing World.” “Conflict and Creativity in the Search for Knowledge” was the very first COI theme in 1999, and since then themes have ranged from “Truth, Beauty and Imagination in the Academy,” “Seeing the World Anew” to “Memory, Place, Identify: Behind Us, Before Us, Within Us.”

According to the COI Web site, Dr. Sara Sanders, the current chair of the English and communication department, had the idea to “unite our university community in interdisciplinary conversation around a common theme.” This idea has become the COI we know today.

Contrary to popular belief, classes are not canceled on the two days in February during the COI — they are redirected.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited and encouraged to attend the hundreds of different sessions that are offered during the two-day span.

While some professors do require their students to attend at least one session and turn in a written assignment about that session, I don’t think this should even be necessary. The COI is an opportunity for students to learn a wide range of information about a plethora of topics, of which they can take their pick. For these two days, students don’t have to sit in a classroom and listen to a lecture in a core required class; they can participate in a session run by their professors and peers and learn about something they are actually interested in.

I think it is nothing short of sinful to let such an amazing and unique opportunity pass by. The COI is the pinnacle of the first half of the spring semester and symbolizes the premier education that we, as students, are here to receive. The fact that some students schedule a four-day weekend during this time is a sad reflection on a college community that doesn’t appreciate and take advantage of the opportunities they are given to better themselves and the people around them.

Despite what you may have planned for Feb. 14-16, make an effort to attend some sessions. The keynote speaker is author Natasha Trethewey, who will be giving her address “Native Guard: On Memory and History – A Reading and Discussion” on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Auditorium. Sessions range from leadership, capital punishment and ecology to literature, astronomy, self-identity and stem cells. There is something for everyone to enjoy and benefit from. Take advantage of the opportunity.
The 411 about what it means to be a Wall Fellow

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Staff Writer

The Wall Fellows Program is an honors business management program; this program accepts students from the Wall College of Business, the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Natural and Applied Sciences.

**Question:** What is a Wall Fellow?

**Answer:** A student who exhibits interest in the business world; this student has the ability to become a Wall Fellow.

**Question:** How does one become a Wall Fellow?

**Answer:** During his or her sophomore year, a student is usually notified by e-mail if he or she has the academic standing to participate in the Wall Fellows Program, or possibly, the student is introduced to the program by way of class presentations, which Wall Fellows actually present to their fellow students. The next step after being notified or becoming interested in the program is for the student to fill out an application, which he or she can pick up from the Wall Center for Excellence; this is where the student will also find the office of the director of the program, Mr. Ned Cohen. After filling out this application, the student will be contacted by a Wall Fellow in order to set up an interview time. The student must go through a rigorous interviewing process, with both a student panel and faculty panel, culminating in a board of visitors’ interview.

**Question:** How did this program start?

**Answer:** The Wall Fellows Program was established by Craig Wall, Jr. with several local business people in 1994 as a way to help students “bridge the gap” of experience and training that exists between undergraduate business students and students seeking employment in top level management positions in major corporations throughout the USA.

**Question:** What are the Wall Fellows up to this semester?

**Answer:** That depends on the class and the student. As for the Wall Fellows Class of 2007, the majority of the class is working on its annual “give back” project for Coastal Carolina University, while planning a business trip to Washington D.C. and a spring retreat during the month of March; also, one member of this class is currently interning in New Jersey. The Wall Fellows class of 2008, on the other hand, is staying busy working on recruiting for the incoming class of 2009. Two members of the 2008 class are on internships. Both the 2007 and 2008 classes worked with Habitat for Humanity during the fall of 2006 to develop a market research plan, based on a local market, for the nonprofit organization.

CD review: A Day To Remember blends music styles

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A Day To Remember’s debut album entitled “For Those Who Have Heart” is a must-have for any fan of either pop-punk or hardcore music. The entire CD is a well-blended mixture of those two very different styles of music. The lead vocalist Jeremy McKinnon can sing with absolute clarity one second and let out a guttural scream the next.

The opening track, “Fast Forward to 2012,” is a prime example of this melting together of two genres. The song starts off with a pop-punk feel, but quickly shifts to a hardcore sound.

The next song provides even more evidence supporting the mixture of the two musical circles. “Speak of the Devil” is a song with heavy verses and pop-punk choruses. The words in this song are, at turns, inspirational and violent. The words “I’ll never be walked on” can be heard in the first verse, while the last line of the song is “I hope you die.”

The third song, “The Danger in Starting a Fire” is the exact opposite of the second song. The song is written with punk lyrics and a hardcore chorus. The lyrics aren’t positive or uplifting, making this song the “angry” song of the album.

“The Plot to Bomb the Panhandle,” the album’s fourth installment, can be credited as the song through which I found this band. It was on a sampler that was given out at a recent House of Blues concert.

At this point in the CD, the songs become more traditionally pop-punk, but there are still some elements of heavier music felt.

The fifth song can be likened to a New Found Glory track, but thankfully without the nasally vocals of the lead singer. With the exception of the end of the song, there’s no screaming in this song.

The seventh song is perhaps the best chance for McKinnon to exhibit his vocal abilities outside of the screams heard thus far. He has some great notes in this song. “Show ‘Em The Ropes” is the next song. This is perhaps the least likeable song on the CD, with the exception of the sixth track. It is not particularly well-written and is just too long to be enjoyable.

The ninth track allows the listener to forget the previous song. “A Shot in The Dark” is the heaviest song on the album. This song is very poetic and strong.

The last three songs all provide their own proof that this album is not to be restricted into one genre. While it may not be a must-buy for music listeners who enjoy either punk or hardcore, it’s certainly worth picking up if you’re looking for a new sound for your CD player.
Tasha Sutherland
For The Chanticleer

"This is what it's all about. Everybody comin' together and re-unitin' and helpin' everybody."

A Sun News reporter captures Renee Wilson’s final words before she and her four grandchildren were carted away in a stretch Hummer.

Wilson, the newest home recipient of ABC’s hit reality show, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, spent the whole week vacationing in Walt Disney World (compliments of the show) with her grandchildren, while her home was completely rebuilt.

This hard-working grandmother was nominated to receive a custom home by orth Myrtle Beach Elementary School teachers Gail Horton and Jayson Bendik. Both, who have taught at least one of the Wilson children, agreed that something needed to be done to help this struggling grandmother.

"There's been many nights of tears, she's been through a lot," said Bendik in a recent news article.

The family, whose dilapidated trailer was held together by duct tape had other significant problems including bad wiring, leaks, a sagging roof, minimal installation and poor water pressure.

Forced to wash laundry outside regardless of the weather, Wilson revealed to the Sun News her biggest desire. “I would love me a nice big bedroom where I can lose myself in luxury,” she said.

Over the entire week, the show’s carpenters and designers planned to give her just that.

The Wilson’s life-changing experience began on Jan. 25, as Ty Pennington, the show’s zealous host, shouted “Good Morning, Wilson Family!” from a blow horn outside their front door.

The Wilson's had been notified that they were one of the show’s finalists, but had no idea they had been selected to receive the new home. Instantly, the front lawn became frenzied as both children and grandmother rushed to meet Pennington and the Extreme Makeover crew. Still in shock, the family was whisked away to their Disney vacation and the real work began.

What was left of the Wilson’s crumbling trailer met its demise on Saturday, Jan. 27, as a wrecker leveled it in less than 10 minutes.

Germaine Hill, Wilson’s sister, watched as the house was flattened and told the Sun News, “It was her home for so many years...it’s just hard to watch.”

Once the dust cleared, an army of skilled workers took over. Hall Custom Homes and Classic Home Building and Design, both South Carolina-based companies, were working for free.

These well-known builders have teamed up with other local professionals and worked around the clock for the next five days to complete the massive project.

In a recent press release given by Hall Custom Homes, partner Harry Dill said, “The community’s response has been absolutely remarkable. Since the announcement was made, thousands of people have asked how they can help. At this time we have more volunteers than we need...that’s just awesome!”

Amazingly, some students were given a chance to work on the Wilson home during the early morning of Monday, Jan. 29. The below freezing temperatures and unusual hours certainly took a toll on all the workers and the volunteers, but what was lacking in energy or heat was easily compensated for by enthusiasm. Everyone on site seemed thankful to be part of such a wonderful project.

When asked why she willingly sacrificed her warm bed for the frigid air, fellow volunteer and CCU student Hillary ar said, "I just think it's such a good cause."

HTC volunteer Heather Hopkin said, “It’s something for the community, something for the family. It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity.” All the volunteers seemed to agree.

The Hall Homes press release estimated that the skills of 1,200 to 1,500 workers were utilized to finish the Wilson’s new home on time for its big debut which was on Feb. 1.

Paige Hemmis, one of the show’s carpenters/designers, told the Sun News that she plans to give the four children, ages 5-10, much more than they asked for.

“It’s all about making their dreams come true,” said Hemmis. “Honestly, the main thing the kids said they wanted was a dresser, a door, a bed...so I think anything we give them is icing on the cake.”

To complement the over 4,000 square foot home, a concrete basketball court has erupted from the back yard which will undoubtedly bring hours of fun for all the children.

Each Extreme Makeover build has its own theme and the slogan “Extremely Blessed” was chosen for the Wilson household. The show airs on Sunday, March 25, at 8 p.m. (EST) on ABC.
Green house project boosts sustainability in area

Amanda Kelley
Staff Writer/Photographer

The building of the “green” habitat house in Georgetown County is well under way. This is the first environmentally-friendly home to be built in the area in nearly 10 years.

Dr. Dan Abel taught an Honors 325 course on sustainability to four CCU students. Nikki Kuenzel, a junior marine science major and one of the students in the course, explained that the course was spent studying how to make the home to be built in the area in the first environmentally-friendly home with a low impact on the environment.

According to Abel, the plan for the house is to make a highly energy and water-efficient home, all with a low impact on the environment. The initial effect of the home on the environment is lessened by using recycled materials. For example all of the carpets in the home will be made of recyclable materials.

The homeowner, Yolanda Bradford, said this is a dream come true. She suffers from asthma and allergies, and with the green plan the indoor air quality will lower the irritation.

Abel said that building a green home will seem at first to be much more expensive, but the money spent will be earned back with cheaper bills. In order for the house to be green there are several changes to the traditional building materials. These materials include soy-based foam insulation, organic paint, a metal roof, a porous concrete driveway, Hardie plank fiber board siding, Georgia Pacific wall boards and Whirlpool Energy Star appliances.

Those working on the green building project hope that this home will show home buyers and builders that small is beautiful, that lowering electricity bills by 40 to 50 percent can be achieved inexpensively, that there are building materials which are more durable and better than those in current use, that indoor air quality can be improved to a healthier environment in which to live and that saving money and the planet while improving the quality of living is easy.

Abel and the students also want to show that any home can affordably and easily become more environmentally friendly. This can be done by changing from regular incandescent light bulbs to florescent light bulbs and utilizing task lighting rather than lighting an entire room. It can also be done by keeping the thermostat low in the winter and closing blinds or using curtains on windows that receive more sunlight. It helps to place a timer on water heaters so that it turns off for a couple hours in the night when it isn’t being used, and putting an insulating blanket around it to keep the heat in. Finally, using household cleaning products that don’t give off fumes is also helpful.

The 1,000 square foot home is near 40 percent completed, but there is no predicted move-in date because the building is done by volunteers. To help the cause and build for Habitat for Humanity, contact the HHGC office at (843) 545-5868 or visit their Web site www.habitatgeorgetown.com.

Join The Chanticleer! Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center room 204 every Monday. We are always in need of writers, photographers and designers. Contact chanticleer@coastal.edu for more information.

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Financial Aid recommends that you immediately review the Coastal Scholarship Web site at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/scholar.html. The Scholarship Opportunities Brochure and Application are available online. March 1 is the deadline date for scholarship applications. Also review the following free Web sites for possible scholarship opportunities for the 2007/2008 academic year:

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For more information, contact our office at (843) 349-2313.
Many Coastal Carolina University students gathered on the Prince Lawn on Wednesday, Jan. 31 for Club Recruitment Day, a bi-annual tradition that involves all the student clubs and organizations setting up tables to spread the word about what their organization is all about. Free pizza, subs and drinks were provided as students perused the large number of tables. S.T.A.R. won the $50 prize for the best decorated table.

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Inside MTV’s ‘The Real World’

Meg Duvall
Staff Writer

Students packed the Wall Auditorium anxiously awaiting the arrival of cast members from MTV’s “The Real World: Philadelphia.” On Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. Landon and Shavonda came to Coastal Carolina University to speak to students about interracial relationships and their life on “The Real World.”

During their talk to the students, they discussed how hard it was adjusting to being in an interracial relationship with each other. Landon found it embarrassing to ask Shavonda questions about her race that he assumed most people knew. He figured out that having a question about a person of another race isn’t rude or embarrassing, but that it is a learning experience.

The Chanticleer, Landon and Shavonda talked about their lives while on the show and what it was like to live in the house.

The Chanticleer: What made you decide to audition for “The Real World”?

Shavonda: I think all my life people were just like, “You would be perfect for that show ‘The Real World.’”

Landon: I did it to travel. To get out of my little bubble of Wisconsin.

TC: What was your biggest fear going into the show?

S: My biggest fear was being misrepresented, I was afraid I wouldn’t come off the way that I wanted.

L: It’s so critical to us that they do edit it correctly because so many people just see that and assume that’s all of us. Then when they meet you they’re like, “Oh,”

Shavonda: You would be

Be heard: If you could fight any person from the past, present or future, who would it be?

Matt Ashley, senior history major: “Just any cop in general, as long as I wouldn’t get arrested. I would really like to fight the cop who arrested me after getting off the drunk bus from Broadway.”

Angel Saucedo, freshman psychology major: “Bruce Lee, so I could test out my Kung Fu skills.”

Landon and Shavonda talked about their lives while on the show and what it was like to live in the house.

Brian Dunlop, sophomore theater major: “Richard Simmons for making all those dumb work-out videos.”

Erin Moroney, freshman undeclared major: “Jennifer Garner, just to say I got beat up by her.”

Russ Douglas, junior English major: “Hitler, because he was a jerk.”

Emily Klindworth and Natalie Marchionni, freshmen communication majors: “We’d team up and tag team to fight Katy Garfinkle.”

Photos and reporting by Paul Robinson
Give us your best shot!

The Chanticleer wants to see your photographs! Submit your pictures to chanticleer@coastal.edu for a chance to see your picture displayed here. The winning photographer will also receive a cash prize. All submitted photos must be at least 200 dpi, can not contain any vulgarity or profanity. Please do not submit more than three photos per week. The next submission date is Feb. 9.

This issue’s winner is Patrick Hutchins for his photo “The Sky is Burning”

Coastal Productions prepares for second Grand Teal Ball

CPB began planning for this year’s event in December. Tickets for the second Annual Teal Ball will be available at the Wheelwright Box Office on Feb. 1. These tickets will be free for CCU students and $5 for others.

The event is semi-formal, allowing students to dress comfortably in order to enjoy the ball. “It’s semi-formal meaning [males] can wear khakis and a dress shirt. Girls can pull out their ball gowns but it’s not required,” said Pee.

The event has been planned perfectly for CCU students’ enjoyment. “We have a D.J. lined up and there will be free food and beverages available,” Pee said. “The hotel’s M Bar will be open, but we’re not serving alcohol at the ball.”

Students are encouraged to pick up tickets at the Wheelwright Box Office during box office hours as soon as possible because tickets are expected to go quickly. CPB has been working hard to put this event together for CCU and looks forward to students attending and having a good time.

Top 10 songs for the week of Feb. 5 - 9:

1. Beyonce, “Irreplaceable”
2. Fall Out Boy, “This Ain’t A Scene, It’s An Arms Race”
3. Nelly Furtado, “Say It Right”
4. Daughtry, “It’s Not Over”
5. Akon featuring Snoop Dogg, “I Wanna Love You”
7. Ludacris featuring Mary J. Blige, “Runaway Love”
8. Jim Jones, “We Fly High”
9. Fergie, “Fergalicious”
10. Justin Timberlake, “What Goes Around... Comes Around”
you’re this way” and we’re like, “Actually, I’m that, plus 99.9 percent of everything else you don’t know.”
TC: Was it hard watching the season afterwards, wondering if you really said or did what was on tape?
S: Yeah, you never get used to seeing yourself on TV.
TC: When you walked into the house, what was your first impression of it?
S: There’s a tree in our house!
L: It was this completely empty house. Brand new. There was no dust anywhere.
S: It smelled like fresh paint. But by the end of the season, the house was trashed.
L: The hottub stopped working. We had a cold tub. When the air conditioning broke, we would go in there to cool off.
S: We did a slip-and-slide in the kitchen. But they would fine you for damaging the house. That’s the only way they could keep a handle on us; was they would mess with our money, but by the last two weeks we were there, we didn’t care.
TC: What did you think when you first met your roommates?
L: Right when I met them I was like, “Guaranteed, my impression of everyone is going to change.” But I already knew it so I was very cautious as to make any quick judgements on anyone.
S: We thought Karamo was straight for the first seven hours we knew him.
TC: What was your favorite part about being on “The Real World”?
S: All the stuff they had planned for us; like the job and the vacation. There was a lot of stuff you can’t get by living on your own with a roommate in normal life. But being on MTV, the show itself set up so many cool things for us to do. We stayed really busy the whole time.
L: I liked having this huge house that was ours. There weren’t any parents there to say ‘Don’t do that.’
TC: What was the funniest thing you remember from the season?
S: The more I think about it, the more stuff comes up. Remember the whale? We used to make up weird songs. We had skits and ongoing inside jokes.
L: One of the funniest songs...was in Fiji.
S: Gilligan’s Island.
L: Cause Willie was a child actor. So he’s very inclined to that...But I think for me was when, it’s on our reel too, M.J. and I were walking home one night and had been out partying. M.J. and I, on camera, we’re talking about relationships and he just ran right into a sign...I laugh so hard every time I see it. But there’s so many.
TC: So would you recommend auditioning for “The Real World”?
S: Yes.
L: I always tell people to do it. But I think a lot of people do it for the wrong reasons now.
TC: If you could go back, what would you change?
L: Nothing.
S: Yeah, nothing.
TC: Would you do it again if you knew what you know now?
L: I would do it. But it would be tainted because I would do so many things different just to make myself look better.
TC: What was the best thing you learned about yourself from your experience?
L: Confidence.
S: Humility.

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Alpha Delta Pi congratulates Sigma Sigma Sigma on your 10 years of history at Coastal Carolina!

We look forward to joining you and the rest of Coastal’s Panhellenic.
"Green Lake"

It’s crazy like that sometimes. You grab hold of what you want and it slips away before you even realize that you have it. I used to stand in the sun and gasp for air. The sky was long and wide and a cool blue. But it was never open enough; I was never free enough. Only trapped more and more by its crispness, by its eerie emptiness.

Green Lake was spread before us, and the sky that ebbed in the water was even more contained than the one above.

Jodie’s always laugh at the way I’d get angry at the night sky, with all of its brilliant stars trapped in the endless blackness. The way I felt that they were ensnared even more than I was.

But then again, I’d always felt trapped by Jodie, too.

He’d laugh and say that life was what you made it, that you’d never be trapped if you didn’t want to be. I never knew how to be what I wanted. I hated him for the same reason that I couldn’t live without him: he never needed to know.

He used to stand on the edge of things. Sometimes he’s stutter along the precipice of the lake, and sometimes a ledge. I could always see him tumbling to the bottom, and me having to run down to see if he was okay. Then I’d have to look at his mangled body and call the police, and they’d always think that I’d killed him. He’d only laugh when I told him that I was afraid. So I’d bite him—I’d say that I was afraid for myself, and not for him. This always made him laugh even harder.

He laughed like a little girl, high and loud. It’d echo across Green Lake and drift up the mountainside. I’d always tell him to stop laughing before he attracted a bear or a hyena. Then he’d laugh even louder and throw me to the ground. I’d roll around and push him away, mostly because it was the only thing to do, but also because I never wanted him to know that I liked it. Or maybe because I didn’t want myself to know even more. I didn’t want to need.

When I found Jodie’s swollen body floating in Green Lake, I thought it had been an accident, the grandest and most tragic of all. His canoe must have flipped, or perhaps he had been walking too close to the edge again. I’d shivered and went to my mother’s house for the week, drinking the condolences and never responding to “how are you taking it?”

But my true tragedy lied in the torn scraps of paper I found in the garbage can after when I got back to Green Lake. I had found one on the linoleum beside the plastic bin that simply said “...sorry...” I noticed the other scraps lying on top of a rotting banana peel and an empty bottle of gin. I pieced the other bits together, hoping against hope that my dreams remained shattered as they were, and that they’d not be altered.

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For The Chanticleer

"Think Globally, Act Locally: Guiding Our Changing World" is this year’s Celebration of Inquiry Conference theme resulting in positive actions toward enhancing our lives and questioning the atrocities which humans and their environments experience.

In less than two weeks the Coastal Carolina University campus will be transformed into a splitting image of the globe featuring various continents and countries and will display a local "Day of Service" on the Prince Lawn.

Building foyers will be designated specific continents that will be filled with important information that may impact the world around it, including our local environment. The Prince Lawn will contain sign-up sheets to volunteer for local organizations, a canned food drive, a blood drive and a campus beautification project. All donations will be used to better the lives of those in the community.

While campus buildings become continents and the Prince Lawn focuses on empowering local services, fellow students will exhibit a wide array of presentations led by themselves as well as the best presentations this conference has ever hosted.

The conference will commence on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Auditorium featuring keynote speaker Natasha Trethewey. Trethewey is an accomplished poet and author of three award-winning collections. This session is free and open to the public; however, admission tickets are required to attend. Free general seating tickets can be obtained at the Wheelwright Box Office in Spadoni Circle prior to the event.

Following the keynote address will be a book signing by Natasha Tretewhey in the Wheelwright Lobby. If you do not have a copy of Tretewhey’s most recent book, Native Guard (2006), it can be purchased at the campus bookstore and in the Wheelwright Lobby following the presentation. Her other poetry collections will also be available, Domestic Work (2000) and Bellocq’s Ophelia (2002).

The Celebration will resume Thursday morning beginning at 9 a.m. A free continental breakfast will be served near the lobby of the EHFA building and the Wall building for interested attendees each morning of the event.

Concurrent sessions will be held throughout both Thursday and Friday, including two plenary speaker sessions featuring Doug Dirks and Maria del Carmen González.

Dirks will discuss the non-profit organization Ten Thousand Villages and the importance of the Fair Trade business on artisans in struggling nations around the world. González will later inform her audience about the worldwide Think Art program that focuses on the importance of visual arts instruction on students’ cognitive development.

Each of these sessions will be held on Thursday in the Wall Auditorium.

Feb. 16 will mark the conclusion of the annual conference and will feature a special closing session with the ever-popular "Jazz After Hours," the Big Band Concert, with Dan O’Reilly conducting. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium and will contribute to the creation of a memorable Celebration of Inquiry experience.

This year’s conference is pleased to feature nearly 150 presentations led by CCU students, faculty, staff and community members. Free conference programs will be available prior to the conference dates as well as on information tables during the days of the event. Programs will provide all information regarding each individual presentation including presenters, times and locations.

For more information on the Sixth Annual Celebration of Inquiry Conference, please visit www.coastal.edu/inquiry or contact Charmaine Tomczyk in Kimbel Library at charmain@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2403.

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Club corner: Wrestling club new to Coastal

Raytevia Evans
Section Editor

Fighting to make its sport known on campus, the Coastal Carolina University Wrestling Club is gaining popularity and has big plans for this semester.

The club was started last September by freshman student Patrick Hutchins, who was interested in the sport and couldn’t believe there wasn’t a team to join on campus.

“I think it’s disappointing to find out that Coastal didn’t have a wrestling team so I joined the club,” said Louis Bunnucci. Other members also agreed with Bunnucci and were interested in getting back into wrestling.

“I was shocked to find that there wasn’t a team and I wanted to start wrestling again,” said member Shane Warren.

Students who are interested in the sport are welcome to join the team during practices in the evenings. Skill and experience is not required to participate.

“Skill level wasn’t the most important thing. I just want people to come out here and work hard,” said Hutchins.

By working hard, Hutchins is referring to students who are willing to condition and practice to become better in competitions.

During practice, the team does a warm-up lap around the track, stretches and holds the wrestling stance for a certain amount of time to train themselves for matches.

The organization has not yet decided whether there will be a club fee for members.

As of now, the team meets Monday through Thursday at the track at 7 p.m. each night to condition and practice for competitions.

“We’re planning on two out-of-state competitions this semester,” Hutchins said.

There are about 13 official members of the club who all wrestle and enjoy practicing. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to join; the members are willing to help those students master their skills in wrestling. The team is always raising money to enter competitions and in-state scrimmages against other schools. Hutchins and his teammates have created the club and are excited about the upcoming events and the new interest students have shown in their organization.

For more information on the Wrestling Club, contact Hutchins at prhutchi@coastal.edu.
Largest student attendance yet at CPB listening party

Raytevia Evans
Section Editor

The Listening Party held by the Coastal Productions Board in the Commons on Jan. 30 was filled with fans of music who CPB calls “Smooth Groove.” Students filed into the private room to enjoy good food, interesting conversation and unforgettable music.

“We [played] R&B, music by Robin Thicke, R. Kelly and other slow jams,” said Antonio Pee, coordinator of CPB.

CPB started off with R. Kelly’s album “TP-2.com,” which dropped in November 2000. The crowd’s reaction was genuine and reminiscent as Kelly’s lyrics flowed over the smooth beats. Many students sang along to the tracks “Greatest Sex,” “Just Like That” and “I Decided.” The CPB staff asked everyone in the audience if they should “Rock it or Drop it.” CPB also played Robin Thicke’s latest album entitled “The Evolution of Robin Thicke” which hits stores on Feb. 13.

Many students attended the party enjoy intimate conversation and music. The turn out was unexpected by some of the CPB members.

“It turned out excellent considering the weather and the fact that some of the music is old,” said Shawn Holmes. Some students who attended other listening parties also agreed that the turn out was good.

“I went to the last one and it wasn’t as packed as this one,” said Dominic Calvano.

CPB raffled off a few CDs during the event. Some of the albums included in the raffle were Gerald Levert’s “Gerald’s World,” Fantasia’s self titled album, Janet Jackson’s “20 Y.O.” and R. Kelly’s “TP-2.com.” There was also good food between the playing of the two different albums. CPB provided punch, meatballs, chicken tenders, fruit, vegetables and other finger foods during the event.

The crowd enjoyed small talk and laughs with friends and acquaintances while listening to the music of today and yesterday.

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For more information, please call the Coastal Productions Board at (843) 349-2301 or send an e-mail to cpb2326@yahoo.com

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Evaluating the Eastern Conference

P. J. Brennen
For The Chanticleer

As the National Basketball Association (NBA) is just over halfway through their 2006-2007 regular season, teams begin to separate themselves from the rest of the pack. Teams that have the hope of becoming champions begin to raise their game in order to be ready for the only season that really matters, the post season.

The defending champions, the Miami Heat, have been disappointing thus far in the season. They are currently the first team that would be left out of the playoffs if they were to begin today. However, for them it is all about making the playoffs due to having perhaps the league’s best player, Dwayne Wade, as well as having Shaquille O’Neal back and ready to play.

The Washington Wizards, on the other hand, currently have the best record in the East, led by MVP frontrunner Gilbert Arenas. He is currently second in the league behind Carmelo Anthony in scoring at 29.4 points per game, and also second in the league in assists. He is second in the league in points per game, as well as having the Wizards best player in the league. Lebron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers are looking to expand on last season’s trip to the second round. While they are currently not playing their best ball, losing seven of the previous 10 games, they have gained experience which is perhaps the most important thing to have in the playoffs. James has shown that he can hit the big shot as well as find the open man, but the question is whether or not the team can hit its shots.

Finally, there is the Orlando Magic, who have slipped under the radar of most of the national media to become one of the leagues best young teams. While experience is key, so is having a dominates big man, which the Magic have in Dwight Howard. Howard is only 21 years old and is already among the league’s best rebounders and shot blockers. He can also pass out of the double team and find players for easy shots. The Magic have one of the league’s most underrated point guards in Jameer Nelson, who most people remember as the consensus National Player of the Year, while playing in college. The defending champions, the Miami Heat, have been disappointing thus far in the season. They are currently the first team that would be left out of the playoffs if they were to begin today. However, for them it is all about making the playoffs due to having Perhaps the league’s best player, Dwayne Wade, as well as having Shaquille O’Neal back and ready to play.

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Hello loyal readers! I know I say this every time, but thank you so much for all of the support you have given Coastal Carolina University Athletics. Because of you, the great fans of CCU, Kimbel Arena is the hardest place for any Big South basketball team to play in. I am amazed by all of the school spirit everyone has. The basketball teams and coaches are so appreciative of all the energy the fans bring to the games.

As all of you know, Coastal Idol has started up again. Here is how it works: Each game there will be two contestants competing during half-time; when they are finished the fans get to vote for the person they want to advance to the next round by taking their ticket stub and putting it in the box of the contestant they want to move on. The boxes will come around to each student. The winner of that round will be announced near the end of the game. We have some great talent, so we hope you enjoy the show.

The winner will receive a free laptop and a year's worth of Internet service.

Also, as you all know, UNC-Winthrop is our biggest rivalry. The men are playing them at home on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. We are planning a "teal out" for that day, so make sure you wear your teal shirts for this game. It is also going to be on TV. The Lady Chanticleers take on High Point University right after the men are finished.

Left: Coastal Carolina University cheerleaders perform during halftime at the men's basketball game against High Point. Right: Student Margo Najarian sings during halftime at the High Point Men's basketball game during the Coastal Idol competition. Fans in the stands voted on which of the two contestants they liked the best.
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On notice: Is anyone going to rise to the top?

Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

Since school ended in 2006 we have found out many things about sub plots. Ohio State was not that good to begin with. Florida had Troy Smith’s number and the fact that Boise State finished undefeated is pointless.

The Bracket Buster pairings have come out and the Chanticleers drew the Canisius Golden Griffins from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Coastal Carolina University hasn’t played a MAAC team since Marist back during the 2003-2004 season. Canisius has four players averaging double digit scoring. They shoot 35 percent from the 3-point line. From the free throw line, they struggle at 63 percent. The fact is that they are a better team in the first half. Darnell Wilson is a solid shooter at 57 percent. Frank Turner dishes out just fewer than six assists a game. If CCU gets off to a fast start in the second half, it could be lights early for the Griffs.

Boise State’s win over Oklahoma sends a message nationwide that proves bright orange pants really are in. The Red Sox have sunk $100 million plus into the right arm of Daisuke Matsuzaka. I think he’s solid. He should dominate, but the signing of Julio Lugo and J.D. Drew will soar them past the Yankees in 2007.

I’m an avid Hokies fan, and when they toppled Duke in Cameron and the Tarheels at Cassell Coliseum, it was beautiful. There’s nothing more magnificent than seeing a number one team in the nation fall on national television. For the first time in a while I don’t have a pre-February Final Four selection.

Florida is looking pretty dominating though; having Al Horford back has been huge.

Florida and Wisconsin appear big contenders for the title. Kevin Durant looks promising as well, but comparing him to Ewing is a bit unfair. Ewing never won an NBA title. But honestly, if someone had told me that the Virginia Tech Hokies would be leading the ACC standings in basketball in February, I’d have pulled out my box of matches that flat out told him or her that it’s a lie.

As I said earlier in the fall, Alexander Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby have taken the torch and run with it for the NHL. All they need is some national exposure and they’re definitely golden.

The Mavericks and Cavaliers appear on track for a collision course as they are dominating the Eastern and Western Conferences. I don’t see the Cavs winning it. The Pistons will be back and will remember that they’re not worthless anymore.

They just can’t let Chris Webber call in timeouts in the 4th quarter in the playoffs.

Being a Dolphin fan is like when you think you find money and the ground and someone has it on a string and just when you think you have it, they pull it away and run with it. Nick Satan is off to Alabama. I say good riddance to bad rubbish. The offense sputtered down the stretch and he deserves to be gone.

As a “Dolfan” I think the hiring of Cam Cameron is a great move. Pete Carroll said no, but it’s a safe hire in my mind. Cam, if you’re listening or reading this, Teddy Ginn, Jr. should be around by the time “we” pick at number nine. Kevin Kolb out of Houston isn’t a bad pick either. If you really need my advice, get in touch with my agent and we’ll talk soon.

It’s that time...

Boston Celtics - Ever since the 1990s rolled around, the Celtics have not been able to return to the glory days of the 80s. With deaths to Len Bias and Reggie Lewis, it’d be hard to press on and stay competitive. With Gerald Green and Al Jefferson, they will be great eventually. Paul Pierce is still going to be their go to guy, but the question is for how long? They won’t be in the playoffs in 2007, but the Celtics and Bruins are the two Boston teams that still can’t cut the mustard.

Wake Forest - Wow, when you lose to NC State by double digits, that’s pretty bad, considering how bad the Wolfpack really is this year. Their excuse is “we’re a football school now.”

People for a playoff in Div. I football - It’ll never work. Bowl games are great for the fans and the student athletes. The BCS isn’t perfect, but it’s as good as it will get. Big time players make big time plays, and the fact of the matter is, Florida was the best team in the nation.

Baseball gears up for 2007

Dan Schoonmaker
Web Editor

With most of the buzz around campus surrounding the recent success on both the football field and basketball court, it seems that few students realize that another team they should be following is about to lace up its cleats on the baseball diamond.

“We travel to East Carolina and they have thousands of students packed in the stands,” said Head Baseball Coach Gary Gilmore. “If we could pack the stands like that, there’s no doubt the team would have an even greater motivation to win.”

Following last year’s disappointing finish, it looks like this season Coach Gilmore and the men’s baseball team are looking to show critics that they belong among the countries best. With nationally ranked teams like Clemson University, North Carolina and Nebraska all featured on this season’s schedule, this year’s club will have one of the toughest schedules in the country.

To put this in perspective, this could be compared to the football team scheduling the likes of the University of South Carolina and Ohio State, or maybe the basketball team playing Duke and North Carolina next season. This may never happen in our lifetime, yet the baseball team is already competing at that level and few students around campus realize this.

As far as preseason polls are concerned, once again Coastal Carolina University has been shown that they’ll need to work to gain the media’s respect. “We’ve never been respected in the polls since I’ve been here,” said Gilmore. “We’ve had to earn our respect every year. We earned a spot in the national tournament multiple times and the following season we weren’t ranked.”

This early skepticism isn’t spoiling the Chants dreams just yet. With the team not even picked to finish first among their conference, it seems that this added doubt is only fueling the fire around the clubhouse. With 14 let­te­r­winners and five starters returning for the 2007 season, there’s no doubt that this year’s club is going out there with something to prove.

The team takes the field this weekend for the Springmaid Beach Resort Tournament where they’ll play North Florida Feb. 9 at 4 p.m., Elon Feb. 10 at noon and Virginia Feb. 11 at noon.

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Lady Chants on 3-game streak

Kelly Marret
Staff Writer

The mood was fierce and the pep band played loudly as the Coastal Carolina University Lady Chanticleers took to the court last Saturday evening against the Charleston Southern Lady Buccaneers, a fellow Big South competitor.

As soon as the ball went into the air at tip-off, the Lady Chants were a force to be reckoned with. There was no shortage of hustle as junior Victoria Blanchard was quick to rebound, coring the first points of the game and beginning CCU's game-long lead over the Lady Bucks. This was the second game in a row where our Lady Chants never trailed their opponent in points.

Head Coach Alan LeForce had Senior Calisha Yates led with there was a large local crowd at the game, which consisted of three Girl Scout troops, an elementary girl's basketball team and a good amount of community members.

What was missing were actual CCU students. Kelly Moore, CCU's head cheerleading coach, has gone to countless lengths to make the men and women's basketball games fun and entertaining for everyone, implementing the halftime Coastal Idol events, as well as three-point contests and much more.

CCU continued with their season to play the next six of seven games on the road, a journey that started with a 7 p.m. clash against UNC Winthrop on Jan. 31, which they won 60-55.

Sloppy play costing Chants

Kyle B. Ward
Sports Writer

Recent sloppy play has doomed the men's basketball team and they have sunk to 4-4 in Big South play. Their 86-77 loss to Charleston Southern ended a 13-game losing streak, earning their first conference win.

Moses Sonko led the way with 22 points, but when Coastal Carolina University only goes seven of 17 from behind the arc, it's going to be hard to get wins anywhere. Everage Richardson added 16, so getting points from other sources really helps the cause. However, giving up the ball 18 times will not get the job done at any level of basketball.

Winthrop seems to have a slight hold the Big South for now, but High Point is nipping at their heel. CCU had their chance at both, but they faltered late in both games. Getting a two seed is a stretch right now, as the Chants have to worry about winning games. Though Sonko and Leasure are helping lead the charge, they are on a relatively young squad that has to go through growing pains as February arises.

As Liberty, Winthrop and CCU embark on these Bracket Buster games, they must face and do well if they want to have the Big South, and earn respect nationally in college basketball.

Girls and Sports

Above: Senior guard Alisha Dill jumps up for the tip-off at the beginning of the game against Charleston Southern on Jan. 27. The Lady Chants won, 61-37.

Right: Senior forward Moses Sonko readies himself for a free throw during the game against High Point University. The men lost to High Point, 56-59.

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