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Controversy at Coastal taking place

Claire Arambula
Staff Writer

Despite Coastal Carolina University’s continuous strive to provide students with a well-rounded education, the tension of the school’s controversial matters are felt among both the students and the faculty members.

Though the controversies at CCU are few, they are enough to cause individuals to speak out and give their opinions.

A 160,000 square foot arena, housing two basketball courts, training rooms and an ice rink, is the prospective project that has everyone talking. The facility will have the capability of hosting concerts, will be the home for a minor-league hockey team and will be a large addition of office space for CCU’s faculty. This new arena will allow the university to host large events that are not currently offered, as well as greatly impact CCU’s athletics.

“Coastal would be able to attract better recruits that are interested in playing in a 7,000 seat arena,” said senior and resort tourism management major, Ben Trask. “Also, Coastal could look at moving to a larger conference.”

While this undertaking sounds fantastically grand, there are some who beg to differ.

“That’s just what we need,” said senior biology major, Allison Coults, sarcastically. “Why not instead of an arena, build a new science building, since Coastal is known for its science majors.” Rather than “trying to make Coastal a division one school,” Coults believes a new science building would be more beneficial and appealing to incoming students.

A member of the science department, Dr. James O. Luken, a professor and plant ecologist, expressed concern over the aesthetic aspect of CCU.

He compared the university’s new entrance with the old one. “The pleasant tree-lined drive is now rather ugly... [The change] has seriously affected the visual appearance.” The new road (constructed to make way for the arena) is only a sample of what the new face of Coastal will look like. Despite the appearance, however, Luken’s main concern is harmonious with that of the CCU Student Sustainability Coordinator, Marissa Mitzner.

According to Mitzner, in December 2005 the faculty senate unanimously passed the High Performance Green Building Initiative. This document mandated that this project be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED-certified. This basically means...

Beaches offer entertainment for students

Geoffry Lau
For The Chanticleer

Everyone here at Coastal Carolina University knows, ‘life’s a beach.’ The only thing is, not everyone here at CCU knows where the right beach is for them. It is understood that CCU students come from all over the country and are very diverse; lucky for them, so are the beaches in the area.

The top three beaches that really stand out as “the” places to go are, 64th Avenue North, the 14th street pier and Huntington Beach State Park.

If students are looking for fun in the sun and in the surf, 64th Avenue is the place. From the top of the patio walkway, it is evident that the crowd below consists almost entirely of CCU students. They flock to this beach on any warm sunny day before, after, in-between and even during classes.

One great feature about this beach is all the surfers who call this spot their break.

One CCU surfer Yusef Qasim said, “The vibe out in the water is pretty chill amongst the locals. Everyone is about a cool buzz and some tasty waves.”

This vibe is not only found in the water, but on the beach, too. Bringing a football, Frisbee, horse shoes or anything of the sort, is a guaranteed way to make plenty of friends at this CCU hot spot.

The next beach comes to life around spring break time. Pier 14 is the spot where all the spring breakers hang out. This beach is located right in front of the Holiday Inn and various other hotels that young spring breakers frequent. On any given day, a crowd mixed with young college students and high schoolers all the way to married couples with children can be found lounging in the sand.

There are plenty of bars and a few restaurants surrounding this beach. One very popular restaurant is Pier 14 located in the middle of the pier. This place offers a spectacular view of the surf and sand.

“Nothing beats kicking back with a cold sarsaparilla watching the sunset at Pier 14,” said CCU student Paul Carino.

This bar has a nice atmosphere and offers a great place to appreciate the day that passed.

Another great feature about this beach is the volleyball courts located adjacent to the pier. Plenty of people gather at these courts and play until the sun sets. The only hassle is finding a parking spot, or feeding the meter to avoid a parking ticket.

CCU students will travel near and far to find a beach that really fits their styles. Those students who are adventurous and enjoy the peace and serenity of nature won’t mind traveling a little farther south to Huntington Beach State Park.

This park has it all, from camping, to fishing, to some of the finest bird watching on the east coast. The beach is pristine and wide open. Students who like to rough it out can spend all day and night here on their own personal camp spot. Camping on the beach at this park allows a group of friends to have an outstanding time.

“At Huntington Beach, you can build a fire, gather around with some close friends, make some smores and have some good times,” said CCU student Sarah Stevens, who puts in time at this scenic beach.

Armed with this better knowledge of the different beaches in the area, get out there and check each one out.
### Campus Events: What to do and where to do it

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As William Shakespeare has said, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players... and one in time plays many parts." As you begin this journey, I hope that you come to value your role in contributing to our continued quest for excellence. We as the administration and faculty value your role as essential to the success of our mission. Together we can create the environment that will distinguish you in the many roles you will play both within and outside of academia. It is your success which will define us as a distinguished university.

Sincerely,

David A. DeCenzo
President, Coastal Carolina University

Learning Academic Center offers free service for students

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Are you having trouble in your classes but don’t know where to turn for help? Look no further - Coastal Carolina University has the Learning Academic Center that is dedicated to helping students in specific areas of their education.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center is a free service offered to all CCU students to help improve the quality of their writing skills. It is staffed by faculty and students of a variety of grades and majors, all of whom have an above average understanding of writing skills and an enthusiasm to help others.

Located in the Prince Building in Room 208, the Writing Center is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Sunday 4-7 p.m.

The Writing Center encourages students to make appointments ahead of time, although walk-ins are also welcomed.

Students are permitted to bring in any paper assigned from any major that is at any level of completion (for foreign languages, see FLIC). The diverse Writing Center staff help students brainstorm ideas, organize notes or research into an outlined paper, check drafts for structural or grammatical errors or look over a final draft. The staff does stress, however, that they do not allow students to drop off their papers and then expect to get them returned mistake-free. The Writing Center utilizes the Socratic method of teaching, which means students and consultants sit down one-on-one and review the paper together.

Some professors do require their students to visit the Writing Center, while others offer extra credit, but the Writing Center has much more to offer students who struggle with their words. Be on the lookout for upcoming workshops in the fall and visit the friendly staff in Prince 208 to find out how they can help you become a better writer.

The Foreign Language Instruction Center (FLIC)

The Foreign Language Instruction Center, or FLIC, is also located in the Prince Building, Room 123. It provides tutoring and instruction in all the foreign languages that CCU offers: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Latin.

FLIC is maintained by CCU students who are either native speakers in the language they tutor or have successfully completed the upper level courses, so they are qualified to hold a tutoring position.

FLIC offers many other helpful resources as well. They have online textbook resources, available from their Web site at www.coastal.edu/flic. This site also includes a list of links to useful foreign language Web sites.

Making an appointment is highly recommended to ensure the student gets all the help he or she needs, but sessions are limited to one hour. Call and make your appointment today; the number is 349-2468. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday 4-7 p.m.

The Math Lab

Math is a tough subject for a lot of students to grasp, and if you are one of those students, the Math Lab is willing and ready to help you. It is located in the Wal Building, Room 120 and is also staffed by highly qualified students to tutor in all levels and areas of math, even calculus.

The Math Lab does not require students to make appointments prior to coming in. The staff is prepared to sit down with students and work on either specific problems from a homework assignment or on understanding a formula or concept.

Other resources offered by the Math Lab include reference books and specific handouts on certain mathematical formulas and equations. Their Web site, www.coastal.edu/mathcenter, provides a list of these handouts and links to viewing them. It also contains a list of private tutors of whom students can take advantage of and shows their areas of expertise and their hourly rates.

The Math Lab hours are the same as the Writing Center and FLIC hours, so feel free to stop by Wall 120 or visit their Web site for assistance.

The Computer Assisted Instruction Lab (CAI)

The CAI lab is located in the Prince Building in Room 204. Although not directly affiliated with the Student Academic Support Services Department, it does support the department and has very similar functions.

It is a computer service that offers CCU students free and unlimited access to a number of computers and the Internet. It is staffed by both part-time students and full-time employees, who, in addition to instructing students, help maintain the facility and the computers within.

The staff is able and willing to help students with any difficulties they are having with computer programs such as Microsoft Excel or Powerpoint, or with Internet problems.

The CAI lab also offers a wonderful tech support service, providing a free outlet for students to get their computers checked out if they have a virus or if some other mishap has occurred. Students can make an appointment to drop off their PC and the technicians work to discover and repair the problem to the best of their ability, all free of charge. This is an especially valuable resource for college students, considering the prices of fixing computer problems and the limited budget most college students are confined to. (Limited help is available for Macintosh users.)

There are computer labs located in the majority of the other buildings around campus: Wall 108, EHFA 108, Science 122 and in the Kimbel Library. The ITS main office is in Wall 105.
What to do in case of a hurricane

The Chanticleer Staff

In this area of the country, hurricane season starts in May and ends at the end of October. Hurricanes have been known to hit the Atlantic coast and classes have been canceled in the past on account of a hurricane threat.

Coastal Carolina University is responsible for the safety of students, faculty and staff and has a policy in place in case of a hurricane threat.

In case of a hurricane threat...

- The university will make a decision to cancel classes. Cancellation of special events will be made independently of the decision made by the Horry County Schools. (This means students should assume classes will be held as scheduled if CCU does not issue an announcement.)
- Announcements will be made over local radio and/or television stations.
- When a hurricane warning is issued by the National Weather Service, students who live in the residence halls may be advised to travel home or inland prior to the start of the forecasted weather conditions. Students should communicate with their resident assistants (RAs) and their parents as to where they will be going.
- Students who live in the residence halls whose travel options are limited will be assisted by the university and transported to an American Red Cross designated emergency shelter. Students who live off campus should seek shelter at these sites as well.
- The university will remain open, regardless of whether classes are canceled, unless the governor closes the institution.
- Students are advised to unplug all of their electronic equipment in their rooms or apartments prior to leaving campus.
- CCU's campus has not been designated as an emergency shelter area by the American Red Cross. All students, faculty and staff must leave campus when such an evacuation is ordered. The university is unable to provide basic necessities for students, faculty and staff during a hurricane or in the aftermath.
- Following the hurricane, movement to and from the university may be restricted.

Students, faculty and staff should not return to campus until the university issues the all clear.

For more information about the university's hurricane policy, go to http://www.coastal.edu/safety/HurricaneProcedureUpdated5-31_06.pdf.

FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS AND YOUR FAMILIES!!

You will be given a packet of financial aid information during your orientation. Please review all information carefully (especially your award letter, if applicable), and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. The Financial Aid Office is located in the Kingston Hall building just behind the University Hall/Bookstore. Our office hours are 8:30-5:00 and our telephone number is 843-349-2313.

For your convenience and information, we have a lot of useful information on our website. We would like to encourage you to browse our website at www.coastal.edu/financialaid.

INFORMATION ABOUT JUST A FEW "IFS":

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2. If you would like to apply for a Parent/PLUS loan or an Alternative Student loan please visit www.coastal.edu/financialaid/Loantable.html and apply online.
3. If you would like to charge your books against a financial aid credit balance, be sure to sign your Financial Aid Authorization form. This form will be in your financial aid packet if you have not already signed it. You can drop the completed form by our office or fax it to 843-349-2347.

A few NOTES:

1. Sign your "Certification of Intent" statement FOR EACH SEMESTER online at www.coastal.edu/bursar/financialaid even if you have no balance.
2. Check your CCU email and Webadvisor at least three times a week. This is very important to keep informed of information from Coastal departments on campus. If you do not have an email address, please contact Student Computing at 843-349-2908.

Again, welcome to Coastal Carolina University and we hope that your college experience will be a wonderful and meaningful part of your life!
Follow the tuition track, see where your money goes

Ashley Taliana
For The Chanticleer

So you sent in that hefty tuition payment, but now that Coastal Carolina University has your hard-earned dollars, what exactly do they do with the money? Not all students pay in full out of pocket; in fact, the average S.C. resident at CCU pays a little less than half of their tuition.

In a booklet put out by Richard Weldon, vice president for Finance and Administration at CCU, titled “Comparisons with Other South Carolina Comprehensive Universities,” there is an inclusive breakdown exhibiting the average amount of various resources South Carolina residents used to pay their tuition at CCU for the 2005 to 2006 school year.

Out of a total fee charge of $6,860, the students pay $3,020. The S.C. Life scholarship accounts for $1,560, while Pell Grants account for $989 of the total.

The remaining fractions of this equation consist of external scholarships, CCU academic scholarships, CCU athletic scholarships, S.C. Palmetto Fellows, S.C. Hope scholarships, S.C. Need-Based and federal work-study programs among others. In total, 70 percent of the student body is made up of in-state residents, accounting for almost $16.5 million (31 percent) in tuition revenue.

The “Comparisons” booklet pointed out these students account for 30 percent of the student body but produce 99 percent of net tuition revenues at $31.1 million. The total projected amount of revenue derived from tuition fees for the 2006 to 2007 year is $51.3 million. Tuition fees account for just over three-fourths of CCU’s total incoming revenue.

CCU’s total projected revenue (for 2006 to 2007) amounts to around $67.2 million. $2.3 million of that comes from other student fees while almost $13 million comes from state appropriations.

As with any university, CCU is not immune to tuition hikes.

While the state house and senators are very supportive of Coastal, we receive $4.83 million less than the average of other comparable South Carolina schools. There’s an inequity in state funding and we don’t get the funding we should,” said Weldon.

CCU, a school that has had a 64 percent enrollment increase of the past five years, receives around $13 million in state funds. The study, not including Clemson and University of South Carolina, showed that CCU took second to the College of Charleston in terms of enrollment, but received $17 million less than CoC, whose growth rate has only been 2 percent. This static growth in CCU’s state funds accounts for tuition hikes.

A broad breakdown of CCU’s funds is shown in the pictured charts. The largest chunk of expenditures covers the operating budget. The operating budget is what keeps CCU running. It includes utilities bills, salaries and fringe benefits of faculty and staff (excluding coaching staff) and the sub-budgets of the different colleges at CCU.

The second largest percent of expenditures covers expenses for the athletics department. According to Linda Lyerly, associate vice president for finance, of $13 million in revenue for the athletics department, around $5.5 million of it comes from tuition fees.

“Forty-two percent of the athletics budget comes into athletics from [tuition] fees for their use. Coastal views athletics as an integral part of the student life experience. The student fees provide a good foundation for a healthy financial base for athletics,” said Lyerly.

The amount of tuition fees used for athletics ($5.5 million) accounts for athletic scholarships, coaching salaries and fringe benefits.

The remaining percentages include budgets for student activities, student affairs programs, the physical education center, intramural sports, the band and contingent funds set aside for needs that may arise.

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Aug. 15, 2006

Larceny

The victim stated that, while she was on vacation, person(s) unknown took her soup cup, which was part of a collectors series, from the kitchen at the Foundation Center.

Sept. 6, 2006

Fugitive apprehension

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

Sept. 30, 2006

Interfering with a police officer

While the officer was on the scene of another incident at Waccamaw Hall, the subject tried to enter the area. The subject was advised to remain outside the area and become very irate with the officer. While trying to contain the situation, it became necessary to place the subject under custody. The subject continued to use profanity at the officer and struggled with him. The subject was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Oct. 1, 2006

Assault

A victim in Magnolia Hall reported that her ex-boyfriend came to her door and asked her to talk with him. When she went outside with him he struck her on the head, knocking her to the ground. The victim screamed and the subject ran away.

Oct. 7, 2006

Malicious damage to property

The reporting officer was called to Maple Hall in reference to a fire. At the scene, he determined that the subject had started a fire on the balcony of the dorm building.

Oct. 7, 2006

Disorderly conduct

The reporting officer noticed that the subject was "stumbling around," acting in a boisterous manner and yelling obscenities during the football game at Brooks Stadium. The subject was arrested and transported to the county detention center.

Oct. 13, 2006

Public drunk/assist other agency

While picking up a meal at Koto Express, the officer was approached about a person who was possibly unconscious. The subject was approached and was confused once he/she was awakened. The subject was transported to Conway Hospital by Horry County EMS and written a citation for public drunk.

Oct. 13, 2006

Damage to a golf cart

While playing a round of golf at the Quail Creek Golf Course, the subject was observed mishandling a golf cart. The subject was driving, lost control and hit a tree, causing damage to the golf cart.

Oct. 15, 2006

Public drunk

The officer responded to Santee Hall for a report of a fight. The fight was about one student who did not want a drunk friend to drive. The person who was attempting to drive was drunk and belligerent. He/she was arrested and transported to Horry County Detention Center.

Oct. 25, 2006

Public urination

The reporting officer noticed the subject urinating under the stairs in The Gardens housing complex. The incident was referred to the university judicial board.

Nov. 11, 2006

Vandalism of auto

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

Jan. 21, 2007

Public intoxication/fireworks

The subject was seen firing "Roman Candle Fireworks" in the area around Palmetto Hall. The subject was apprehended and an investigation revealed the subject to be intoxicated and not a student of the university. The subject was arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Feb. 10, 2007

Vandalism

The victim reported to CCU DPS that someone unknown and without permission left a severed animal head in the bed of their truck in parking lot HH.

March 27, 2007

Larceny

The victim and witnesses reported to CCU DPS that two males removed and took away a banner from the Prince Lawn without permission.

March 28, 2007

Suspicious activity

The victim reported to CCU DPS that someone unknown and without permission left a severed animal head in the bed of their truck in parking lot HH.

April 15, 2007

DUI, open container, public intoxication

The CCU DPS officer observed the subject vehicle driving in an erratic and unsafe manner including driving in the wrong direction on U.S. 501. The subject's vehicle was stopped. The occupants of the vehicle were all determined to be intoxicated, given citations and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

April 15, 2007

Disorderly conduct

While assisting another agency, a CCU DPS officer observed the subject urinating in public. The subject was given a citation for disorderly conduct.

Crime Log compiled from published police reports from CCU DPS
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Point/Counterpoint: Which is better, spring or fall semester?

Meg Duvall
Staff Writer

Throughout the whole year, there is so much fun to be had at Coastal Carolina University, but in my opinion, the spring semester is much better than the fall semester.

The fall is football season, which is a plus, but during the spring, the basketball teams take their place in the hearts of CCU students. Students head to the gym to support our winning basketball teams.

Spring semester starts out with Celebration of Inquiry (COI), which means a few days of learning, but outside the classroom. We are lucky to have faculty, staff and other students who research and present about topics that are unique to COI.

Spring semester also means the Grand Teal Ball. The ball is held at a beautiful hotel off-campus and gives students the chance to dress up and dance the night away.

In the spring, the Greek community is also very active. They host Greek Week, chapter philanthropies and formals throughout the spring.

But the number one reason the spring is the best is Coastal Is Number One Day, or CINO Day. CINO Day is like Christmas to most of the students here at CCU. CINO Day means free food, prizes and activities galore.

CINO Day is held on a Friday right before the last week of school. It symbolizes CCU spirit, but more importantly, the end of the semester and the school year at CCU.

For the graduating seniors, the spring means the end of college careers and the beginning of new chapters of their lives.

For the freshmen, spring semester marks the end of the first year of college. A long year away from home, with a new-found independence and hopefully, some direction of what you are going to do with your life.

Not only do we have the best events during spring semester at CCU, the spring semester also means the weather is getting warmer, beach season is approaching and summer break is only weeks away!

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Fall semester at Coastal Carolina University has so much to offer college-aged students. The joy of fall semester is far reaching, from football, to long-lasting warm weather, to Halloween and the chance to start a new, fresh year at college.

Even if you don’t care for football, there are certain aspects of the sport that everyone can enjoy. A home football game means tailgating, and we all know what tailgating means—great food, great beer and time spent with great friends. And what’s even better, this is the south, so it’s not going to get too cold too soon, so there is no reason tailgating can’t be done in a bathing suit!

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

The warm weather often lasts through the end of October, leaving college students plenty of time to go to the beach or spend time outdoors in between classes and on weekends. In the spring, the warm weather doesn’t come around until at least March or April, and then it is always dampened by rain.

Fall has the best holidays, starting with Labor Day and extending practically all the way to Christmas. Halloween is a big favorite among college students, especially with the huge parties all the local clubs throw.

Last, but certainly not least, fall semester is like a new beginning. The chance to start all over again is presented, and students are given another chance to either bring up grades or get more involved on campus.
Enjoying the Beach and Shopping in Myrtle Beach

Ashley Stevens
Staff Writer

So you are only a few short months away from being on your own. No parents to tell you what time to be home or how to spend your money. What should you do with this newfound freedom?

I’m here to tell you about some of the best and most entertaining spots along the Grand Strand, straight from the head of a born and bred local girl. I’ll tell you a little bit about everything, from the beaches themselves to the nightlife of Myrtle Beach.

First and most importantly is the beach. Now that you are in the Coastal Carolina University family, you get to live only a short distance from the Atlantic Ocean. These are the parts of the beach that are worth the drive.

Travel east down U.S. 501 toward the ocean and put yourself on 38th Avenue North. Unlike most of Myrtle Beach, this part isn’t covered by hotels and tourists; you will be surrounded by expensive beach houses with personal pools.

Free parking is available along the roads; choose a parking spot along Ocean Boulevard and take just a few steps to get a sight of Myrtle Beach at its finest.

If this spot isn’t the place for you, the south end of Ocean Boulevard will present you with Springmaid Beach, which is located between Damon’s restaurant and Springmaid Hotel.

This local favorite is sure to be filled with surfers. Keep in mind that parking is to the left in a sandy area. Don’t park at the hotel, because if you do you will bumping a ride home due to a towed car.

Ask any area local and they will tell you the best beaches aren’t even in Myrtle Beach; they are in Surfside Beach. If you weren’t happy at Springmaid, take U.S. 17 Business and head south to Surfside Beach.

Drive 15 minutes and take a left on to Surfside Drive. Here you will find the perfect beach located between River City Café and Days Inn Hotel.

Although this beach is a local favorite, parking is an issue so be ready to insert plenty of change into the parking meters. Now that you have been to the beach and gotten a tan, you need something new to wear when you go out at night. Places to shop are all over the area. But unless you plan to wear bathing suits year round, you need to know a few of the beach’s finer shopping areas.

From CCU, take U.S. 501 toward the beach; five lights later you will be presented with the Tanger Outlet Stores. Here you will find brand names at great prices. With stores like Coach, Guess and Nike, you are bound to find something to your liking.

The next shopping stop is a little farther down U.S. 501, located off the U.S. 17 Bypass, Myrtle Beach’s newest mall, Coastal Grand. Here you will find all of your favorite mall stores, from Hollister to Hot Topic. There is also Broadway at the Beach, an outdoor entertainment Mecca that is sure to keep you busy. Shopping can make you hungry, and as you may or may not have noticed there is no shortage of restaurants in Myrtle Beach. From seafood buffets to ice cream shops, you are guaranteed to never go hungry at the beach.

If you are worn out from a day of beaching and shopping, try some of the restaurants close to campus. Some favorites are located at Carolina Forest. For some good Asian cuisine try Jimmy’s Japanese Hibachi and for some great food at a cheap price Beef O’ Brick’s is perfect. Also be sure to try the delicious sandwiches of Firehouse Subs.

If you still haven’t left Coastal Grand Mall when hunger strikes, just take a walk outside. The mall is surrounded with various restaurants. If you want steak and like to eat messy, hit up Logan’s Roadhouse where steaks cover the menus and you get to throw peanut shells on the floor.

If BBQ is more your thing, Sticky Fingers offers ribs, chicken and sandwiches all with the option of a plethora of different BBQ sauces.

If those don’t make your mouth water Broadway at the Beach is where it’s at. This place offers plenty of great seafood, like Landry’s Seafood House and Joe’s Crab Shack. And if seafood isn’t pleasing to your palate, try out the famous pyramid-shaped Hard Rock Café. Or travel to tropical islands at Jimmy Buffet’s Margaritaville.

After you are fully stuffed it’s time to take part in the nightlife of Myrtle Beach. If you have decided to remain close to campus, try bars like the Coastal Ale House and Jackass Saloon, which both have local bands on a regular basis.

If you are in the mood to dance, head back to the beach and stop at Club Kryptonite located off 29th Avenue North. Close by is Celebrity Square, Broadway’s nightlife scene, which offers about ten different bars and clubs. One of the favorites is the world famous Senor Frog’s which plays a mix of top 40 and dance.

If you prefer more variety of songs for your dancing pleasure, try out Red Rooster off U.S. 17 Business in Myrtle Beach. Here you will find a mix of all types of music, even a little country.

Now I have educated you on only about half of what there is to do in Myrtle Beach. I hope you use this guide to get you through your first semester at CUC. But in addition to all the fun, you are here for school. Yes, I said it school.

Myrtle Beach is great place, but the fun will quickly fade if your grades drop. Take my advice: have fun and party at the beach, but keep in mind that you do have to keep a certain GPA to remain at CUC.

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 senate, the Coastal Carolina University core curriculum committee has revised the campus’ core curriculum that will be effective starting this fall.

The previous core curriculum required students to complete 44-52 credit hours of classes that extended across all the colleges here at CUC. The revised curriculum now only requires 34-38 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 6 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?

Another difference between the two curriculums 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 CUC 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 CUC. 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 CUC (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.

I can only hope that the decision to reduce the English requirements was a difficult one for the committee to make and that it won’t be one they regret.
What is the Chanticleer? The mystery mascot is revealed

M. G. Fisher
For The Chanticleer

Many students at Coastal Carolina University do not know what a Chanticleer is, or where CCU’s mascot came from. This rooster-looking bird is a mystery no more.

CCU was once a two-year branch of the University of South Carolina. After the colleges separated, CCU did not have any athletic teams, let alone a mascot. According to the CCU magazine, the first sports team (basketball) was formed in 1963. The decision to be called the ‘Chanticleers’ was decided by this first team. Among the other choices were the ‘Sharks’ and the ‘Seahawks.’

As the university grew, the powers that be took a poll to see if the students wanted to keep the Chanticleer as a mascot, or switch it to something different. The students decided to stay loyal to ‘Chauncy.’

Although the Chanticleer is a distant relative to the Gamecock of USC, that is not the only reason it was chosen. The story of the bird stems from the “Canterbury Tales” by Geoffrey Chaucer. According to “The Tale of Chanticleer,” the story goes something like this:

There was a widow who lived by herself. The only thing that brought joy to her life was her rooster. He was a good-looking rooster, and everyone liked him. But, there was a certain hen that liked him in a different way. Her name was Pertelote. The two birds became not only best friends, but lovers as well. One day the Chanticleer (who chanted so clearly) had a bad dream about a “red beast” eating him. When he told Pertelote about his dream, she told him he was a chump and broke up with him. A few days later, when he was outside singing, a fox came up to “hear him sing.” Just as he closed his eyes to hit a high note, the fox tore into him like a wild beast. All of the other animals, his owner and his ex-girlfriend screamed to high heaven. But the Chanticleer was so quick and clever that he talked the fox into making a short victory speech. As the fox got proud and opened his mouth, the Chanticleer jumped out of his mouth and flew away.

This is the story from which our mascot sprang. It is the story of a rooster who chanted so clearly that even though he got himself into a pickle, he was smart enough to talk himself out of it.

Some may not think that the Chanticleer makes a very valiant mascot, but no amount of brawn can compensate for true intelligence and wit.

Be heard: What are your summer plans?

Erin Scher, senior marine science major: “I’m going to do data analysis and help Dr. Gayes with some of his research.”

Everson King, junior music major: “I’m working at Carowinds, up on the border of North Carolina and South Carolina.”

Lois Roselli, freshman computer science major: “I’m taking a week-long road trip up north to see family and friends.”

John Molder, junior finance major: “I’ll be taking summer classes all summer long, four classes total.”

Parker Terlaak, junior management major: “In May I’m going to Austin, Texas and Nicaragua, and then I’ll be back here for summer classes.”

Tiffany Shifflett, senior criminal justice major: “I’m planning a trip to New York and to Florida.”
A step-by-step guide on doing one's own laundry

Amanda Kelley
Staff Writer/Photographer

In case your parents always did your laundry for you, here is a step-by-step picture guide to doing your laundry on campus so you can do it on your own. Here are some tips that might help, as well:

- Separate your clothes into two different piles, dark colored clothes and light colored clothes. (You may also want to separate out your delicates and wash them in a separate load.)

- Read the tags on your clothes to familiarize yourself with how they should be cleaned and dried. Some clothes shouldn't be put in the dryer because they will shrink.

- Make sure your detergent doesn't have any bleach in it, or that it is color-safe detergent.

Photos by Amanda Kelley
How to get involved on media staff and on campus

Raytevia Evans  
Section Editor

Getting involved on campus earlier on during a college career is important and also very exciting. Early interest in clubs or organizations is something to pursue and enjoy throughout the four or more years of college.

The student media at Coastal Carolina University is always looking for new recruits. CCU student media includes The Chanticleer, the biweekly student-produced newspaper, Tempo, the school magazine, and Archairios, the literary magazine. These organizations are open to students who are interested in journalism, reporting, editing, writing, design and photography.

The easiest way to get involved with student media is to go to the Student Center Organization Suite 206K and is open for all students' use. Above The Chanticleer office is in the Student Center, 206K, and is home to the editorial staff, but is also available for staff members to do newspaper work in.

Freshman 15: A student’s advice on how to avoid extra weight

Marty Keiser  
Business Manager

It seems as if the Freshman 15 is now a thing of the past and college has upped the ante on weight for both young men and women.

If you sit in the dining hall every night at dinner for an entire semester, you will notice certain people who are also always in there. As the semester goes on, you will see a very noticeable change in certain peoples’ weight. The trend seems to be that people either remain unchanged or they gain at least 20 pounds.

I do not mean to sound shallow by this observation; I am simply stating what I’ve seen. Despite the Freshman 15 reference to girls, studies have shown that on average, boys gain more weight than girls during their first year of college.

Why would there be so much stress toward girls not to gain the Freshman 15 (or in this case the Freshman 20), when the guys are the ones gaining most of the weight? Furthermore, why are the guys gaining more weight? Could it possibly have anything to do with getting two trays for dinner at the dining hall, the helping of fried chicken sandwiches, the extra plate for just French fries, a chicken finger wrap, two slices of pizza and eating whatever desserts are offered that is packing on these pounds? Yes, this definitely is a contributor to the weight gain issue for incoming freshmen.

It also has to do with students being away from their parents for the first time and not having anyone to reprimand them for what they eat. How many times have you gone to the freezer to get some ice cream before dinner and were scolded by your mom or dad because you might spoil your dinner?

In college, these things don’t happen. It is awesome, but this is where things seem to go wrong. Our parents teach us how to make right and wrong decisions and then it seems like the very second we come to college, we purposely do not make the same decisions our parents taught us how to make.

Now you’re having ice cream before dinner, then eating an unhealthy meal and most likely are eating another meal around 10:30 or 11 o’clock at night.

Then comes the beer. For the parents who do not want to hear it and think just because this is a dry campus it means there will be no alcohol around their little boy or girl, think again.

If your little boy or girl wants it, your little boy or girl is going to get it, and they will get it the same way they defy you and get their ice cream and deep-fried foods seven days a week at the dining hall.

The amount of calories one beer has is equivalent or somewhere around the same amount of calories as a can of Pepsi or Coke. O.K., so a can of Pepsi or Coke is alright isn’t it? Well, in college you most likely are not going to be drinking one or two beers in one sitting. Based on personal experience and observations, student drinkers will most likely consume significantly more than one or two beers on a typical Friday or Saturday night.

This is one of the major contributors to weight gain for guys and girls. Now what can you do? First things first, try to limit your portions at the dining hall. Get one plate of food or a salad. If you get a salad, do not make the common mistake that I see every single day by dousing all your healthy vegetables in a blanket of ranch dressing. If you do this, you will have instantaneously taken a potentially healthy meal and destroyed it. Use a vinegar-based dressing or the tomato basil dressing.

Second, skip the desserts, they are a waste of calories. Next, get a glass of water or a diet Pepsi. You will grow accustomed to the taste of diet and soon you will feel very happy that you are enjoying the same great taste for zero calories. Also, cut back on the late-night trips to Wendy’s, McDonald’s and Burger King; believe me, you are not “eating great, even late.”

Lastly, if you’re going to become a binge drinker on weekends, drink light beer. Guys think they are ‘girly’ if they drink light beer, but girls will think you’re just fat when they see that beer gut.

I have made several connections to gaining weight and focused on them in a very health-conscious sense, but it really does come down to one’s health. Even if the pounds are not sticking to your body right now, eating these foods is really taking a toll on your arteries and your heart alone. You might work out every day, but the effects of all the deep-fried food and 24-hour availability of fast food and Waffle House is going to make you a truly unhealthy adult.

I am not a dietitian or nutritionist and I cannot help you by telling you exactly what to eat, but my message is to raise awareness of the prime suspects of the Freshman 20.
that the arena, and its surroundings, must be environmentally friendly. “As an institution of higher education, it is our responsibility to ensure the health and protection of our environment through sustainable practices,” said Mitzner.

Monetarily speaking, it is an obvious misconception that Coastal and locals are funding this project.

“Horry County Council issued a $5 million bond to help cover the cost of the $48 million project,” said Trask.

“This means that local tax payers are helping to build a facility that most will not benefit from.”

In addition to the rise of taxes, students believe their tuitions will be exponentially raised as well. Dr. Lynn Willett, Vice President for Student Affairs, sets the record straight.

“The arena is a private project,” explained Dr. Willett.

“We are the client.”

Because CCU only receives $12,000 from the state, the school has an advantage in having private donors. The only downside to it, other than lengthy delays, is the fact that private financiers and donors are picky, said Willet.

Although CCU cannot request that they donate to a science building rather than an arena, the new science building is a “very high priority and we need ways to solve that without the help of state funding,” she said.

In a positive light, the addition of the new arena could possibly be the solution of the second biggest “problem” at CCU — parking spaces.

“Parking is a big issue on campus,” said sophomore Leyla Nardali. “Most of the time I have to get to school about half an hour early to make sure I get a good parking spot in the morning.”

With the incoming crowd of new students each year, and despite those who have graduated, the number of parking spaces available in lots near buildings continues to become limited. If students do not have early morning classes, they will more than likely spend 10 to 30 minutes searching for a spot.

“I think we need to either create more parking spots or go with the proposed plan to have a green campus,” said Nardali.

According to Trask, the obvious solution would be to build a parking garage. This would be a massive financial undertaking for the university and would be tough to construct on our relatively small campus.” Because of the arena, a parking garage seems virtually impossible to fund. With a project that size, students would inevitably have to pay higher parking fees as well.

CCU’s Deputy Chief of Police, Phillip Moore, gave helpful tips to incoming freshman in need of a place to park.

“Get here earlier,” said Moore, “and try to manage your time better.” According to the deputy, the possibility of a parking garage is not entirely out of the question. “It all boils down to money,” he said.

“As the university grows, all aspects will, too.”

He went on to explain that the new arena will provide much more parking space for students. Until then, however, students should consider parking at the stadium or by the dorms.

“I understand though,” said Moore. “Everyone wants that front spot.”

The pluses and minuses of expansion at CCU are important matters, which are certainly taken into consideration by all aspects of the school. Though all students and many residents of the area will be affected by CCU’s growth, the projects in the making will only come about if they are in the student’s best interest.

“It’s an exciting time,” said Dr. Willett. “We are very optimistic.”
Tips for decorating your dorm room

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White painted cinderblock walls can make the dorm room feel more like a jail cell than home. It is essential to decorate and make the space more comfortable and welcoming.

The wall color cannot be changed, so bring in color wherever possible with pillows, blankets, curtains and area rugs. All of these items can be found, at a college friendly price, at Target, Wal-mart and Bed Bath and Beyond, or at one of the home improvement stores (Lowe’s, Home Depot, etc.).

Sabrina Albrecht recommends buying a couple plants from Home Depot because “they immediately bring life into a dead room.”

Organization is key for stress-free college living. With such a small area, everything needs a proper space. Think vertical with tall storage bins and shoe racks that hang in the closet. Also cork and dry erase boards are excellent for posting pictures from home, aced exams and to do lists. Get a laundry basket that fits under the bed for dirty clothes to make the trips to the laundry room easier.

University Place residents also have kitchen and dining areas to decorate. Dress up the fridge with a few magnets; the lettered ones are great for leaving notes for roommates. Also find colorful flour and sugar containers, or spice racks, and don’t forget the dishware, flatware and cookware. Placemats are another way to bring in color, and to help keep the dining table clean.

Decorating doesn’t have to be expensive so don’t be afraid of the clearance isle. Keep in mind that the dorm can and should be personalized to feel like a home, but don’t buy too much because the dorm room is temporary. Wait to buy anything for the common area so that each roommate can split the cost, but keep in mind at the end of the year the stuff has to go with someone or in the trash.

Additional tips and tricks, as well as itemized checklists can be found at www.bedbathandbeyond.com and www.hgtv.com.
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Across:
3. Housing friends
7. ___ ___ 110 (Freshman seminar)
8. Wall decoration
11. Coastal Carolina University
14. Going out with friends
16. Large campus auditorium
19. Online notes
20. ___ Library
22. Take good ___
23. Washing clothes
24. Movie collection
26. College housing
27. Campus pool hall
28. Cumulative ___
29. On-campus jobs

Down:
1. Freshmen courses
2. CCU President
4. Chances
5. Professors who help through college career
6. Place to buy books
9. Reviewing class notes
12. Getting ____ on campus
13. Chauncey
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17. Dining hall
18. Personalize room
21. Laying out
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Students built ROV to increase interest in science among Coastal Carolina population

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Staff Writer/Photographer

In an effort to integrate the sciences and get more students interested in marine science, six marine science students built a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). This ROV served as a prototype for a smaller one that science 110 students will build themselves this fall.

One of the builders Dimitri Quafisi explained, “We just wanted to see what we could do with it. Right now we can use it up to 200 feet [horizontally], we aren’t sure about depth yet but we’re hoping for 100 feet.”

Quafisi said, “The model isn’t finished yet, but it will have video capability, water samples (temperature, salinity, pH) and possibly small core samples.”

Professors Paul Gayes and Varr helped by funding the project and answering a few questions along the way, but the design was planned and executed by the students Quafisi, Ryan Moor, Mike Neafsey, Jeff Szekely, Chris Reno and Heather Davis.

Quafisi and Gayes expected the project to get more students interested in marine science.

Quafisi said, “We wanted people to see that marine science doesn’t mean swimming with dolphins, but there are some pretty cool gadgets to play with.”

Several marine science students recently built a remotely operated vehicle, or ROV, to help increase student awareness and interest in marine science.

Local CCU discounts

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When you want a change from on-campus dining, there are some affordable hot spots that offer discounts for Coastal Carolina University students. Nearby restaurants that offer a discount include:

- Bojangles- 10%
- Papa John’s- 30% (not applicable to specials)
- Koto Express- 10%
- Sonic- 10%
- Firehouse Subs- free drinks
- Sandwich Club Deli- 12%

Other CCU student favorites that are affordable include:

- Beef O’Brady’s- Located in Carolina Forest Shopping Center. It offers meals for under $10 a person. During happy hour, appetizers are half-price.
- Coastal Ale House- Located off Singleton Ridge Road near the hospital. There is live music and college night. Half-price appetizers during happy hour.
- Jimmy’s Japanese Hibachi- Located in Carolina Forest Shopping Center. Cooked-to-order meals for under $15 a person, they also offer carry-out and call-ahead orders.
- Huddle House- Located off S.C. 544 past CCU. They are open 24 hours for students with a late-night craving for a variety of meals under $10 a person.
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What you need to know about buying textbooks

Lauren J. Meritt
For The Chanticleer

With all the pressures thrown in the lives of new college freshmen during summer orientation, buying textbooks is more than likely the last thing they have on their minds. However, the sooner new students start loading up on binders, pens, pencils and books, the more money they can save.

There are three easy ways to stretch dollars when buying textbooks. One is to utilize the Coastal Carolina University bookstore. They offer new and used books, as well as CCU apparel, study guides, lab notebooks and other various school supplies.

A unique and great feature the bookstore offers is the textbook reservation system. Students are able to request textbooks needed for the semester beforehand, and the staff then gathers the materials and sets them aside for the student to pick up on the first day of class.

Kristi Cole, the manager on duty at the bookstore, said that this system helps take the pressure off first-time students, so they can concentrate on starting their college career off on the right foot.

The program is open to all students. Reservation forms are available in the bookstore, at orientation, through e-mail or by phone. However, if students choose this option, they should do so sooner rather than later.

Cole said, "The sooner, the better!"

The bookstore starts pulling books in mid-July, so most books are gone before the semester starts.

Students' second book-buying option is the Ace Bookstore, located off-campus on S.C. 544. They concentrate primarily on used books, and offer coupon and contests for gift certificates to use at the store.

Ace also buys back books, up to 50 percent of what students originally paid. If students have books they don't want, Ace will take them. It runs a book drive that benefits schools in Africa, so students can also do some charity work while getting prepared for classes.

Last but not least, is to surf the web for textbook needs. Amazon.com and eBay are useful ways to save a buck while buying books. The only downfall to this option is the unknown condition of some of the books, and orders must be placed at least six weeks before the semester starts in order to assure their arrival for the first day of classes.
Peer mentors help freshmen adjust to life at Coastal

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All new freshmen are required to take a class called University 110, or the first year experience. In addition to a professor, there is also a trained Coastal Carolina University student in the class, referred to as a peer mentor.

A peer mentor is described as an accomplished upperclassman at CCU. These students are involved in several campus activities and are very eager and willing to help the incoming freshmen. The peer mentors are assigned to a University 110 class and attend the class all semester long as a helper to the professor and the students.

It is the hope of peer mentors and professors alike that by adding a peer mentor to the class, students will feel more comfortable and be able to form a bond with their peer mentor.

Coastal Carolina University 2007 Football Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 1 at Delaware State, TBA
SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 vs. WINSTON-SALEM STATE at 7 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 vs. GEORGIA SOUTHERN at 7 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 22 at James Madison, TBA
Saturday, Oct. 6 at Furman, TBA
SATURDAY, OCT. 13 vs. CHOWAN (FAMILY WEEKEND) at 7 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCT. 20 vs. PRES-TERIAN (HALL OF FAME) at 7 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCT. 27 vs. VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (HOMECOMING) at 7 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 3 at Liberty,* TBA
SATURDAY, NOV. 10 vs. GARDNER-WEBB* (SENIOR DAY), 7 P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 17 at Charleston Southern,* 1:30 p.m.

* Denotes a Big South Conference game

All home games in BOLD CAPS

*All students receive one free ticket, but tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are available during the week of the game at the ticket office at Brooks Stadium. Students must present their CCU ID in order to receive their free ticket.

How to register to vote

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Eighteen-year-old U.S. citizens who have never been convicted of a crime need to prepare to vote. It is essential to participate in the government; voting is the root of change in the political system, and it is the easiest and most effective way to have voices heard.

Residents of South Carolina must register to vote 30 days prior to Election Day in order to be eligible. Registration can be completed in person at any county board of voter registration, or by mailing in the registration form found online at http://www.state.sc.us/svotec.

Out-of-state students should file for an absentee ballot. This process varies in each state, but the general procedure is the same. While it would probably be easier to simply go to the Board of Voter Registration or the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to fill out the voter registration form and absentee ballot form while still in the home state, all of the forms can be found online. Simply go to the state's Web site and find the voting link; some states do this through a State Board of Elections, but that link is also located on the state's homepage.

No matter what party one is affiliated with, voting should be done. It really is as simple as filling out a form.

Contact Sandy Martin at the Horry County Board of Voter Registration at (843) 915-5440 for more information.

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