President team plans future

Meg Duvall
Staff Writer

David DeCenzo and Edgar Dyer will implement their plans as the first presidential team to further Coastal Carolina University as a premier institution. On July 1, they assume their positions as president and executive vice president of the university.

“This is a unique opportunity to blend two complementary skill bases to move the university forward,” said DeCenzo.

According to him, the main goals of the president are resource development, establishing direction for the university and creating a community on campus. Resource development is a top priority for the president because it allows the university to create better facilities and more programs for students to become involved in. Since most of the funding comes from the government, state and fundraising, the president spends nearly 60 percent of his time out of the office.

The position of executive vice president was created to allow for plans to continue to move forward while DeCenzo is working outside the university. Dyer will be on campus to coordinate plans and activities, as well as manage government relations because of his political expertise.

“My job, primarily, is to help make David DeCenzo the very best president he can be,” said Dyer.

Dyer agrees that the most important goal is to make CCU the comprehensive university of choice in South Carolina. They believe this goal can be accomplished if they can create an image of quality for CCU.

DeCenzo and Dyer said their goal is that the degrees students receive from the university now will be more valuable to them in 10 years than they are today.

The students are the main focus the new team has for their plans. However, DeCenzo believes that students will not be affected too greatly by the behind-the-scenes work that takes place.

“My hope is what students see from the new administration will be fairly transparent to them,” said DeCenzo. “It should not directly affect them in a lot of ways, although there are some things that I hope do directly affect students.”

Press photo
President-elect David DeCenzo

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A group of students in the campus organization Students Taking Active Responsibility, STAR, traveled to Chile over spring break to help build 21 houses for an indigenous community in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

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Campus Events: What to do and where to do it

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Compiled by M. G. Fisher, assistant editor

ResLife: New staff, hires for summer

Nicole Svonavec
For The Chanticleer

Residence Life hired 44 new Resident Assistants last week for positions in the halls across campus. This student post oversees between 30 to 150 residents, plans activities and provides additional safety measures for our communities.

"This semester we were so grateful for the talented applicant pool that we had," said Jason Check, residence director. "Everyone we interviewed brought something unique to the table so we tried to fit the best teams together for next year's staff."

In addition to these new staff members, Residence Life is also hiring student workers for summer conference employment. Duties will include front desk assistance and custodial and maintenance duties. Applications are now available in Waccamaw Hall, Room 129 and need to be turned in by April 6 for summer consideration. Students must work at least 28 hours a week and housing will be provided if necessary.

Students may call (843) 349-6400 or visit the Office of Residence Life in Waccamaw Hall for additional information or to pick up a summer employment application.

From the desk of the president

Janet Shokal
For The Chanticleer

This is my last announcement as your Student Body President, and it has been a great year.

First, let me just say thank you for electing me and being so supportive all year. I have worked hard, learned many things and hopefully have been able to help some of you out in the process.

We have been through a lot over the past year, with College Park, all the construction, a new president and soon-to-be a new provost, a new core curriculum, an amazing homecoming along with many other changes.

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed representing you in some important decisions, and making this new constitution and structure work. Everyone has done such a great job and I am so proud to be part of this team. Thanks to my executive board, the senate and our advisers.

We still need more student involvement and I can say from personal experience that by becoming involved in the Student Government Association, you will have a more rewarding experience than you could have ever imagined.

So, with much nostalgia and excitement for what is to come next year, here's what you need to know to be in the know:

Voting for Student Government Elections is Monday, March 26 beginning at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27. Check your CCU e-mail for the link to vote.

Inauguration of the newly-elected officers is Monday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wall Board Room. All students are invited to attend. Following that, at 6 p.m. is the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Awards in the Wall Auditorium.

Applications for senators and appointed positions for next year are available in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership on the first floor of the Student Center and are due back on Wednesday, April 4. No experience in SGA is needed to apply and it is an opportunity of a lifetime.

Congratulations to Students Taking Active Responsibility (STAR) for a successful and safe trip to Chile over spring break.

Congratulations to all seniors graduating in May - I'll see you there!

In addition, a great job to all clubs and organizations for all your hard work this year. Each involved student makes CCU a better place to live and learn. Thank you and good luck to each of you here at CCU and wherever life may take you.

Quote: "Leave everything a little better than you found it."
Find out who is running for Student Government

Compiled by Kelly Marett, Staff Writer

The elections will be held next Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. Vote online at www.ccoastal.edu/students/vote. Check your Coastal e-mail accounts for a direct link to the voting Web page.

Samantha LeClair -
Running for vice president of public relations
"If elected, I will more efficiently bring the SGA to the student body and relay what they want to the Senate."

Todd Jenkins -
Running for vice president of public relations
"I want to 'Bring the Love' to SGA through dedication, diversity and leadership!"

Lauren Brajer -
Running unopposed for student body president
"As president, I would continue to unite all the organizations on campus in order to create the best possible reputation for CCU to present to the entire student body and the community. I will work toward a united campus focused mainly on improving and maintaining a reputation of CCU that will be presentable to the community."

Chelsea Trimper -
Running unopposed for vice president of finance
"Through hard work and dedication, I plan to use my financial experience to better the Student Government Association and its relations with the student body."

Sean Clemmensen -
Running unopposed for vice president of policy
"I have a lot planned for the upcoming year if elected, including becoming more involved with the community, running more efficient senate meetings, and working with our new university president."

Relay for life: CCU’s community walks for cancer

CCU’s STAR hosts first-ever Relay for Life on campus

Ashley Cyr
For The Chanticleer

Relay for Life was started back in 1986 by Dr. Gordy Klatt. A mere 19 teams participated in the first relay, which took place in Washington state. They raised $33,000 in the first event alone. Since then, millions have joined the growing cause and make Relay For Life the largest fundraising event in the history of mankind.

On April 20 for the first time, CCU will add to the already more than 4,800 relays nationwide in the continuous battle to help find a cure for cancer.

"STAR (Students Taking Active Responsibility) went to Myrtle Beach Relay last year and although we had a blast we wanted to open the opportunity to Coastal as a whole," stated Sunni Stewart, co-coordinator for STAR.

Last year at the Myrtle Beach relay, STAR registered a team in CCU’s name and ended up raising over $1,000. This year, STAR’s goal is $17,500 and as of Friday, March 23, they are already two-thirds of the way toward reaching that goal.

The purpose of Relay for Life is to celebrate those who have survived cancer, those who are currently battling cancer and those who were lost. The main point is to inspire people to fight back. For every victim and survivor of cancer, a luminary is lit and lined up along the track to serve as a constant reminder to participants their purposes for being there.

"The responses from clubs and organizations have been phenomenal along with the support from faculty and staff. That is why this event is going to be so much fun. Literally everyone on campus is invited," said Kim Staabingas, also co-coordinator for STAR.

The main reason students are getting involved is because of personal experience.

"I have family and friends who have died and [some who have] survived the fight with cancer. It just feels right to help support the cause," said sophomore Meagan Gehman.

During the actual event, teams of 8-15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times. Coastal Carolina University is hosting their relay from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the relay. The sponsors donate money to the team and in return it gets a sign with its name on it on the track during the relay.

Stewart talked about RFL in a positive way.

"It’s on a Friday night, I’m sure everyone will have somewhere else they could be. Nevertheless, when we light those luminaries in honor and memory of all those who have lost their lives to cancer or have battled the disease, it makes it all worth it. We stay over night because cancer doesn’t sleep! What a better way to save a life than having an all-night party with your friends?"

Coastal Carolina University will host Relay For Life on April 20 at the campus track from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Left: A team walks around a track in support of people who have been diagnosed with cancer, who have survived cancer or who were a victim of cancer. Above: A candle it lit around the track for cancer patients.

Registering and donating for this event is simple. All you have to do is go to the Relay for Life Web site www.relayforlife.org. To keep track of how much money CCU is currently fundraising, visit www.acsevents.org/coastalcarolinau. For more information on how you can help, either visit the Web site or contact STAR.
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Get Ready for April 20th

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Millionaire gives advice to CCU about making money

Raytevia Evans
Section Editor

At the age of 12, Ephren Taylor started his own video game business and by the time he was 16, he was officially a millionaire.

On March 22 at 7 p.m., the recital hall in the Edwards Humanities and Fine Arts building filled to capacity with Coastal Carolina University faculty, staff, students, middle school students and community members. The event was entitled “Getting Paid at Any Age” and was a part of the CCU African-American Celebration.

While the audience made themselves as comfortable as possible in the overly-crowded room, the youngest African-American CEO of a publicly-traded company started his speech by moving the podium and taking the microphone from the stand saying, “I don’t know. I think I’m podium-phobic. I just like the intimacy with the audience.”

The audience, some sitting and others standing along the walls of the room, quickly warmed up to Taylor’s bubbly attitude.

“We’re going to take a journey. I want to speak to you about pennies to billions,” said Taylor.

He immediately has the attention of every person in the room and the few people standing in the hallways anxiously listening to the advice that could possibly make them rich.

Throughout the program, Taylor spoke about the conditions in which he was raised, inspiring the audience to be determined for success. He is originally from Port Gibson, Miss., the second poorest state in the country.

“My mom made sure we could print, write in cursive and partially read before we started school [kindergarten],” said Taylor. Education was a big issue in Taylor’s home as a child; he was constantly reminded of this by his parents.

In middle school, Taylor loved to play video games. After continuously asking his parents for new video games, Taylor was tired of getting the same negative answer.

“My father finally said, ‘Why don’t you make your own video game?’ explained Taylor to the audience. This gave Taylor an idea and a start to entrepreneurial skills that would set him for life.

“I had no idea the significance of what had happened. A middle schooler made a 3-D video game,” said Taylor, getting laughs from the crowd. Taylor had created his first video game and began his journey to success. He explained, “This is where playground entrepreneurship comes into play.”

The kids at school started to admire Taylor’s game and offered to buy it.

“So now the kids are surrounding my table. I got the big cookie at lunch, the Welsh’s juice box, chicken fingers,” said Taylor, amusing the crowd. Taylor said he came from the bottom and was all of a sudden “Mr. Popular.”

Taylor’s main point was to encourage people to go for what they want.

“So many say they want to succeed but their actions say they want to fail,” said Taylor.

He also encourages people to ignore the discouragement that will come from others.

“A lot of people told us no. A lot of people said ‘Ephren you can’t manage that.’ Today, I’m worth $25 million.”

Taylor is the CEO and chairman of City Capital Corporation, a serial entrepreneur, philanthropist and calls himself a mogul activist. He resides in Kansas City “but lives everywhere” and is happily married with children.

He encourages people to think outside the box and go for their goals as he did when he was just a child.

He said, “In order to think outside the box, you have to know who put the box there. A box is nothing more than a mental prison.”

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Pi Kappa Phi pushes the boundaries of fundraising

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi of Coastal Carolina University believe people who have physical disabilities should be treated the same as everyone else. They express this belief every year on CCU’s campus through a week-long event called No Boundaries Week. The event is held to raise money for the fraternity’s philanthropy, PUSH America, which was created by the fraternity in 1987. Pi Kappa Phi is the only fraternity in the nation to create their own philanthropy.

On Monday, March 19, a group of brothers gathered on the Prince Lawn for the first event of No Boundaries Week, the balloon release. Written on each of 150 balloons were derogatory names that are commonly used in today’s society to refer to disabled people. The release of the balloons is meant to represent the extermination of the words from their vocabularies.

“The balloon release symbolizes the discouragement of negativity toward the disabled,” said Matt Molzan, the public relations chair for Pi Kappa Phi.

The brothers recruited students walking to class across the Prince Lawn to join them in releasing the balloons at 12:30 p.m. A crowd of around 60 students gathered with the members of the fraternity to release the blue and white balloons into the air.

Also on Monday, several of the brothers conducted an accessibility evaluation of the buildings on campus in order to identify and fix any problems areas that may exist for the disabled.

“We looked at each building and noted where it needed improvement in the areas of ramps, elevators and easy accessibility,” said brother Kyle Drapeau, who was in charge of this event.

Drapeau used ADA Accessibility Checklists for Existing Facilities that are used regularly in New York. The forms checked for the placement of doors in relation to the stairs in the building, the availability of access roads from bus stops and how easy or hard it was to open the main entrance doors, among other things. The Edwards, Prince, Wall, Smith and Singleton buildings were evaluated, along with the campus gymnasium and the freshman dorms.

Other events for No Boundaries Week include the scaffold sit, a special needs dance, a Miss PUSH America Pageant, a PUSH America Banner Competition, adopting a disability for a day, an empathy dinner with university officials and a small concert on the Student Center deck.

“In the four years I’ve been here, I don’t think we’ve ever done this much,” said Molzan about the amount of events the fraternity planned. “[Before the week even started] we’d already netted over $1,100 from sending out letters to the community and asking for donations to the cause.”

The scaffold sit is the fraternity’s most popular event among the students on campus. A member of the fraternity has to remain on top of an 8-foot scaffold that is set up on the Prince Lawn until their goal of $1,000 is reached. Other brothers stand below the scaffold with buckets for donations from passers-by. The scaffold was set up on Tuesday morning and wasn’t taken down until Wednesday afternoon.

Also on Tuesday, the brothers hosted a special needs dance at the Coastal Science Center. They invited disabled individuals from around the community to attend. Wednesday’s events included the Miss PUSH America Pageant and the banner competition. Women from various student organizations and sororities participated in the pageant, which required a $20 entry fee. Bridgette Houska from Alpha Delta Pi won the pageant. The banner competition invited campus organizations to promote PUSH America by creating banners of their own and entering them in the contest for $25. The winner, Alpha Delta Pi, received a $100 donation for a philanthropy of their choice.

Another popular event during No Boundaries Week is the Adopt-A-Disability-For-A-Day event. Brothers gathered in the C.I.N.O. Grille early Thursday morning to receive their disability which they had to adopt for the day, along with their choice of organization to support.

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The Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi would like to thank all the students, faculty, staff and organizations for all the support which we received over our No Boundaries Week.
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Crime Log

March 6
Fraud
Two victims reported to CCU DPS that they had been approached about buying magazine subscriptions at Santee Hall. They were asked to give the seller a check so the seller could win a prize and were told the seller would not cash the check. The checks were cashed.

March 8
Possession with intent to distribute marijuana
While on post at the Residence Boulevard area security building, a CCU DPS officer smelled marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed several individually packaged amounts of marijuana and paraphernalia. The subject was arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

March 9
Malicious damage to an exit sign
The complainant reported to CCU DPS that an exit sign had been knocked down at Waccamaw Hall. The sign was found nearby and an investigation is continuing.

March 12
Larceny
The complainant reported to CCU DPS that he or she saw a vehicle leaving Waccamaw Hall with a mattress on the roof.

March 13
Driving under the influence
CCU DPS officers stopped a vehicle on U.S. 501 and University Boulevard that was observed driving in a suspicious manner. The driver was given field sobriety tests after the officers observed the driver acting in a manner consistent with someone who had been drinking. The driver did not pass the field sobriety tests and was transported to a breath alcohol testing site where the driver refused to be tested. The driver was given a citation for DUI and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

March 19
Public intoxication
While on patrol, the officer noticed an out of place vehicle parked at the Foundation Center and investigated it. The subject was in the vehicle and when given field sobriety tests, the subject failed them. The subject was ticketed for public intoxication and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCUDPS

Margaret Fain
For The Chanticleer

Our users are demanding more immediate access to the full-text of magazine, newspaper and academic journal literature.

Over the past few years, Kimbel Library has been working hard to provide such access. Due to an increased demand for online access and dwindling shelf space in our time-worn building, the library has reduced the number of print journal subscriptions by just over one-half.

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Behind the Scenes Gateway:

Journal Finder utilizes the Open URL protocol to enable linking from a source (for example, a citation for a journal article in an online database such as Oceanic Abstracts) to a target (such as an online journal for which the library has an online or print subscription).

Kimbel librarians build a knowledge base within Journal Finder that provides details on every full-text magazine, newspaper or academic journal title available to CCU users. When viewing a list of citations in an online database, users will see either a Journal Finder icon or hyperlink.

A quick click sends Journal Finder into action, browsing the knowledge base to ascertain whether the user has access to that journal. A match will prompt Journal Finder to construct a linked to the available online content, or to the online catalog for a print version.

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Journal Finder also provides an upfront search capability that allows users to search for exact journal titles, journal titles that contain specific word(s) or to display a list of accessible journal titles by subject. This interface is not able to locate articles within journals. Once at the journal site, users can then navigate to individual volumes and issues. Journal Finder is one-stop shopping for locating all the print and online journals that are available to CCU students, faculty and staff.
Second TEAL spring 2007 senior class announced

Mollie Fout
For The Chanticleer

Twelve seniors completed the spring 2007 session of The Excellent Alumni Leader (TEAL) Senior Seminar on Feb. 27, receiving certificates of achievement. President of the Alumni Association Rob Shelton and Dr. Debbie Connor, assistant vice president for university relations, extended hearty congratulations to the graduating students.

The spring 2007 class includes Charles Burns, Ann Coffin, Sonya Gore, Jennifer Hardy, Jessica Hunt, Ebony Hughes, Devina Long, Larissa Moreira, Joseph Shahade, Janet Shokal, Ryan Turner and Tina Williams.

The TEAL senior seminar was created by the Career Services Center and the Division of Student Affairs to provide a capstone experience that prepares Coastal Carolina University graduates for leadership roles in the workplace. Six weekly sessions focus on career decisions, career/life skills, financial literacy and a personal strategy for transitioning into professional life.

Students who complete the series develop a clear career plan, receive the tools to execute a successful job search along with the confidence to move successfully from the university into new life roles. Finishing the TEAL seminar also qualifies graduates for membership into an official TEAL alumni affiliation group that will grow in size and value as a business network with each passing year.

As a result of previous student evaluations of the seminar that said more time was needed, the TEAL senior seminar will be offered as a two credit-hour elective under the University 350 course number in fall 2007. The course will meet one afternoon a week for the first eight-week sessions.

Students will develop and polish resumes required for a successful job search, create a portfolio of work samples, practice communication skills for interviewing and networking and participate in career development events such as networking receptions, an etiquette dinner and videotaped mock interviews to create a polished professional image.

Rising seniors and senior-level students can enroll in the seminar during the regular registration period in late March and early April. For additional information, contact the Career Services Center at (843) 349-2333.

Financial Literacy forums to be offered for students’ benefit

Mollie Fout
For The Chanticleer

The Career Services Center will host Money Talks, on-campus forums about personal financial literacy for students, on April 4 and April 24.

Topics include the importance of managing credit, shopping for cars and car loans and strategies for building personal wealth. These will be presented by women student leaders who participated in a four-session Financial Literacy Workshop earlier this semester.

The April 4 forum will be held in the Wall Auditorium at 3 p.m. The forum is open to all members of the campus community. Janet Shokal, Felicia Mebane and Sarah Guckien will be the primary presenters. Theresa Ross, financial counselor from the Consumer Credit Bureau, will also answer questions.

Other students who participated in the workshop include Jasmine Tyler, senior resort tourism management major, Cherita Hunt, senior biology major, Faith Newton, senior English major, Marissa Mitzner, junior business management major, Taryn Bell, senior psychology major, Emma O’Brien-Gayes, junior resort tourism management major, Sarah Baker, sophomore elementary education major, Tina Williams, junior business management major, Shayla Sanders, senior communication major, Tylandra Sims, junior political science major and Ashton Mincey, freshman physical education major.

If you have specific questions you would like to have discussed at the forum, send the question(s) by e-mail to mfout@coastal.edu.

Editor’s note: This information comes from the Career Services Center as information CCU students can directly benefit from.

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Computing services may save your computer’s life

Amanda Kelley
Staff Writer/Photographer

Computers crash yielding screeching blue screens, viruses threaten to shut the system down, pop-up ads interfere with Internet activity and the computer’s warranty just expired. When all hope seems to be lost, student computing services (SCS) comes to the rescue.

SCS is a division of the Information Technology Service (ITS) at Coastal Carolina University and serves to help students learn necessary computer skills as well as to provide technical assistance.

Brent Johnson, a student computing consultant said, “We provide tech support by diagnosing problems, removing spyware and advising students of upgrades.” The staff, composed of both students and faculty, mainly fixes software problems, which according to Johnson include “removing viruses and corrupted files, and in more serious instances, reinstalling the operating system.”

Johnson says that with hardware problems, they can only diagnose the problem and assist the student in getting help from the manufacturer.

SCS now recommends that all incoming freshman purchase a tablet PC as part of the Convertible Notebook Initiative.

Johnson said, “Students who purchase the Gateway M280 or M285 SCS can perform both software and hardware fixes.”

The staff also manages the student/general access labs in the Prince, Edwards, Science and Wall buildings as well as in the Kimbel Library.

Johnson said the SCS has resident technical consultants who actually go to students’ dorm rooms in the evenings or weekends to provide technical support. Students using CCU’s network and who wish to play console games online (like XBOX Live) can register their game consoles through a simple form located on the Web site.

SCS even provides Symantec virus software to students free of charge; it’s complicated to find the service on the Web site so the staff recommends making an appointment.

To receive technical support, drop by Prince 204-C or call (843) 349-2220. The general turn around time is 24 – 48 hours, unless the problem is more severe.

Acclaimed author and visiting professor reads works

David Weber
Staff Writer

A crowd of students, professors and lovers of literature filed into the Wall Auditorium recently to listen to critically-acclaimed author David Payne give a 40-minute reading and discuss his latest work “Back to Wando Passo.”

Payne took the stage on March 20 and began the event with a piece he had written which he claimed was “as close as [he’s] gotten to writing poetry in 15 years.”

He then went into reading three different sections from his latest book which evoked a range of emotions from the audience. There were times of laughter, times of thought and times of mystery. The crowd was focused on each word that jumped off Payne’s tongue.

Riddled throughout the crowd were various students from the creative writing fiction class that Payne teaches at Coastal Carolina University as a visiting professor. Payne is from North Carolina, and travels down to CCU one day out of every week to teach the class.

Payne, originally from Henderson, N.C., attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and graduated with highest honors in creative writing in 1977. He has been called by several critics the greatest writer of his generation.

Payne has written five books, including “Gravesend Light,” “Ruin Creek” and his recent work “Back to Wando Passo.”

For more information about the Words To Say It Series, contact Dan Albergotti at albergot@coastal.edu.

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many people in the world are obese and eat fast food too many times a week. Many students were encouraged to come out to enjoy the film and healthy refreshments that were provided during the showing of the movie. “It is nice to know that there is a peer willing to publicly bring awareness to this lessening epidemic and counter it with healthy snacks,” said Lillian Martin, a sophomore early childhood education major.

On Wednesday night, NPHC hosted an Empowerment Session and invited different groups and organizations to attend.

“We were trying to get all the different organizations to reflect on themselves and each other. We had one ice breaker and then did some cool exercises. For example, if an organization couldn’t come up with five events they’d done that year, then we tried to empower them to do more on campus each year. The event was successful; we had good representation from the organizations on campus,” said Tyeshia Davis, a Greek Life co-coordinator.

NPHC encouraged everyone to come out and support the cause and to just have fun together.

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DeCenzo and Dyer hope students are affected by things such as changes to the science building, an addition on the library that will allow it to be open 24 hours, seven days a week and a student activity center where students can hang out.

The plan is to make CCU more student friendly with a regenerated excitement on campus. The team hopes to create a community where students are involved with events and organizations on campus in addition to their educational experiences.

"There has to be something on campus for students to enjoy themselves and have the social part of a college life," said DeCenzo.

The administration believes that creating a student activity center will give students a place to congregate. The new arena will also serve this purpose by giving students more opportunities for intramural activities.

According to DeCenzo, the number one reason students leave the university is because there is nothing to do on campus. He agrees that Friday night through Monday morning, the campus is relatively quiet; he also believes that students have to want to become involved on campus.

DeCenzo quoted the adage, "You can bring a horse to water, but you can't make it drink."

He thinks that while the university can provide organizations and activities for students, it is the students who must take advantage of those opportunities provided to them. The administration plans events it is excited about, but it said it is unsure whether or not students enjoy them.

DeCenzo and Dyer want students to be able to share their ideas, as well as their likes and dislikes when it comes to programs, facilities and events that are present on campus. They want to create a culture where students recognize it is important to participate on campus, but they said that this change must come from the students.

Next semester, DeCenzo plans to have a student dinner at least once a month with 25 to 30 randomly selected students where he can have the opportunity to interact with them. He hopes students will take advantage of this opportunity so that a "home" for the president is created.

A relationship between the administration and students is only part of the plan the team has for CCU. DeCenzo and Dyer feel that the university will continue to grow slowly, but the shape and form the growth will take is still being determined.

Duties of the president of the university

- Manage an environment of rapid growth;
- Secure funding and other resources from public and private sources to support continuing and new programs and facilities that fulfill the mission and core values of the university;
- Strengthen the ongoing planning and assessment process to ensure continual improvement of all university functions;
- Refine and implement an enrollment and retention management strategy that serves the region, emphasizes quality, diversifies the student body and optimizes the use of resources;
- Develop and implement a strong program of legislative and governmental relations;
- Maintain and further relationships with the community, including civic organizations, non-profit agencies, and the business community at large;
- Increase cultural, ethnic, and gender diversity in the university program and community;
- Enhance opportunities for the intellectual, personal and professional development of students, faculty and staff;
- Improve the university environment for the health, safety and comfort of students, staff and faculty; and
- Strengthen its sense of community through efforts such as improved communication, focused programs, specialized activities and cooperative relationships with external constituencies.

Editor's note: This information is available on CCU's Web site at http://www.coastal.edu/presidentialsearch/description.html.

Alpha Delta Pi welcomes our new Alpha members home to Alpha Delta Pi.

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Caitlin Dorman  Alex Hansen  Michelle McDaniel  Mary McKellar Purvis  Alyssa Randazzo

We thank all the women who expressed interest in Alpha Delta Pi, and hope to see you in the fall at Panhellenic recruitment. Thanks also to the AΔΠ Ambassadors from other Coastal sororities and fraternities that helped make our colonization a success!
Coastal Carolina University will host Lorna Bracewell, a nationally recognized singer and song writer, to lead a series of workshops and a concert event in support of gender violence.

"Bracewell: Uniting our community against gender violence" is a two-day festival that helps students, faculty, staff and community members to become aware of gender violence and issues in society.

This event is in recognition of Women’s History Month (March) and Violence Awareness Month (April). It supports community service providers such as the American Red Cross, Citizens Against Spousal Abuse and MBRCC,” said Dr. Deb Walker, a communication assistant professor and the Upsilon Eta advisor.

The festival will start on Thursday, March 29 and will extend through Friday, March 30. On Thursday, the workshops include Living Social Change, Falling in Love with Feminism and Research as Social Action.

On Friday, there will be activities on the Prince Lawn throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a community service information fair and a live concert that features Bracewell.

"Coastal students will benefit enormously from the opportunity to attend workshops with the performer and to enjoy a concert event organized around social issues," said Walker.

This event is being sponsored by Upsilon Eta, the new communication honor society, in conjunction with The Office of Student Activities and Leadership, the Student Government Association, the College Of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Department of English, Communication and Journalism and the Women’s and Gender Studies program.

If students have any questions about this event, contact Walker in the Edwards building, Room 293 or visit www.lornabracewell.com for additional information about the guest musician.

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Point/Counterpoint: Should freshmen have cars on campus?

Meg Duvall  
Staff Writer

As an upperclassman, it would be easy for me to say that freshmen shouldn’t have cars on campus. However, I was once that freshman on a campus where we weren’t allowed to have cars.

Without my car, I felt like a 15-year-old again. I had to have my older friends give me rides everywhere, like to the mall and to work. It was an inconvenience that I would never want for anyone. Besides, I would much rather allow freshmen to have cars on campus than have to be a taxi for them.

Our location also poses a problem for students who don’t have cars. Coastal Carolina University is not in an urban setting where the public transportation system is reliable.

How would a freshman who needs to work to pay for school and bills or even just to have spending money be able to get a job off campus? There are very few, if any, places to work that are within walking distance of CCU.

The closest businesses to campus are located along U.S. 501 and Hwy 544. Neither of these roads could be considered safe to walk across.

Other than our location and inconvenience, the shuttle service to and from campus and University Place is also a problem that students without cars have at CCU. The shuttle service is often late and sometimes the wait is too long for students.

There are drawbacks to freshmen having cars on campus, such as having limited parking spaces on campus. The university, however, should address this issue by adding more parking rather than taking a privilege away from the older students.

For the sake of everyone, even the freshmen, they should be allowed to have cars on campus.

Amanda Kelley  
Staff Writer/Photographer

Coastal Carolina University’s freshmen are spoiled with the luxury of being able to have cars on campus their first year. For freshman living on campus, it is a luxury and not a necessity and they do not need their cars here their first year.

Other schools of our size don’t allow freshmen to have cars. We shouldn’t disallow it simply because everyone else does, but it would certainly alleviate the problem of limited parking that most students complain about.

CCU freshmen aren’t allowed to drive their cars to class if they live on campus, and with a campus as small as ours, it is easy to walk anywhere. The only reason freshmen would need a car is to find a job, but there are plenty of on-campus employment opportunities and local businesses within walking distance.

The shuttle services are consistently improving through decisions made by committees within the Student Government Association. It is easier than ever to get to the East campus and even all the way to Broadway at the Beach.

If freshmen weren’t allowed to have their cars, they would practically be forced to get more involved in campus activities. With the weather growing warmer, not having a car could even keep students from skipping classes to enjoy the beach.

Let us hear your voice! Submit letters to the editor at ww2.coastal.edu/chanticleer.

Illustration by Marty Keiser

Freshman Year

NEED RIDE TO: WAL-MART, KROGER, BEEF O’BRAFY’S, MALL, MOVIE THEATER...
**MAPQUESTING LIFE**

**TOPIC: CUTTERS**

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 to mgfisher@coastal.edu. Advice and support will be given from both a male and a female’s point of view for everyone’s benefit.

David Weber

**Staff Writer**

Only those who have committed the act can truly understand what it’s like to be a cutter. This is a very important topic to me seeing as I used to be a person who cut himself.

I have no problem speaking about my past because I hope that it can possibly help with someone else’s future. Most people who are cutters believe that the act helps them to relieve the pain of life or even that just feeling the pain helps them realize that they are not completely numb to feeling.

The problem with this reasoning is that the depression and feelings of worthlessness have reached an extreme that can become very dangerous. Those who cut themselves should know that there are other ways to deal with depression and the emotional pain they are feeling.

My main advice is to seek out professional help. This is more than just saying that a person needs medication; it is more to say that it is best to get an objective opinion.

They should seek out someone to talk to who can help them deal with their problem(s).

M. G. Fisher

**Assistant Editor**

As the number of “cutters” is a substantial one, I think that it is safe to say that it is a problem.

I myself have never taken part in this activity, but my best friend is a former cutter. It is true that she has since gotten away from the destructive habit and tended to do it most intensely in times of true gravity. However, she did not get away from cutting on her own. Although it represents different things for different people, the cause is something that people must figure out for themselves. I am going to have to agree with David on this one. Outward self-destructive behavior is a sign of inward turmoil and distress.

As it happened for my best friend, it is important to talk to somebody and figure out what the problem is internally so that you can solve it and stop hurting yourself. For her, that meant talking to a professional, but I believe that there are many ways for people to help themselves and to let other people help them.

So if you have an aversion to professional psychologists, find someone who you respect, trust and who has a good handle on the kind of person that you are and talk with them. In any case, this activity is one that is indicative of a real problem, and if left alone can lead to more destructive behavior. In short, if this is something that you struggle with, get help now.

You can go to the counselors here at CCU, any of the surrounding psychologists/psychiatrists (which insurance will help with) or join an online support group (which can be found by searching “online support groups for “cutters” or some other variation of that through one of many search engines).

In 2007 we have all of the information that we could possibly desire at our fingertips. Take advantage of this to help yourself.

For students on campus, seek out the Counseling Services Center. There are many people there who are willing to help and who truly understand how to help those with the need for emotional strengthening.

If you know or think you know someone who is a cutter, or you are a cutter yourself, just seek out the people of the Counseling Services Center. They are more than willing to help out in any way they can.

Like it or not: The editor speaks out on the core curriculum

**Caroline P. Smith**  
**Editor-in-Chief**

**Disclaimer: The writer is an English major, and is therefore biased in favor of all things related.**

After a year of meeting with committees and faculty senates, the Coastal Carolina University core curriculum committee has revised the campus’ core curriculum that will be effective starting this fall, so long as the April 4 faculty senate meeting officially passes it as is.

The previous core curriculum required students to complete 44 to 52 credit hours of classes that extended across all the colleges here at CCU. The revised core curriculum now only requires 34 to 38 credit hours. When I first saw this, I wondered if that was enough to provide students with the foundation they need to enter their major requirements.

The revised core is split into eight different sections, referred to as “concepts.” These concepts are communication, math, science, humanistic concepts, cultures/languages, structure and development of the U.S., human health/behavior and creative expression. I must admit that the idea of having concepts built into the curriculum is an organized and ubiquitous way to make sure all the necessary areas are being covered; however, I do feel some of the concepts do not have enough required credits.

For example, under the communication concept, only six credits are required: English 101 and an “approved communication emphasis course.” In the previous curriculum, both English 101 and 102 were required, along with one 200-level English class as a foundation course. 101 and 102 are the basics of English, the language this country speaks and writes in on a daily basis. Can freshmen really learn everything they need to know about communicating the English language properly in one class?

Although the change in the core curriculum is a great benefit to students, the amount that students actually benefit from the curriculum is the amount of science classes required. Previously, both levels of any given science course were required, along with the corresponding lab. That requirement has been cut in half.

I understand my opinion is moot at this point of the revision process, but I heartily approve of the cultures/languages concept, which retained the same amount of required credits but added several options under “global studies awareness.” The promotion of learning appreciation and respect for cultures other than our own is evident and I think a wonderful addition to the core curriculum.

I also feel that the creative expression concept testifies to the open-mindedness of CCU and the willingness of this campus to advocate individuality and self-expression of the students.

Freshmen and transfers are also now required to take University 110, the First-Year Experience course, which I also think is an important addition to the curriculum. After just one year of being in operation, the First-Year Academic Advising Center has helped retain a greater amount of freshmen than ever before at CCU. By making University 110 a required class, that number can only increase.

I suppose the only problem I have with this new core is the lack of required English courses. This deficit hits home with me particularly because it was my first two English classes at CCU (101 and 102) that literally changed my life. Had it not been for those classes and the professors who taught them, I would not be an English major and probably would not have the privilege to write this column every two weeks.
Sudden death: A political debate on minimum wage

Michael Wetherell
For The Chanticleer

Currently, a popular bill is sitting inside the House of Representatives waiting to be voted on. The bill is to increase the national minimum wage from $5.15 to $7.25 an hour.

To most everyone, that sounds like a dream come true. I mean, I’m inside the House of Representatives to increase the national minimum wage from $5.15 to $7.25 an hour.

Waiting to be voted on. The bill is employees where they see fit which legislation students in this area.

They will start to cut down on the same number of employees, so if the bill gets passed, the McDonald’s say we are and working at $7.25 a poor college student as most of us Carolina Forest has a set amount of money set aside for payroll.

It sounds awesome. What people don’t notice is our economy will be greatly affected.

For example, the McDonald’s in Carolina Forest has a set amount of money set aside for payroll. If the bill gets passed, the McDonald’s possibly could not afford to keep the same number of employees, so they will start to cut down on employees where they see fit which would create fewer jobs for the college students in this area.

Also the prices you are paying for your hamburger will rise due to the increased wages for the employees. And that’s only one business in Myrtle Beach. Multiply that one business across the nation and that is a very big problem.

The unemployment rate would increase because these smaller businesses or fast food restaurants that pay per hour can’t afford their employees. Democrats in Washington D.C. see this as a great political move to get their cause noticed. I doubt very seriously that any one of those politicians have looked to see what the effect on the nation could be. I am for the minimum wage to be raised but not to an unrealistic standard.

The Democratic Party is seen as helping the poor, but in reality with this bill they are only helping them lose their jobs.

Editor’s note: Michael Wetherell is a member of the Coastal Carolina University Young Republicans.

Kelly Marett
Staff Writer

In January 2007, the Democratic House passed a piece of bi-partisan legislation raising the minimum wage from $5.15 to $7.25 an hour to support hard-working American families in their pursuit towards the true American lifestyle. Unfortunately, the legislation was blocked by the GOP (Republican Party) in the Senate the following week.

After nearly a decade of $5.15 an hour, it is time for hard-working citizens, like most students here at Coastal Carolina University, to enjoy a well-deserved raise.

It has been proven through various scenarios that a moderate wage increase, over time, can be very effective in reducing poverty levels and enhancing the incentive to work.

Let’s face it, the standard living prices are getting higher and higher each year and most families relying on the current minimum wage can barely make it above the poverty line. On top of that, consumerism is shoved in our faces every day with hundreds of commercials on television and new fashion trends to keep up with; it’s almost impossible to be a college student at a $5.15-an-hour job.

This wage increase, in the long-run, will raise productivity levels throughout the nation, which is especially important in our race against China’s looming hegemony. It would also allow for a more flexible workforce, employed at higher standards with more efficient training programs.

The U.S. Congress should be a beacon for all its people; however, Republicans are keeping the average American voice from being heard.

For the Democrats, this increase was only supposed to be the first step toward ensuring financial complacency for the American family. Also on the agenda is to make college tuition tax deductible and to cut the student loan interest rates in half, so American families don’t have to go into debt just to send their children to a good college.

Despite all of the false or exaggerated information which most anti-increase enthusiast are spouting, a minimum wage increase will be good for our country, its economy and its people.

Editor’s note: Kelly Marett is a staff writer and a member of the Coastal Carolina University Young Democrats.
Singer Sandi Patty: Soothing the sinner’s soul

Olivia Marlowe
For The Chanticleer

The date: Friday, March 2. The time: 7:30 p.m. sharp. The place: Wheelwright Auditorium at Coastal Carolina University. The performer was none other than the world-renowned contemporary Christian vocalist Sandi Patty.

After having a grueling Friday, I made up my mind that whether I felt like it or not, I was going to pick up my beloved grandparents and take them over to CCU to hear the previously mentioned performer. After our long day, I didn’t think that my grandparents and I were really in the mood to go out for the evening, but we went anyway because I wanted to celebrate their approaching 45th wedding anniversary with them.

Upon our arrival to Wheelwright Auditorium, we were amazed by the turnout of the public. Mind you; there weren’t many college-age kids there, despite the fact that this concert was held on a college campus. Instead, there were many senior citizens and church groups from the surrounding community; I was both disappointed and inspired.

**Patty’s awe-inspiring vocal range and varied singing style capabilities moved me to tears.** Pointed by and content with this atmosphere. The former feeling, I later regretted.

As soon as Patty began singing, my grandparents and I realized we had made the right decision coming to the performance and that we were about to have quite an evening.

Patty’s awe-inspiring vocal range and varied singing style capabilities moved me to tears. The talented songstress sang everything from big band music to Disney songs, such as “A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes” and “When You Wish upon a Star,” to Southern gospel hymns. She had the diverse ability of being a jazz, opera and contemporary vocalist while still maintaining her warm personality and wonderful stage presence.

In between her songs, Patty shared touching anecdotes about her life and family. And she wasn’t afraid to be real about her personal feelings and struggles.

She also introduced two of her family members to the audience and sang the duet, “The Prayer,” with her husband, which received loud praise and personally, gave me chills. She did not forget about her loyal fan base either, and sang the old favorites, “Shout to the Lord” and “Prince of Peace,” making the crowd feel like they were truly “at church,” in the words of Patty.

By the end of the show, I realized that my grandparents and I were meant to be at the show that night and that Patty had helped soothe this sinner’s soul.

*Editor’s note: For another concert review by this reporter, please see page 28.*

Press photo

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Movie review: ‘TMNT’ shell-shocks audience

Kyle Drapeau
Staff Writer

Remember all those years ago when four turtles were born from the special ooze to become what we all know as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles? Well, they’re back with all the wisecracks and pizza slices intact.

“TMNT” begins with the turtles’ split up. Leonardo is in Central America because Splinter wanted him to train to become a better leader. Donatello has fallen into the business of telemarketing. Michelangelo works as a giant “turtle” who entertains kids at birthday parties. Raphael sleeps all day, but at night he protects the city as the Nightwatcher.

When a millionaire brings four statues, once ancient warlords, to life and unleashes them upon the city, the Ninja Turtles must reunite and learn to fight as one again in order to save their city.

One of the biggest knocks about this movie was that it was animated. Trust me when I say that this does not hinder the movie in any way. If anything, it allows for better action, fight scenes and expressions from the turtles. The cumbersome suits worn by the actors of the turtles of the 90s could never have allowed what the reptilian foursome perform in this movie.

The voice acting for this movie was phenomenal. Raphael’s trademark anger is detected almost immediately. Donatello is as nerdy as ever, Michelangelo has lost none of his surfer-like demeanor and Leonardo still has the voice of reason and leadership. Perhaps the best voice acting of all is done by Mako, who voices Splinter. He has all the wisdom in his voice of the Splinter of old, with a humorous undertone because let’s face it: it’s still a cartoon.

“TMNT” was a very successful effort. With as much anticipation as there was for this movie, it completely delivered. Amazing animation, a wonderful plot and powerful voice acting make this movie a must. So order a pizza and get out to see “TMNT.”

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Dating Econ 101: How much do you spend on a date?

Elizabeth Freudiger
Staff Writer

It may seem like the date is dead, but a study done by the Economics Club revealed that dating seems to be alive and well on Coastal Carolina University's campus. Assisted by economics professors Andrew Weinbach and Yoav Wachman, members of the club surveyed the dating and gift buying habits of freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The club received 190 responses from an 18-question survey. The responses were 60 percent male and 40 percent female with 20 percent the average age of the surveyed students. The study showed that the typical student goes on a surprising six dates a month, and the common duration of each date is four and a half hours.

Statistics also show that students usually spend $45.50 on the average date with the maximum total being $300 spent by men and $350 spent by women. Around 40 percent of women and five percent of all men said they don't spend any money on a date.

Also, students who go on more than six dates per month tend to spend less money on each date.

Freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors spend different amounts on dates as each group pulls in a different income each week. For instance, the average freshman usually makes $144 a week and spends $31.62 on a date, while the average sophomore spends around $50 and earns about $160 per week.

Juniors typically make $30 more than sophomores and spend a little less than sophomores on a date. Furthermore, the study revealed that seniors make around $270 a week and spend almost $60 on a date.

While men commonly spend more money on dating, women generally spend more on gifts. Women usually pay $91 on their sweetheart while men normally spend $86, so the average comes out to $88.50.

Traveling professor retires after 32 years of teaching

Claire Arambula
Staff Writer

Home in Trinidad is only a few months away for the soon retiring Dr. Richard Koesterer, better known as Dr. K.

"I'm going to miss this place," the associate professor and zoologist said, when asked his thoughts on leaving behind his teaching career of 32 years.

The word home, however, can be found in many places for this man. Having resided in Kenya for six years and traveling the world as a Fulbright scholar, Dr. K. is accustomed to change.

To Coastal Carolina University from his original hometown, "Southern" Illinois, he said, "I got here as quick as I could." And it is here in South Carolina that CCU students have had the opportunity to be impacted by this unique and unforgettable man.

"Quite a character" are the words of senior Gabe Fitton, in describing his advisor. "But he advises on what you should do, rather than what you want. So that's good," said Fitton.

Likewise, Chelsey Mozingo, sophomore at CCU, agrees with Fitton in that Dr. K. is a tough teacher. "He is very funny, though," said Mozingo. "And very sarcastic."

In addition to advising and teaching several courses in biology, Dr. K. makes learning very hands-on. Two select classes he teaches embark on an adventure to either the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador or to the country of Kenya for CCU's Maymester program.

"Ecuador creates a feeling of awe, and Kenya is more adrenaline-driven," said the Swahili-speaking professor. "The changes are exciting."

According to Dr. K., "traveling changes people's lives." He believes that literature expands a new sensation of learning, but an actual experience is so much longer-lasting. He has come to realize through traveling that, "we are very spoiled in America. In other countries we appreciate others' difficulties and lifestyles. It is mind-altering, and startlingly different."

Having accompanied Dr. K. on both of the trips abroad, Fitton recalls his experiences. "The two trips were absolutely great. I enjoyed not doing the 'touristy' type thing."

Dr. K. does a good job helping his students grow through their experiences. He said that the students who travel abroad for school are "separate from the pile." Opportunities are more available to those students and according to the world traveler, "it looks good on students' resumes."

Aside from helping students discover the world, Dr. K.'s greatest and most rewarding accomplishment is far dearer to him. "Wow," said Dr. K. when asked what his greatest achievement has been. The professor did not mention the hundreds of students he has impacted, the research he has accomplished or the people overseas he has helped.

"Raising my son," was his answer. Dr. K.'s son lived with him in Africa when he was just 10 years old. He graduated from Clemson University, joined the Peace Corps for two years and is now working on his Master's degree.

"I have great satisfaction from knowing that [my son] is successful and productive," said the proud father.

Dr. K.'s failures, so to speak, are minimal compared to his achievements. If any student has ever stepped foot into his office, the answer he gave would be no surprise to them.

"Attention to detail," answered Dr. K. "I start too many things without finishing them. It's too hard to finish things. I get distracted."

His office is cluttered with unfinished projects and treasures from other countries, and unfortunately, his distractions do not

See Dr. K., page 30

Dr. Richard Koesterer

Press photo
CCU students voted, and the winner is...

Student Kelly Sloane was voted Coastal Carolina University's Coastal Idol at the women's basketball game against Winthrop University on Feb. 28. Sloane competed against nine students during the basketball season at halftime. Her singing defeated other students' talents, which included guitar playing, dancing and singing.

Sloane's prizes include a laptop, wireless Internet service for a year and a gift certificate to spend at the campus bookstore.

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CD Review: Hank Williams III, straight to hell

Neal Causey  
Staff Writer

This isn’t like any other country you’ve every heard. Hank Williams III is an outlaw in a whole new category.

The only thing I can think of that even comes close to the grittiness and explicitness of Hank III, that is still in the country genre, are the X-rated albums made by David Allan Coe in the 1970s. But since the vast majority of the country music listening population hasn’t heard these either, Hank III really is something new.

Straight to Hell, put out by Curb Records, is the first major label country album to feature a Parental Advisory label, and it wears it proudly. With abundant adult language and songs laden with drug and alcohol references, Straight to Hell earned its label.

Musically and physically, Hank III is a real throwback to his legendary grandfather, Hank Williams, Sr. He is tall and slim, with a strong nasally voice that is a little bit lower than Hank Sr’s. Hank III is also able to do a Hank Sr. impersonation that will make you think he has conjured up the country icon’s spirit.

Straight to Hell features acoustic instruments almost exclusively, lacking any real rock influence. However, Hank III also plays punk and metal music. He was even the bass player for Superjoint Ritual, a thrash band formed by Phil Anselmo, the vocalist for Pantera.

It’s almost a shame that so much attention must be devoted to the controversies of Straight to Hell, because musically it is just amazing.

“Thrown Out of the Bar” and “Pills I Took” are rollicking outlaw country. While the album closes with the slow, heartbreaking “Angel of Sin.”

In “Not Everybody Likes Us,” Hank III speaks to his fellow country outlaws and to some parties he has feuded with. Though he was born in Nashville and records there, Hank III absolutely hates Nashville’s modern country sound.

Hank III also addresses a milder feud between himself and his father, Hank Williams, Jr.

Straight to Hell isn’t for those easily offended or for those who don’t like real country. It’s down and dirty, but also very good. Hank III is helping keep the torch of hardcore country burning while modern Nashville continues to try to extinguish it.

Track listing:
1. Straight to Hell
2. Thrown Out Of the Bar
3. Things You Do To Me
4. Country Heroes
5. D Ray White
6. Low Down
7. Pills I Took
8. Smoke & Wine
9. My Drinkin’ Problem
10. Crazed Country Rebel
11. Dick in Dixie
12. Not Everybody Likes Us
13. Angel of Sin

Be heard: What is your favorite book and why?

Ashley Hamm, freshman undeclared major: “The Big Friendly Giant” by Roald Dahl because it lets my imagination wander.”

Lindsay Clovis, senior marine science major: “The Demon in the Freezer” by Richard Preston, because it is scary how viruses can appear and how crazy they can be (it’s about smallpox).”

Anthony Cole, junior middle grade education major: “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini because it’s a good, emotional story about redemption.”

Monique Evans, junior accounting major: “Black Like Me” by John Howard Griffin because it gives a positive side of racism rather than the usual negative.”
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This issue’s winner is Jill Karelitz

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Grand Teal Ball: The aftermath of a night of pure fun

The second annual Grand Teal Ball was held on Feb. 24 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Left: Camille Goodlow won the award for the Best Dressed Female of the evening. Above: Lloyd Holmes, dean of students, and Antonio L. Pee, coordinator of the Coastal Productions Board. Above right: David Chisholm, senior running back for the Coastal Carolina University football team, dances with a group of friends.

Top 10 songs for the week of March 26 - 30:

1. Fergie featuring Ludacris - "Glamorous"
2. Mims - "This Is Why I’m Hot"
3. Akon - "Don’t Matter"
4. Gwen Stefani featuring Akon - "The Sweet Escape"
5. Gym Class Heroes featuring Patrick Stump - "Cupid’s Chokehold"
6. Fall Out Boy - "This Ain’t A Scene, It’s An Arms Race"
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Nontraditional student finds opportunity at CCU

Meg Duvall
Staff Writer

John Mahler is an ambitious man with a sense of humor and an inviting smile. He is someone who is always willing to talk and give advice about anything from relationships to school.

Mahler is a nontraditional student at Coastal Carolina University studying politics and international studies. While he already has a degree in business administration from the University of Connecticut, he feels “you’re never too old to further your education.”

Mahler worked at Foxwood’s Resort Casino in Connecticut as a craps and blackjack dealer before becoming a senior manager at the Mohegan Sun Casino. Although he enjoyed his job at the Mohegan Sun, he was only in his mid-twenties and could not advance any higher in that company.

So, Mahler found a job in New York City as a financial adviser for Prudential Financial, and in his second year was the number-two producer in the nation for assets under management.

It was because of this job and his success that he was able to buy a vacation home in Surfside and quit his job at Prudential. Mahler moved into his vacation home permanently, and after a few years had the opportunity to go back to school.

“There were a lot of opportunities for me to do other things, one being going back to school,” said Mahler.

Mahler also said that he decided to go back to school because of a disability. He inherited a degenerative eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa. It is a disease that causes the degeneration of photo-receptor cells in the retina. Eventually the cells, which capture and process light, will die and cause blindness.

The disease affects people in different ways. In Mahler, he has lost most of his night vision and more than 90 degrees of his peripheral vision.

With no cure or correction for the disease, he will most likely be completely blind within 10 or 20 years. It could take longer, but at his current rate of vision loss, he thinks it will be sooner.

“If I’m not looking at you, then I usually don’t see you; but that’s just it, even with the disability comes opportunity - opportunity to go back to school,” said Mahler.

Even though he has been legally blind since the age of 18, he doesn’t feel like he has had to suffer at all. He knows that even though his life has been difficult and he’s had to work harder than most, he is motivated by the disability.

Mahler refuses to settle for anything less than success in his life. He wants to go to law school after he completes his degree at CCU and then possibly get into politics. He said in 10 years he sees himself in local politics in Texas; and in 20 years he wants to move to the federal level.

Ultimately, Mahler wants to be the president of the U.S. He knows it’s a very long-term goal, but hopes it will happen within 30 years.

“Well it’s simple, if George Bush can do it, then I can do it,” said Mahler, laughing. “He and I share the same birthday, he’s from Texas and he likes good barbeque.”

Although he jokes, Mahler is serious about his goal to become president. He says one of his domestic concerns will be on the topic of gay rights. As a heterosexual male, Mahler feels that it is a tragedy that our country is still fighting issues of civil rights.

Since the U.S. went through an era of civil rights in the 1960s, he feels that we should have already resolved issues such as gay rights. According to Mahler, people should have their own choice of who they want to be with - whether it is with someone of the same or opposite sex.

“I don’t think politicians and the far right conservatives should say who [homosexuals] can and cannot be with and if they can have a family or legally be recognized as a family,” said Mahler.

He says this because he has a friend of his who was gay and had a single partner for 30 years. When his friend’s partner died, Mahler’s friend was not entitled to the social security benefit married couples receive.

“How can you tell these two who were not only faithful together but tax-paying citizens, contributing to social security and society for their entire lives that they’re not entitled to this benefit?” said Mahler.

It’s because of his patience and understanding that Mahler is able to be a great friend and resident assistant (RA) at CCU.

Shawna Calderone, a senior at CCU said, “I’ve known John since the summer. He is a really sweet guy with high ambitions. Even though he is an RA, he is really easy to talk to and gives really good advice.”

Mahler decided to be an RA in the freshman apartment building at University Place. He wanted to pass on his experiences to other students while giving back to the university.

He said being a nontraditional student helped him be an RA to the freshmen students because of his age and experience. The students are more open to listening to what he has to say than they would be with an RA their own age.

Mahler offers these tips for success to his residents and students who want to succeed in life: Have a game plan, stay focused, be compassionate and don’t procrastinate.

He believes students have to want to succeed. He tells his residents that if they say they want to do it, but they’re out partying, then it won’t happen.

Mahler also tells them not to procrastinate. If they have a paper due on Wednesday, they should have it finished two or three days out; time will catch up to them and time is valuable in life and in the educational process.

During the week, Mahler finds better things to do with his time than party. He is not only an RA, but is also the treasurer of the Globalist Club, a member of the Model United Nations team and a member of the Honors program at CCU.

While Mahler is a serious student, reading between five or six hours a day, he also likes to have fun. In between studying to keep his 3.95 GPA, he likes to go out to Handleys’ Pub to have his favorite drink - a Jack and Coke with a lime.

“I don’t like it when the bartender doesn’t put a lime in it,” he said.

Mahler’s friends agree that while he is not a traditional student at CCU, he works harder and sets higher goals than most other students. They also know that the name “John Mahler” might one day appear on the 2036 ballot for the election of the president of the United States.

Last-Ditch Effort

By John Kroes

John Kroes is an engineering graduate of Purdue University. He began drawing “Last-Ditch Effort” in 2004. He continues the strip in his spare time. It is currently featured in 12 different papers and is available online at www.lde-online.com.
Sammy trudged alongside the river, ankle deep in mud. He began to think his shoes were made of it. It was Normandy for him, and his enemy was near. He had been searching for him for 15 minutes. Finally, Sammy saw him emerge from the bushes and move swiftly towards a fallen tree. Its roots stretched toward the gray spring sky on the dry end like his mother’s hair after showering. Smoke rose from it, too, like his mother’s breakfast cigarette. Everything reminded him of home.

“Bam! Bam!” he screamed as he squeezed the trigger of his gun. He followed with a rattle that sounded like hot metal popping from his mouth.

The enemy ducked on the other side of the tree. His rifle barrel protruded from the roots. Sammy saw it and secured himself against a rock. The day had grown on him; hunger was a hatched egg in his stomach. Suddenly, the enemy stood up. Sammy jerked his rifle back around and took aim.

“Sam, I don’t wanna play anymore. I’m hungry.”

Sammy ran forward, and just as he was going to say he was hungry too—besides, he had already shot him—he tripped on something in the mud and fell face first. He rolled over and felt at his lip. It pulsed, and his fingertips were covered in a dirty red. He spat to the side of him.

“Sammy,” called Jason. “You OK?”

“Yeah,” he answered. “A stump got me.”

Sammy soon realized it wasn’t a stump he had fallen on, at least not a wooden one.

Jason went to laugh at him, but as soon as he got close he saw what Sammy saw; it instantly made him vomit.

Sammy rose from the mud-bath with the face of a resurrected mummy. The soft pink arm and face of a woman stretched out of the mud like a sprite looking for her goal—but hit by a passing hearse.

Both boys stood staring at her. Blood trickled down Sammy’s face and mixed with the drying mud.

“Who is she?”

“I don’t know…”

Sammy approached the body and hovered over her opened mouth. Something crawled in her hair, and he stumbled backwards.

“What is it?” asked Jason. As he went closer he saw it move, too, and with a stick, flicked the thing away.

“It’s just a cricket, Sammy. A cricket, see.”

Sammy watched the cricket jump away. Every time it landed it made a soft splat. As it moved towards the bridge, Sammy saw a car approach. Instinctively, he began to wave.

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Elevate Easter \-reach Weekend

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John 12:32

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only remain in the office. Any student
who has sat in on one of his lectures will
reiterate his confession.

"I go off on tangents," said the profes-
sor, laughing at his own imperfections.

Dr. K.'s advice to his students, and to
those who were never fortunate enough to
experience his teaching, is to take

"I've always believed that the movers
and shakers of the world are the risk tak-
ers," said Dr. K. "You have to put yourself
on the line to make things happen."

In agreement with the retiring profes-
sor's belief, in four years CCU's students
will not know who Dr. K. is. However,
those who go on to be great in life down
the road can give a little credit to their
unforgettable biology teacher who made a
difference in their college years. It is
hoped that he, too, will remember his stu-
dents in return, as he heads down to para-
dise on the equator.

"I'm moving to tropical Trinidad," aid
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Student spotlight: Krystin Mementowski

Kyle Drapeau
Staff Writer

Krystin Mementowski is cut from a different mold than the average student. She is driven, involved and an inspiration to Coastal Carolina University’s students. She has brightened the campus with her warm demeanor and optimistic outlook on life.

Mementowski, came to CCU from Streetsboro, Ohio. “Originally, I thought I wanted to go to school in California, but I am very close to my family and I decided that the West Coast would be too far away from them,” said Mementowski.

Her plans changed when she came to visit CCU just because her father wanted some CCU sports paraphernalia. “As soon as we drove through the campus, I knew with every ounce of my being that this was where I wanted to be,” reflected Mementowski.

Originally intending to focus on classes upon her arrival to CCU, Mementowski quickly saw her plans shift. It has always been in her nature to be involved wherever she is.

“I am the type of person who is interested by so many different things, and Coastal just has so much to offer,” she said.

Her drive to become involved, combined with CCU’s wide variety of options, sent her on a quest to find those groups which would best serve her future goals. She was not alone in her efforts.

“I also have a fantastic adviser, Nelljean Rice, who has always been there to give me advice and point me toward the things I should be doing. I am very grateful to her,” said Mementowski, giving credit to someone she considers not only an adviser, but also a friend and mentor.

Her heart finally settled on Tempo, a features magazine produced by the students of CCU. “I instantly knew I wanted to become a part of Tempo because my career goal has always been to be an editor of a magazine; the fact that Coastal has three publications was definitely one of the things that drew me to the school,” said Mementowski.

She is also a member of the Wall Fellows studia humanitatis program. “I knew it would help me with internships and job preparation,” she said.

This gives only a taste of the long list of ways that Mementowski is involved at CCU.

Wall Fellows studia humanitatis program has led Mementowski to several internships which will assist her later in life. “I had the opportunity to intern at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as well as at Grand Strand Magazine. This past summer, I interned at the Natural History Magazine in New York City,” said Mementowski.

Though she is currently the editor of Tempo, Mementowski’s ultimate goal is to become the editor of a magazine elsewhere. Her short term goals are, however, different. “The only thing I know for sure is that [my boyfriend] Scott and I are heading to Europe on May 15 for a five-week backpacking trip, which is something I have always dreamed about doing,” said Mementowski.

After that, her plans are nowhere close to set. “For the first time in my life, there is no real set plan, which I am equally excited and terrified about.”

Krystin Mementowski’s life has always been moving at a fast, yet upbeat tempo. With all her experiences at CCU, there’s no reason to believe that she will do anything but maintain this amazing pace.

THE SCOOP:

Age: 22
Major: English and dramatic arts, minor in journalism
Class standing: Senior
Favorite color: Green
Favorite band: Right now, in my car, you would find anything from Death Cab for Cutie to Incubus to Wicked to The History Boys soundtrack.
Most embarrassing moment: I had a little crush on my boyfriend, Scott, for two years before I met him. He was a dramatic arts major so I saw him in plays all the time. One day, we worked the same event together and really hit it off. Then as I was getting ready to leave after nearly an hour of conversation, he casually said, “Oh, by the way, your zipper is down. You might want to take care of that.”
Best CCU memory: When I graduate, I will remember hours spent in the Tempo office, spending time with my Wall Fellows family, countless rehearsals in the Black Box, interning in fantastic cities, learning so much in each classroom I set foot in, getting to know my amazing faculty, and a million other things. I love this university so much!

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Olivia Marlowe
For The Chanticleer

Thursday night, A Sister Hazel concert? That 90s alternative rock band that had a handful of hits? Let's be honest - my expectations aren't very high. But the tickets are free, and I am planning to meet up with my best friend and her man for a much anticipated night of "finally spending some time together."

The show starts at 9 p.m., and as always, I arrive fashionably late for the concert. I mean, who actually goes to concerts on time, right? Unless you're the Stones or Fleetwood Mac, you don't have a chance in my book. Hey, at least I'm honest.

After picking up my ticket from the will-call booth, I float through the entrance of the musical Mecca of Myrtle Beach, the House of Blues—a place that I am sure would be sorely missed if it ever disappeared from its listing under "entertainment" in the Myrtle Beach attraction brochures that, I'm pretty sure, are thrown at tourists.

The lights inside are cool, making the white on my body glow and the black a continuation of my shadow. The opening act is already performing, of course, trying to give the main band more time to reflect. I bet, before their set . . . But the starters, called "___ Collins" (and that's "something" or "fill in the blank here" or "I don't know" Collins—don't you hate it when you're trying to ask people what the name of a certain band is during a concert, and you can't hear a word they're saying, but you fake it anyway and just smile and nod?), are actually pretty good and appealing to this predominately college-age audience.

The lead singer has a throaty, R.E.M.-ish voice, and the band, overall, hints of a DMB-like flavor; they even rock out to "All I'm hoe t."

Along the Watchtower" that I think even Hendrix himself would appreciate. The band also played one of its own songs entitled, "Sober Me," which is obviously memorable for more than one reason.

So 10 p.m. rolls around, with the opening band leaving the stage at 9:30 p.m. Don't you love how they make you wait at concerts, like you haven't waited a year to see the band perform or a lifetime for the members to go back together on tour? Anyway, I know that it's to support the up-and-comers, so I dig.

Well, on to the main attraction.

Five dudes called "Sister Hazel" open with some of their newest tunes, but gradually, they start taking the audience back into a time warp to the year 2000 with "Champagne High" and 1997 with "All For You" and "Happy."

The band members totally gave off this positive energy and friendly vibe that if they could bottle their feel up I'm sure that it would sell better than The New York Times bestsellers on a Barnes and Noble shelf. Throughout the night, the music stayed mellow with a classic-rocky meets alternative flair.

If you want the rest of my notes, read them word for word here: "They're still tickin'; some kind of spark; cute bassist; sick guitar playing."

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The organization, which was created by the Student Government Association (SGA), is open to all students on campus.

"We encourage everyone to attend meetings and get involved on campus," said freshman Kristin Aldridge, the vice president of LDC.

The organization consists of about 25 official members and the group meets on Mondays in the Student Center in Room 201 at 6 p.m. During the meetings, they discuss different events on campus they are interested in attending and becoming involved with. They also discuss ideas and events that they would like to start in order to get students more involved on campus. The organization is deeply involved in SGA events and will be donating money from their Capture the Flag tournament this year's Dance Marathon.

LDC is also well-known for their Powder Puff football event on campus.

"We have Powder Puff and we try to get students better involved and promote future leaders," said freshman Bryan Greene, the president of LDC.

Photo courtesy Leadership Development Council

All the members of the Leadership Development Council are pictured here after their first meeting of this semester. The group promotes campus involvement through events like Powder Puff football and Capture the Flag tournaments.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS

The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Grand Strand Chapter is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 academic year. Residents of Horry and Brunswick counties are eligible. Applicants must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited institution, pursuing a degree or designation, and have a minimum GPA of 2.75. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year. In addition to general scholarships, scholarships for single parents attending school for the first time and for individuals who have been working and are returning to school to improve their career track are offered. The deadline for applications is April 15. Contact Dr. Linda Lack at (843) 602-4284 for applications, questions and details.

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Diet pills may not be the answer to quick weight loss

Annie Ibach
For The Chanticleer

The seductive labels on diet pills can lead people to believe that by popping a pill a couple of times a day, the pounds will evaporate. The unwary become victims to the diet pill craze and begin throwing their money into a product that is more dangerous than helpful.

Sharon Thompson, a professor in the Health Promotion department at Coastal Carolina University and an expert in nutrition, labels these pills as the American way to quickly fix the problem of weight loss.

“If you haven’t learned the proper skills to lose weight, even if the pills do cause a minor weight loss, the weight will just be gained back,” said Thompson.

The mission to lose weight and obtain the perfect body by a quick fix seems to be one that many people are joining in on. According to the Safety and Health Information Web site (www.safety2005.org), people are spending about $1.6 billion a year on diet pills. Despite being approved by the FDA, many of these pills can have serious side effects such as nervousness, tremors, diarrhea, bulging eyes, racing heartbeat, elevated blood pressure and even heart failure.

It seems that with all the risks involved in taking these pills, the high cost in purchasing them and the probability of them not being successful, people would not even waste their time. But many people see these pills as an alternative to a healthy diet and exercise and use them as a fast solution to their weight problems, especially now that the bathing suit season is approaching.

“Still, the healthiest way to lose weight is by staying away from fried foods, eating at least five fruits and vegetables a day and drinking plenty of water,” Thompson said. “Make sure you don’t starve yourself because you’ll binge to compensate and that causes weight gain,” she said.

The only guaranteed way to lose weight is with a healthy diet and exercise, not by simply taking a pill.

“Everybody wants a simple solution to solve their problems and I admit I feel that way too,” said Manstoff. “As much as I hate to say it, a balanced diet and exercise is the only way it works.”

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“Hey, down here!”

“What are you doing?” Sammy explained in between his jumping jacks for help.

“Get-good-to-tell-someone.”

Jason began jumping up and down, too, but the car passed over the bridge without slowing. Music echoed from its rolled up windows. Jason picked up a rock to throw at it. It was useless. The gray clouds gave up their bounty, and the rain became a curtain that closed between them and the bridge. They were alone with her.

“Come on,” said Sammy.

Jason stared at the body for a moment. “Why?”

“We got to tell someone,” explained Sammy, as if that was all the answer that was needed.

“What I mean,” Jason said, smoothing the words over his plan. “Well, she’s already dead... and buried. We could just, you know.”

Unfortunately, Sammy did know. He snarled his lip at the thought for a moment, but then something else creaked in his mind.

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Over the next week, the boys played as usual under the bridge. They gave the woman a big straw hat, as well as a name. She was Mona, the moaning Mona Lisa. Jason didn’t get it, but he thought it was just as good a name as any other. He just wanted to keep her.

They hadn’t slept the entire week. It wasn’t because of some horrified images of Mona in the mud. It was the high of their secret. Secrets, they felt, required gifts, but they thought better than to bring her chocolate.

“That’s just stupid, Jason. It’s not like she can eat’ em.”

Jason caved, but while Sammy was off skipping rocks, he decided to feed Mona. The feeling of her mouth made him sick, and he threw up beside her, covering it with his foot. He didn’t tell Sammy.

Friday afternoon, though, things changed. A car came over the bridge - squeaked to a stop on the opposite side. Sammy crouched behind the tree and watched the car through the roots. A door shut, and he snatched Jason down to the ground beside him, interrupting his oration of why farts produced under the arm are better than those with two hands.

“What’s your problem?” scolded Jason.

“Shut up. Look.”

A man snaked down the path beside the bridge dragging a bag. He had on a wide-brimmed hat, but Sammy and Jason got a good look at his face. The man let the bag fall and sat on it. He took a shovel from it and began to dig, away from Mona. After he had dug a considerable while, he pulled a body from the bag. Something about it was familiar to Sammy. At first he couldn’t figure it out, but when he saw the expression on Jason’s face, he knew.

“That’s your mom!”

Jason squeezed Sammy’s arm. His face might as well have been in his fist. The tears welled up, and Jason bit his lip to a bloody pulp.

- Abruptly, the man stopped and ran towards Mona. He threw off her hat and slapped the chocolate from her mouth. He waltzed in the mud; his frightful look burned the landscape around him. Then, he stopped and looked straight at the tree. He pulled a knife from his pocket. Sunlight bounced off of it as he slithered toward the tree.

Jason couldn’t breathe. Sammy hit him hard in the back, and he screamed at the top of his lungs as he pulled Jason from the roots.

“Run! Run! Get help!”

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Staff Writer

"Poetry is not dead, it is stored in the public consciousness."

Coastal Carolina University Assistant Professor of English Dan Albergotti held a poetry discussion in Litchfield that was followed by a reading of a few of his own works on March 7.

For the first part of the night, Albergotti did not condemn or like these poems or poets, but said they are one reason that poetry has become more of an academic pursuit rather than a leisurely activity.

Albergotti's speech tried to get the point across that because of such poems as "Wasteland," students, and people in general, tend to feel that they are incapable of producing such pieces, and thus, shy away from trying to pursue poetry.

One reason for poetry becoming more for academic scholars, as opposed to a general audience, is because poets have sort of deviated from how poetry was originally composed. Albergotti spoke of how poetry was originally defined as "memorized speech," and how famous works, such as Homer's "The Iliad" were created as such.

"Most poetry before the 1900s was composed with rhyme and meter," said Albergotti. This was to make the poems memorable and able to be told from generation to generation. After the 1900s, there was a lot of poetry composed in free verse, or as Albergotti put it, "free rhythm" because there is still a rhythm existant in the poems.

A second cause for the "fall" of poetry, according to Albergotti, is how teachers and professors tend to study the classics such as T.S. Eliot's "Wasteland." Poems of this magnitude tend to "distance the reader," as Albergotti stated, from understanding the work that has been created.

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He wanted those who are interested in poetry to understand that pieces such as those are not the only types circulating through the world of poetry.

The discussion was followed by Albergotti reading a few of his own pieces. A couple poems were "Bad Language," a poem that plays with the meaning of words and "All You Need to Know," which is a comedic poem about poets who write in a way in which they must explain every stitch of every line in order for an outsider to understand the poem.

One more notable poem was his collection of four subtitled poems about the Sept. 11 attacks: "Buildings," "Children," "Days" and "Air." These four collective poems work together to describe the effect of the Sept. 11 attacks as seen by Albergotti.

Editor's note: Albergotti is the 2007 A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize winner for his first collection of poems, "The Boatloads." His manuscript was selected by Edward Hirsch from 25 semi-finalists. Albergotti will receive a $1,500 honorarium and a book publication by BOA Editions, Ltd., in March 2008.
The Baboon Brigade: Zoo escapees or local band?

Ashley Stevens
Staff Writer

Their name sounds like an exhibit at the zoo and their sound is self-described as psychedelic skate punk. Who are they? One of the area’s up-and-coming local bands, The Baboon Brigade.

The band was started by Coastal Carolina University freshman Matt Johnson whose original intentions were to start a one-man band. Johnson quickly realized that this was not a task meant for one so he enlisted the help of guitarist Chris Sanford in June of 2006. Johnson then decided to switch to guitar, as well.

The two felt their sound was incomplete so they recruited Nathan Hoffner on drums only a few months later. These three, who have known each other since their days in elementary school, became The Baboon Brigade.

Despite the absence of a bass player, the band recorded a five-song demo, entitled I was Expecting an Ordinary Mint, with all three members sharing the duty of playing bass guitar. The guys were always on the look out for a bass player but didn’t make it one of their priorities. In recent months, the guys struck musical gold when they found a bass player worthy of the band, Mike Bass.

“He was always hanging around at shows and when we practiced,” said Sanford. “So we asked him to join.”

This simple addition of a bass player has made The Baboon Brigade complete but also added a new set of influences to their music. With influences ranging from the classic rock of Pink Floyd and The Who to Green Day and even the thrash metal band GWAR, this melting pot of musical tastes has helped in creating the Baboon Brigades’ unique sound.

Hoffner describes it as “a clash of old school punk and classic psychedelic rock” which the band coined as “psychedelic skate punk.”

But the biggest influence of all is not even a type of music, it’s skateboarding.

“I wanted to play music; I wanted to skate too,” said Sanford. And that inspiration is obvious in the song “Concrete Waves” as a song that discusses the enjoyment of skateboarding.

A fan favorite is the song “Dead Man’s Chest,” which is inspired by an old Pirate Chantey but was in fact written before the release of the movie “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest.”

Aside from their catchy original songs, the band is also known for their unique choices of cover songs.

“We usually do one cover per show,” said Bass.

The band has recently covered “Love Gun” by Kiss and “Keep on Rockin’ in the Free World” by Neil Young. Following the death of everyone’s favorite crocodile hunter, Steve Irwin, the band paid tribute to him by covering “Land Down Under” by Men at Work.

But by far the favorite cover is “Hey Sandy” by Polaris, which can be recognized as the theme song to the Nickelodeon hit TV show “Pete and Pete.”

The four guys, who are all from the Socastee and Surfside Beach area, have been playing music for years.

“It’s all about making music that we enjoy playing and the people enjoy hearing,” said Sanford.

And as for the name, “I wanted people to think it was more than just me,” said Johnson. “But it formed into a band and worked out, plus baboons are funny.”

Visit www.myspace.com/thebaboonbrigade to hear their music and for a list of their upcoming shows.

The Baboon Brigade, from left to right: Chris Sanford, Nathan Hoffner and Matt Johnson. Mike Bass is not pictured.
STAR ‘vacations’ in Chile with Habitat for Humanity

Compiled by Kelly Marret, staff writer

For Spring Break 2007, Coastal Carolina University’s philanthropic student organization, Students Taking Active Responsibility (S.T.A.R.), took an “alternative break” to Chile, joining in on the Habitat for Humanity effort and embarking on a life-changing experience. Eleven students, including Dean of Students, Dr. Lloyd Holmes, went on this week-long journey to Vina del Mar, Chile.

They worked on a community of 21 houses for an indigenous tribe named the Mapuches. These alternative breaks have been going on as long as S.T.A.R. has existed; however, this is only the second international trip the group has taken.

From awe-inspiring landscapes to heart-wrenching realizations, the members of S.T.A.R. were able to supersede language barriers and create memories that surely will never be forgotten.

“This trip made me think about the everyday things I take for granted and gave me an opportunity to really slow down and recognize all the things in life that are beautiful.”
--Dean of Students, Lloyd Holmes

“My favorite part was being able to get to know the works and communicate with them even though we didn’t speak the same language; And we had good conversations!”
--Junior Samantha LeClair

“A selfless act is seldom forgotten.”
--Jennifer Marie Regan

“The view was ineffable. We overlooked all of the unique houses, all colorful of course and saw big mountains right there in front of us. We could also see the Pacific Ocean. A little boy was playing in the street with his dog, kids coming home from school all in uniforms. Just absolutely amazing!”
--Kaitlynn Young

“It is so humbling to see what little they have, but how efficiently that they use their resources. This has been a definite eye-opening experience about my views of the American culture.”
--S.T.A.R. co-coordinator Sunni Stewart

“I loved singing ‘Clavos, Clavos everywhere-here and there, everywhere’ while picking up nails at the worksites.”
--S.T.A.R. co-coordinator Kim Stablingas

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Big South to add sixth team

Dan Schoonmaker
Web Editor

Last week, the Big South Conference made strides to improve its reputation in the collegiate football world by signing a four-year deal with SUNY Stony Brook (N.Y.) saying the university will join the conference in the fall of 2008.

The deal equally helps both Stony Brook, which is located in Long Island, N.Y., and the conference as a whole.

The university of just over 21,000 students will get their chance to move up the football ranks, while the Big South will finally get a chance to apply for that at-large playoff bid that Coastal Carolina University has been playing for since it entered the league in 2003.

This upcoming season, Stony Brook will continue to play as an independent school, a decision university officials made last season after leaving the Northeast conference. Then in 2008, the Seawolves will join the conference as a football only school, allowing the Big South to apply for a playoff bid.

The announcement should stop previous rumors of CCU’s ambitions to leave the Big South Conference and join the Southern Conference in an attempt to improve its chances at post-season success. The effort being put forth by conference officials and its commissioner Kyle Kallander shows both CCU, and the rest of the Big South schools how serious this conference is about improving its status among the 1-AA greats.

It seems like the only question left surrounding CCU’s playoff future will be “Why is it called Big South”?

Men’s basketball season didn’t go as planned

Amanda Kelley
Staff Writer/Photographer

64-77 loss to UNC-Asheville ends season

In a game of height verses speed, the men’s basketball team fell short with a 64-77 loss to UNC Asheville in the quarterfinals on Feb. 27.

The Chanticleer men battled Asheville in the first half with two lead changes and six ties. CCU was behind 28 - 30 with only 26 seconds left in the half but a technical foul called on the opposing team allowed junior guard Jack Leasure to tie the game at 30 - 30.

The men then took an early lead in the second half but quickly fell far behind on the scoreboard as the team fell apart with missed foul shots, passes to invisible players and rebounds picked up by Asheville’s 7-foot, 6-inch tall player Kenny George. In the second half, more fouls were called on the Chanticleers than the visitors, extending Asheville’s lead.

CCU players were faster, but their speed couldn’t make up for George’s flyswatter hands that kept knocking down the men’s shots.

The crowd supported the team early in the game with loud chants lead by the cheerleaders. The atmosphere quickly shifted to nail-biting nervousness, and even more quickly to solemn quiet as the men fell further behind the visiting team.

Leasure, Moses Sonko and Joshua Mack led the team with 16, 14 and 13 points respectively. Freshman Joseph Harris led in rebounds with a total of 11.

Men’s track defeats UNCW, sets record

The men’s track team defeated the University of North Carolina-Wilmington on March 3 at the Battle of the Beach track meet, 106 to 104.

On March 9 at the CCU Invitational, track team member Jack Hutchinson broke the Coastal Carolina University track record for the 110m HH. The new record is 14.74.

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Coastal’s spring sports calendar

**Baseball:**
- March 27 at the College of Charleston at 6 p.m.
- March 30 vs. Charleston Southern at 6 p.m.
- March 31 vs. Charleston Southern at 2 p.m.
- April 1 vs. Charleston Southern at 1 p.m.
- April 7 at Troy at 7 p.m.
- April 8 at Troy at 2 p.m.

**Softball:**
- March 28 at Charleston Southern in Charleston at 3 p.m.
- March 31 vs. Campbell University, double-header beginning at 2 p.m.
- April 4 vs. UNCW-Wilmington, double-header beginning at 4 p.m.
- April 6-7 at Radford University in Radford, Va. at 4 p.m.

**Women’s track and field:**
- March 30 at the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, TBA
- April 5-6 at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., TBA
- April 6 at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C., TBA
- April 7 at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., TBA
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- April 5 at Radford University at 11 a.m.
- April 5 vs. Wofford at 2 p.m.

**Women’s tennis:**
- March 30 at the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, TBA
- March 30 at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

**Women’s golf:**
- March 26-27 at the UNCW Lady Seahawk Invitational in Wallace, N.C., an all-day event
- April 2-3 vs. John Kirk in the Lady Panther Intercollegiate in Stockbridge, Ga., an all-day event
- March 30-April 1 at the Augusta State Invitational in Augusta, Ga. an all-day event

**Men’s track and field:**
- March 30-31 at the Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, TBA
- April 5-6 at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., TBA
- April 6 at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C., TBA
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- April 1 at Radford University at 11 a.m.
- April 1 vs. Radford University in Radford, Va., at noon
- April 5 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. at 2:30 p.m.
- April 1 at Radford University at 2 p.m.
- April 6 at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C., TBA
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**Men’s golf:**
- March 25-27 at Hootie/Bulls Bay Invitational in Mt. Pleasant, an all-day event
- March 30-April 1 at the Augusta State Invitational in Augusta, Ga. an all-day event

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Lady Chanticleers finish basketball season on top

Kelly Marett
Staff Writer

It has been a trying year for the Coastal Carolina University women’s basketball team, ending the first half of the season with only a 2-4 Big South record. However, with a little dedication and hustle, the Lady Chants were able to pull off a 9-5 Big South record and 18-10 overall, winning four of those games consecutively to end the season with a bang.

On Feb. 19 in Radford, Va., the team showed up to defeat Big South tri-leader Radford University in a 61-54 upset. Starting out on top and never looking back, the Lady Chants showed off their three-point skills and forced Radford’s 18 turnovers and 11 steals.

Back in Kimbel Arena, the CCU completed another victory over Big South co-leader, High Point University, winning 66-57. The two teams fought a long, hard battle keeping the score close, while rising back and forth with less than a four point lead. Finally, senior Alisha Dill ran in for a lay-up, creating the initial break away for CCU to win.

Seniors Night, Feb. 28, was the last home game for five members to the team: Alisha Dill, Calisha Yates, Kristy Yurichak, Heather Hummel and Venessa Laug. With an air of nostalgia, the Lady Chants showed off their three-point skills and forced Radford’s 18 turnovers and 11 steals.

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After the Lady Chant team's victory, they were able to come out and support the men's and women's tennis teams beginning at 2 p.m.

Athletics Corner!
Former baseball player to retire jersey

Kelly Moore
For The Chanticleer

On Wednesday, April 11, the Coastal Carolina University Athletic Department will be honoring one of its all-time great players during the CCU and Wake Forest baseball game.

Kirk Manwaring’s jersey will be retired at the start of the seventh inning. Manwaring played for the Chanticleers from 1984-1986 as the starting catcher. He hit .400, had 37 career homeruns and 114 base hits. He began his professional career with the San Francisco Giants in 1987 until 1996 when he was traded to the Houston Astros. He finished his career with the Colorado Rockies in 1999. Kirk played 14 seasons professionally.

In his honor, there will be free food for everyone who attends the baseball game. The food service will begin at 5 p.m. We will also be giving out 100 t-shirts to the first 100 students present. The gate will open at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see a large student turnout.

Come out and support the CCU softball team that same night beginning at 4 p.m. for a double header. Also, it is Senior Day for the men’s and women’s tennis teams beginning at 2 p.m.

Softball readies for games

The Coastal Carolina University softball team spent the week practicing for their upcoming away game at Charleston Southern University on March 28. Left: Senior Danyelle Gerds, a health promotion major. Right: Sophomore Brittany Birnbaum, a health promotion major.
CCU Rugby Club gets rough in game against The Citadel

Coastal Carolina University's Rugby Club played against The Citadel on Feb. 24 on the Santee field. They lost, 27-34. Far left: Derrick Nosel tries to evade a Citadel player's tackle. Left: Matt Decastro drinks a bottle of water during a break in the game while a teammate looks on. Above: Elliot Rechtin tries to tackle a Citadel player as other teammates rush to help him.

Girls and Sports

Why doesn't your friend go talk to my friend? The one sitting at the bar? Hmm... he's not really my friend's type. He's kind of a really big chicken. Apparently, it would help your cause if lost a few pounds.

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