Efforts are being taken to make CCU a safer college campus

Find out at your cell phone can do beyond calling and texting

PREVENTING PANDEMIC
What the flu is and how to avoid it this season

Elise Davis
For The Chanticleer

Student Health Services sent out a mass e-mail recently to Coastal Carolina University students, faculty and staff about the flu and what to do in case of a flu pandemic.

According to Flufacts.com, a pandemic is a disease or illness that affects people worldwide. Influenza is a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads from person to person. The last pandemic occurred in 1968 and greatly affected the U.S.

“The e-mail was a definite eye opener,” said Ashley Manger, a junior communication major. “I never really knew what the flu pandemic was and it scares me that a pandemic could happen.”

There is a difference between a flu pandemic and the seasonal flu, which occurs from November through March each year. Flufacts.com said the seasonal flu is common, but not usually life threatening.

A virus already among individuals causes the classic symptoms of high fever, chills, aches and coughing.

Although it typically takes a week to recover, 36,000 Americans die from the flu and complications resulting from it every year.

In contrast, a flu pandemic is far more deadly to the U.S. because the virus is new to citizens’ bodies and immune systems do not know how to fight it.

The World Health Organization (WHO) suggests there is a global risk of a flu pandemic within the next few years.

According to the WHO, the threat is linked to the high mutability of influenza viruses; a strain, such as avian flu, could mutate into a type that could be spread from person to person.

According to WebMD, the flu pandemic could kill 62 million people worldwide. According to Flufacts.com, the U.S. is not prepared for a flu pandemic.

“It scares me that the pandemic flu is possible, I have never heard of that. When I got the e-mail, it definitely made me want to get a flu shot,” said Katherine Mendoza, a junior education major.

The flu is spread from person to person via droplets coughed or sneezed into the air and onto surfaces. The flu virus can live on surfaces such as doorknobs and phones for up to two hours.

Students are taking an active part in preventing the flu. Washing hands after contact with people or public places is essential for preventing the flu.

“I take a lot of vitamin C and wash my hands all the time,” said Mendoza.

“I try not to share drinks with people and I wash my hands a lot,” said junior communication major Tori Brown.

There are four main ways to protect oneself from the flu: flu vaccinations, antiviral medication, over-the-counter treatments and non-medical alternatives.

The best time to get vaccinated is between October and November, according to WebMD.

Student Health Services are currently offering flu vaccinations for students, faculty and staff.

Contact Cesar Ross, the director of Student Health Services, at (843) 349-6545 for more information.

HELPFUL HINTS TO AVOID THE FLU

> Wash your hands after sneezing, coughing and using the restroom.
> Don’t share drinks with others.
> Get vaccinated, ideally between October and November.
> Take a multi-vitamin daily.
> Exercise for 30 minutes a day at least 3 times a week to keep the immune system strong.

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SGA addresses campus rumors and changes

With all the changes going on around campus, it is very easy as a student to get confused.

One minute Coastal Carolina University is getting an arena and the next minute it’s not.

With this growing, expanding and canceling, students make assumptions and rumors get started.

Many different pieces of information in the past weeks have been flying around, from significant tuition increases to there being no labs for the sciences next fall semester.

However, students can rest assured that neither of those rumors are true, along with several other rumors that may be flying around.

The arena issue did cause many concerns, but that was all, just concerns. No tuition increase and no tearing down of the trees for a giant parking lot.

Science students, don’t worry, the plans for building renovations and expansions will be staggered so that class schedules won’t be affected.

Student Government Association has also created a short survey in regards to a Student Center/recreation center and student taxation. If students should happen to come across this survey, please take the time to fill it out. Students can also stop by the SGA office, located upstairs in the Student Center, to pick one up.

Schools across the nation have been able to fund renovations or new buildings through minimal student fees included in tuition that goes straight to the fund.

From the dean’s desk:
Campus growth leads to many building renovations, additions and changes

Meg Duvall
Assistant Editor

College campuses are full of buildings: classrooms, offices, admissions, the gym, the library, etc. But Dean of Students Dr. Lloyd Holmes knows that in addition to the academic buildings on campus, students also need a place where they can hang out and relax with their friends.

With the growth at Coastal Carolina University, there is a need for more recreational places students can relax according to Holmes. He is interested in having a student center where the university can provide students with more services.

The Student Center will be a "facility where students can go whether it’s quiet, they can play games or grab a snack," said Holmes.

The CINO Grille will have more seating so that the Office of Student Activities and Leadership can host more events for students to participate. Holmes said the area will host additional food options, as well.

The Science building is another focus the dean is interested in. The improvements being made to the building will allow for different types of instruction and will also include improvements in technology.

Holmes said the administration will attempt to make the renovations go as smoothly as possible in order to create the least amount of disruptions possible. While there will be some inconveniences throughout construction, once the renovations are complete, students will be pleased.

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Information from www.weather.com as of press time

CORRECTIONS

The Chanticleer is committed to accuracy. Please e-mail or call the editor-in-chief if you see any mistakes in The Chanticleer at chanticleer@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2330.

In Volume 44, Issue 10 on page 3, a photo caption labeled a firefighter from the Horry County Fire Department. The photo actually depicted CCU’s fire marshal.
Alert system and student awareness keep CCU safe

Kevin Hanes
Staff Writer

The horrific tragedy that happened at Virginia Tech has left students and universities across America wondering: How safe are college campuses?

It can be tough keeping everyone safe. Statistics have shown that crimes on campuses have steadily been increasing over the years.

Knowing the right safety tips is essential because the potential for something dangerous happening is a reality.

"Students need to be proactive instead of being reactive when danger happens," said Dr. Lloyd Holmes, dean of students.

Students need to always be aware of their environments and of their surroundings.

"As a community, everybody should look after one another and not be only dependent on public safety," said Dr. Lynn Willett, vice president of student affairs.

For the most part, Coastal Carolina University is safe, but with a community more than 8,000 people, there will always be incidents occurring.

Administration is striving to make the campus safer by adding a new text alert system.

The new alert system allows text messages to be sent on cell phones and e-mails through a computer, in case the school faces any kind of danger, weather cancellations or delays.

The new service does not send advertisements and it is free of charge unless a cell phone carrier charges to receive messages.

Registering for the new alert system is easy to do and takes a matter of minutes.

The steps include creating a new account, logging in with a CCU user name and pin, entering a valid mobile number and selecting a carrier.

Then a four-digit code is sent via text message which then needs to be entered in the box online.

According to Willett, over 1,300 students signed up during the first week of the program. This is great for the first week, but every CCU student needs to register, said Willett.

The system proves to be an informative way to communicate with people on campus.

According to Phillip Moore, a deputy chief of public safety, there are around 34 security officers. These security officers work on campus, at the dorms and at residential guard shakes.

There are nine marked cars in service and several unmarked cars. Cameras are located all over campus also.

"The text alert system and silent witness program are two ways the campus can be a lot safer," said Moore.

The Silent Witness program is on the Public Safety Web site under police division. It allows students to report information on undesirable or suspicious activity on campus or in the dorms without stating their names.

Once a student fills it out, a police officer will investigate the situation.

The Public Safety Department is working every day to update policies to that will make CCU one of the safest colleges in the nation.

By getting involved and being aware, students can help public safety keep CCU safe.
Color and culture encompass art professor’s life and work

Claire Arambula
News Editor

The colorful paintings that hang on the walls of Maura Kenny’s office flaunt the expression of the 55-year-old artist. The latest series of 10 landscapes was produced by Kenny in an attempt to demonstrate the usage of strong color combinations.

Knowing that she always wanted to be an artist, Kenny relocated to the Myrtle Beach area after graduate school. The Connecticut native then took a part-time job on campus teaching art appreciation and then art education.

Kenny has been a professor at CCU for more than 20 years and currently teaches painting, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, oil, acrylics — pretty much everything and at all levels of education.

Having met her husband in Ireland, his native country, and wearing the traditional Claddagh ring as her wedding band, Kenny’s sense of culture is impressive. This idea is reiterated in her respect for Gandhi and his impact through simplicity.

“He said some very powerful messages in a very quiet, peaceful way. I think that is a fabulous characteristic,” said Kenny in admiration of the peaceful leader. “As artists, we communicate visually, whereas he did the same through very few words.”

Senior Dwayne Hicks, an advisee of Kenny’s, said he chose Kenny as his adviser when he first arrived at CCU.

“I came to [CCU] undeclared. I took the success seminar and chose art,” said the art studio student.

Hicks said what stood out the most about taking courses taught by Kenny was the professor’s enthusiasm and dedication.

“She wants her students to be the best they can be,” he said.

Kenny’s passion for art is a lesson enough for her students; however, what the professor hopes for her students to take away from their experience in her classes is more than just the ability to paint a picture.

“What I hope to instill in [students] is their ability to learn about themselves when responding to things. I hope they learn self-expression and make the criteria theirs.” Kenny wants her students to develop a love for materials, similar to her own passion.

Although Kenny is constantly surrounded by painting while she is at work, when she does have some free time, she paints.

“Painting, drawing, walking, bike riding,” Kenny said, “I guess it just depends.”

Kenny’s focus in almost every thing she does is in the best interest of her students. Whether it’s producing award-winning art as an example, or teaching the strokes of painting in class, Kenny’s role to her students is greater than she even knows.

“She is always telling me, ‘you need to be more responsible and more structured,’” said Hicks. “She is like a second mom to college students.”

FINANCIAL AID “DO’S AND DONT’S” FOR 2008-2009

DO complete your FAFSA for 08/09 as soon as you and your parents file the 2007 Federal income taxes by going online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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

DO apply for application based CCU scholarships for 08/09 as soon as possible. The CCU Scholarship Opportunities brochure and application will be available online at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/scholar.html around the middle of November.

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

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

DO check your web advisor and email regularly to ensure that your 08/09 financial aid is in order.

DO read all correspondence that is emailed/mailed to your address.

DO keep your address and phone number updated through the Registrar’s Office.

DON’T wait to do your FAFSA and to apply for scholarships!

DON’T assume that financial aid, based on the FAFSA, will cover all of the billing charges! Financial Aid is meant to be only a supplement for educational expenses.
SAM Club challenges students with trivia

Kyle Drapeau
Staff Writer

“Come out and test your intellect against the rest of Coastal. Do you think you’re smarter?”

This question, posed by the President of the Society for the Advancement of Managing (SAM), Amanda Cipkala, is in reality a challenge and an invitation.

On Nov. 27, the SAM Club will be hosting the Student College Bowl, a trivia tournament to determine who is at the head of the class.

The victors of last year’s Bowl was Students Taking Active Responsibility (STAR).

Prizes will be awarded, with first place taking home $200 and others taking home prizes almost equal to the winner.

Be warned, however, because that number could increase if there is enough participation.

The event is open to all students and allows for up to 25 teams. Teams are made up of four players.

There is a $10 entry fee, but what’s 10 bucks when there’s a possibility for $200? Exactly.

In addition, players must fill out a form with information about their team name, individual players’ names, an e-mail address and additional contact information for one or all players on the team.

The SAM Club has created a Facebook page for the event under the title: “Coastal Carolina University College Trivia Bowl.” Join the group to find out more about the event.

Will you challenge Coastal? Will you challenge yourself? Be the bowl.

For additional information, e-mail tgitilmore@coastal.edu.

Safety

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Other fire safety tips include:
› Candles are not allowed on campus. Candles utilized off-campus should never be left unattended or near flammable objects.
› Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years and should be located in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping room. They need new batteries twice a year and should never be without batteries. If a smoke detector is a nuisance due to battery age, replace it. Always be sure to ask a landlord about smoke detectors when moving to a new home.
› Do not hang things from sprinkler heads.
› Do not hang tapestries or ceiling decor that block or prevent sprinkler activation.
› Formulate an evacuation plan and escape route with roommates.
› In a fire emergency, check doors for heat with the back of hand before opening.
› Always evacuate for a fire alarm, as you do not always know the seriousness of the situation.
› Shut the door when leaving the scene of a fire. A closed door will give you a few extra seconds.
› When staying in a large dorm or hotel, count the doors to the exit both to the right and to the left. In case of severe fire and thick smoke, crawl along the floor, counting doors to the exit.
› Always have two ways out of each location in a house.
› Call 911 only after you have evacuated the fire scene.
› Do not overload electricity outlets with too many appliances.
› Use extreme caution when cooking. Be sure to turn off and unplug appliances.
› Be very careful when decorating for the holidays. Lights, garland, fabric, tree and leaves are all flammable.
› If trapped in a room, close the door and cover the space under the door with sheets or clothing. Hang a sheet out of the window to alert rescuers.
› If someone is trapped in a burning building, or if you wish to alert someone before you evacuate a burning building, do not execute any actions that will jeopardize your own life. Do not become a victim.
› Use a cell phone to call a dispatcher and give rescuers your location.

The information given to children in elementary school is, for most people, the extent of fire safety education they will receive. By the time that individual is in college, it is not as prevalent as it used to be.

Because information is often equated to the elementary school level, college students do not regard fire safety as a priority, and thus forget that it is actually a new responsibility.

The attitude of “it’s never going to happen to me,” is a bad attitude, according to Kelsey.

“We, [the fire safety staff], are a 24/7 operation. If a student has a question, I would urge them to call or e-mail, regardless of the question,” advised Kelsey. “An unanswered question could be a matter of life or limb.”

Additional fire safety information can be reached at www.coastal.edu/safety or www.campusfire.org. Kelsey can also be reached at skelsey@coastal.edu and (843) 349-2930.

An example of the rapid spread of fire, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rBj3OGID1k.
Stereotypes of librarians not true at Coastal

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Google "librarian doll" sometime and take a look. This is the stereotype librarians have all "earned."

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Do we have librarians here like that? Visit the Kimbel Library and find out.

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CHAUNCEY SHOWDOWN | Which TV show is better, Saturday Night Live or MadTV?

Sketch comedy is an act that is performed by many, perfected by few and for more than 30 years the cast of Saturday Night Live has held a level of comedic perfection that is difficult to be touched.

This satirical hour and a half of comedy has been the starting ground for some of comedy’s greatest entertainers. Do the names Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Adam Sandler ring a bell? They all got their starts on Saturday Night Live by bringing memorable characters that always guaranteed a laugh.

Not only has this show created some of the best comedians in the business, but it also gives other notable actors, and entertainers a chance to showcase a side of themselves many fans do not normally get to see.

For example, I always thought of Justin Timberlake as just another pop act, but I was pleasantly surprised when he hosted the show and gave a dead on impersonation of Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Simpson. He returned a few seasons later to reprise several of his roles and then join up with cast member Andy Samberg to create the infamous song, “Dick in a Box.” It later went on to receive an Emmy for Best Original Song.

Even politicians have gotten in on the fun, as both Al Gore and Al Sharpton hosted and proved to be much funnier than their stiff exteriors.

Not only do viewers get to enjoy the laughs, but they also get a musical performance from some of the top artists in the country, who are even known to join in on a skit.

Saturday Night Live has it all. From laugh out loud characters to danceable tunes, this show is a piece of television history that is still going strong, and will never be topped.

Saturda Night Live

Stuart is the single reason why Mad TV is better than Saturday Night Live.

While SNL has been on air for more than 30 years, Mad TV has created a character that makes me laugh every time I see his skits.

Michael McDonald plays Stuart, an overgrown kid who talks in an extremely high voice and loves to disobey his mother.

His peculiar antics include wearing a Speedo, making a video for his teacher, theft and saying outrageous things.

His mother, who talks in an strange, but motherly voice, tries to discipline Stuart in an unconventional manner.

This interaction between mother and son shows the brilliance of the Stuart skits.

The best line of any Stuart skit is when he tells his mom, “You broke a wooden spoon on my smelly side.” With lines like that, you can’t help but laugh.

A classic Stuart skit is when the tooth fairy comes to visit and wanted to give Stuart floss instead of money.

My favorite Stuart skit is when he steals a Speedo swimsuit from the store and gets taken to jail wearing it.

His mother walks into the jail and tries to take him home, being Stuart he obviously protests. She scolds him and he does the normal Stuart kick while posing like a swimsuit model on the ground.

The best part of the skits is when Stuart talks in his high, quiet voice. He repeatedly says things like: “Look what I can do!,” “Stop! Stop it!” and “Ta Da!”

So the next time you’re deciding whether to watch SNL or Mad TV, “Please...please...please...please...please...” pick Mad TV.

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MARTY KEISER

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ASK THE EXPERT

TOPIC | Dependency on advisers

It has come to my attention that there are many students who blame their advisers for not having the correct classes in order to graduate when they are supposed to. (This being the normal four years, but who can put a time line on a good education?)

It is not right of us, nor fair to the adviser to take our frustrations out on them.

We are given a piece of paper from the time we walk on to CCU’s campus as freshmen that allows us to record what classes we are taking, what classes we need to take and the respective grade for each of those classes.

We have a ton of great administrative specialists who are willing to help us with what classes we need to take. We have the brain power to be able to use these resources when necessary.

What are advisers? They are professors of the university dealing out time they can find in order to guide us through our years at CCU.

The main part of this denomination is that they are professors. They have all the duties of teaching, grading and guiding. They make mistakes.

They are indeed human. It is completely unfair of us to lash out at these people when we don’t have things go our way.

In other words, we are adults, and we must stop acting like children. Take responsibility for your actions.

So, if you should happen to come across a situation like this, and I honestly hope you don’t, take a few deep breaths, understand that in the end, everything will work out fine and continue to realize that, while we may at times hold our adviser on a high platform, they are only human.

We all make mistakes and if we are able to better understand the situations at hand, then we can move closer to a greater goal of understanding for everyone.

William Chauncey
Advice Columnist

Q: I’m having problems with my adviser. I’m not getting much help with the classes I’m supposed to have in order to graduate. How do I go about dealing with this?

A: Some may find this to be a very bitter statement, but I am only speaking what I find to be true. We are college students, and as such we are responsible for our own future.

While we may have a ton of reliable resources to help guide us through our years at Coastal Carolina University, it is entirely on our shoulders to be sure that we achieve all of our goals.

BUSINESS ADVICE | How students can save money as prices increase nationwide

Money is often a tough issue for college students. For most, there just isn’t much to go around. According to the New York Times, seven out of 10 Americans report living paycheck to paycheck.

As prices rise on tuition, books, gas and food, a central focus on saving money is becoming increasingly important for students.

Although most recognize that saving is important, many students aren’t sure where to start. Yet before any saving tips can be utilized, one major point must be addressed.

A student must accept the fact that spending less means doing less. That’s right — the dreaded lifestyle change.

Deliberately cutting back on the amount of excitement in one’s life is not fun, but then again, neither is saving money.

After coming to terms with this harsh reality, a student can use these simple tips to keep more cash.

First, stop buying material things. These include clothes, shoes, watches, hats, DVDs and any other luxury items. Spending money on material things provides almost no benefit to daily lives, and these items usually end up piled in a closet within a year. In short, stay away from the mall.

Second, cut back to one hobby. For instance, owning a dog is a hobby. Playing golf is also a hobby. Playing golf and owning a dog constitutes as having two hobbies, both of which are expensive. Simply put, cut back to one. It’s more affordable.

Third, downsize every possible expense. Need a caffeine buzz before class? Drink a $1 bottle of Mountain Dew instead of a $4 Javalanche.

Eating out with friends? Order a club sandwich instead of a sirloin. Need to get out of the house? Take a walk around the neighborhood instead of using gas to drive to the beach. The list goes on and on.

Finally, use cash for daily expenses. The invention of the debit card has made many bankers rich and many forgetful people poor. Don’t fall into that trap. Use the ATM to take out the amount of cash you’ll need for two weeks. Keep an eye on the stash, and when it’s gone, stop spending. It’s that easy.

For those who want to learn more about being frugal, two books are great for exploring this topic. Suze Orman’s “The Laws of Money, The Lessons of Life” gives solid advice for balancing personal life with financial realities. Also, T. Harv Eker’s “Secrets of the Millionaire Mind” reveals that achieving financial success truly is a mind game.

Read both while utilizing the above tips in order to get the most out of your money. This is not an easy task, but it is useful and could save a lot of money.

LIKE IT OR NOT

The editor speaks out on personal hygiene

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

In honor of flu season, I offer this little piece of advice: Wash your hands.

Countless medical Web sites assert that washing one’s hands consistently helps prevent getting diseases, like the flu.

That being said, I cannot understand why some people do not wash their hands after any one of the following activities:

- Using the restroom. This applies for both men and women.
- Sneezing, whether you used a tissue, a sleeve or nothing at all.

Just because you directed your mouth away from someone else doesn’t mean you didn’t sneeze your germs and disease-ridden particles into the same air that they breathe.

- Coughing. See previous entry.
- Before and after cooking. There is no way to know who handled your food products before you bought them, so be sure to wash those, as well.
- After petting an animal. Animals spend the majority of their time either outdoors or getting into places that humans don’t normally go. Germs reside in these places. Fleas and ticks also find their homes on animals that have fur, and these parasites carry diseases.
- After any action that involves one’s nose.
- After completing any outdoor activity, such as gardening or participating in outdoor sports.

Anytime a person participates in any sort of activity that results in perspiration, wash your hands. While you’re at it, take a shower. Sweat stinks.

Upkeep of one’s personal hygiene is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick, whether the sickness be the flu or a common cold. Taking daily vitamins and recognizing the symptoms of an illness are also crucial aspects of preventing the spread of diseases.

People who exercise on a regular basis, eat at least three meals a day, wash their hands regularly are less likely to get sick than people who fail to do so.
FEATURES

Professors by day, roller girls by night

Claire Arambula
News Editor

“I’m an English professor,” said Dr. Shannon Stewart with attitude. “But I guarantee I can skate harder and faster than you can.”

Empowered by camaraderie, the Palmetto State Roller Girls skate their way to the top in the quirky and physically demanding sport of roller derby.

Roller derby has rules and is not staged, like some old television shows portrayed it to be.

At the second whistle, the jammers begin their loop around the track. The fitness level of roller derby is crucial.

“Empowered by camaraderie, the Palmetto State Roller Girls skate their way to the top in the quirky and physically demanding sport of roller derby,” said Stewart.

The game requires skill, fitness and strategy. A crucial quality that each skater must possess in order to be successful is attitude.

The local team flaunts its attitude by creating outlandish team names and sporting fishnet stockings—a tradition that goes back to the early 1900s when the sport originated. Just as skirts are worn in tennis or field hockey, skirts are generally worn in roller derby for ease of skating. The fishnets, on the other hand, are the team’s personal flare.

“If you’re skating and kicking butt anyway, why not look cute?” said Stewart, laughing.

The Palmetto Girls’ uniforms consist of matching uniquely cut-to-fit T-shirts, elbow pads, wrist pads, knee pads, a helmet and a mouth guard for extra protection.

The only injuries Stewart has received in the heat of the bout were “big, nasty bruises and a dislocated jaw.” Others have broken fingers and injured feet, and occasionally, someone will break or bruise a tailbone. However, the team has been fairly fortunate thus far.

Team member Jennifer Hughes said that nothing compares to roller derby. When she is not working in CCU’s Kimbel Library, Hughes is lapping the track as “Bout Girl.”

“It’s such a good time,” said Hughes, “and it’s interesting to see how you improve. I am amazed by the process.”

Another of Stewart’s teammates is Michelle Lewis. Lewis, or better known on the track as “Piranha Mama,” also works in the library and was introduced to the sport by Hughes.

“It’s hard,” Lewis said. “I had never been on team sports and I never got to use competitiveness. Now I don’t miss a practice.”

Others on campus who take part in and make possible the roller derby experience include Dr. Teresa Burns, Melissa-Anne Blizzard Hall, Dr. Louis Keiner, Dr. Arne Flaten, Scott Pleasant and Eric Hall.

Among themselves, the group is looking to organize a roller derby summer camp, which would be geared toward younger children.

“This is good for two reasons,” said Stewart. “We will be able to give back to the community, since we are a nonprofit organization. And we will also be a part of the movement for junior derby. We can be role models.” The camp is just an idea in the works at this point.

As for college students, Lewis said, “If you are 18 or older and you want to try out, come out to practice.”

The team practices and competes at Dreamland Skating Arena in Conway and on the Myrtle Beach former Air Force Base.

Employees of CCU by day, roller derby girls by night — the women take pride in the challenging athletic angle they are able to achieve.

The fitness level of roller derby is demanding, yet grace and balance is crucial.

“It’s like, OK you can do all that stuff,” said Stewart of other sports, “but now do that on roller skates.”

The team’s next bout is Dec. 9 at Dreamland Skating Arena in Conway. For more information, visit palmettostaterollergirls.com.

What can you do with your cell phone?

Jessica Green
Staff Writer

There are so many uses for cell phones now that just calling someone is a thing of the past.

In the beginning, cell phones were a novelty. They were not viewed as being a device everyone needed and not many people had them.

That has changed dramatically. Now, one cannot walk across campus without spying everyone they pass with a cell phone. The users of these mobile phones are also getting younger and younger as parents are buying them for their small, elementary-school children as well.

They are a communication tool where one cannot only call another person, but email or text them. They have cameras and video recorders. They can wake you up in the morning and keep you on schedule. It seems as if cell phones are a part of everyone’s lives and their features and uses are getting even more high-tech.

The year 1973 was when Motorola showed a prototype for the world’s first cellular phone. It was not available for another decade, but it was a foot long, weighed 2 pounds, and cost nearly $4,000.

Now, the phone would probably be placed in a museum because designs have changed and features have been added.

Cell phones have changed so much that they can fit easily into your pocket and probably weigh mere ounces compared to the pounds they weighed in the past.

They are inexpensive (at least not thousands of dollars) and can be afforded by nearly everyone whether they choose a pre-paid plan or go with major cell phone companies like Sprint and AT&T.

Other companies are cashing in on cell phones by creating their own phones such as Apple with the release of their iPhone and Google with their plans of releasing a phone in late 2008.

TOP 10 USES OF CELL PHONES:

- Voice Recorders - Records your favorite music for free ring tones or class lectures
- GPS - Never be lost again or always have someone find you
- MP3 Players - No need for an iPod when you can store music on your phone
- QWERTY Keypads - E-mail and texting has never been easier with mini keyboards
- Address Books - No need to remember phone numbers anymore, just put every number into your phone
- Internet Browser - Many phones' browsers are improving and not looking "watered-down"
- Camera and Video - Take a quick shot and send them to friend's instantly
- T9 - Don't have a QWERTY pad? Program frequent words into your phone for quick text messages.
- Bluetooth - Hands free chat
- Instant Message - Yahoo or AIM? Talk to your Internet friends on your phone
The Homecoming Committee
Would Like to THANK
The following companies for making
Homecoming 2007
A successful event
Coheed and Cambria’s fourth album, No World For Tomorrow, stands as a monument to everything they’ve accomplished so far in their careers.

The opening track, “The Reaping,” is foreboding and mysterious, true to Coheed’s form for the first song of a CD. “No World For Tomorrow” is the title track and second song of the album. It is masterfully written and Claudio’s lead guitar compliments Travis’s rhythm guitar perfectly. Claudio’s vocals are a mixture of beauty and darkness.

The third track, “The Hound (Of Blood And Rank),” isn’t their best but the guitar solo shows Claudio’s ability to go as fast as he wants or play slower to add feeling.

“Feathers” is the fourth song of the album. Coheed reveals a new side of themselves in this song. Musically it is upbeat, yet slow. Lyrically, it is a completely different animal. Several words used in this track are anger, fault, failure and liar.

The fifth song, “Running Free” is perhaps the most popular currently with the music video being seen almost daily. It’s another song in which Coheed strays from their individuality and creates a sound more familiar to the average listener.

“Mother Superior” is a dark song, resembling the opening track. Everything about the song sounds sad and gives it an emotional charge.

“Grave makers and Gun slingers” sounds like something straight out of Guitar Hero II. Claudio delivers powerful vocals and even more powerful guitar riffs. It’s easily the best song of the album.

“Justice In Murder,” the eighth track, is a pretty impressive song, with most of the attention being drawn once again to Claudio’s ability to make a guitar do things most can’t. At this point, song titles can’t be included because if they were, this article would stretch on for a few pages.

The ninth song is a setup song for the tenth, which will remind long-time Coheed fans of their second album. As with the rest of this album, Claudio masterfully puts out riffs that any fan of music must respect.

The eleventh song is the album’s longest, posting a 7 minute, 46 second time, yet in spite of this it still manages to hold your attention. It’s impressive for any band to hold your attention for that long.

The twelfth song is my least favorite of the album. It just doesn’t sound like anything Coheed and Cambria has ever done and everything about it doesn’t fit.

The final song takes a bit to get moving and resembles something like an intro for a western movie. The rest of the song fluctuates between lullaby-like sounds to driving guitars with chanting in the background.

All in all, No World For Tomorrow only further displays the talent which Coheed and Cambria have already laid out for us to see with their previous three albums. For old Coheed fans and those ready to join the following, this CD belongs in your collection now.
The Great American Rampage tour made its way into Myrtle Beach’s House of Blues on Oct. 30, presenting a night of widely ranged sounds from four very different bands. Headlining the night’s show was Skindred, a reggae band from the United Kingdom.

First to take the stage, Australian screamed Karnivool debuted, performing a strong set featuring a six-string bass that the crowd could literally feel.

Karnivool was for the most part unknown at the beginning of the show, but after their performance, the energy of the crowd was high, and all around the question of “Who were they?” was pondered excitedly.

Next came Ankla, a metal/Latin band from Los Angeles. The most noticeable thing about Ankla was their two drum sets and strange percussion instruments that were used a little too much throughout the set.

The deep screaming seemed out of place with the music as bongos and thrashing guitar and bass clashed into a jumbled, mixed-up sound. The energy of the crowd was still high, but the sound wasn’t exactly up to par with the rest of the lineup.

Despite minor technical difficulties, the third band to take the stage was Nonpoint, a metal/Latin band from Florida. As Nonpoint walked out, it was obvious the band had a good vibe.

The crowd was ecstatic as the set began, and front man Elias Soriano’s deep, strong crooning voice captivated the audience. The band was promoting their release of their sixth album “Vengeance,” which hit stores on Nov. 6.

The headlining band, Skindred was up after Nonpoint. Having been away from touring since the release of their debut album “Babylon” in 2004, Skindred came to the stage with the same energy and attitude they were known for three years ago.

Skindred’s sound is like no other. The music is described as alternative reggae, but Skindred adds a screaming sound and soundboard effects to make their music unique. It’s exciting, different, fun and upon their entering the stage, the crowd’s energy heightened drastically yet again.
Entertain Yourself

Mixing it up: Volume 6
A mix for your listening pleasure

Jason Fongsam
For The Chanticler

1. Jim Sturgess - "All My Loving"
2. A.C. Newman - "Miracle Drug"
3. Red Hot Chili Peppers - "21st Century"
4. Head Automatica - "Beating Heart Baby"
5. Kanye West - "The Glory"
6. Kinfold Kia Shine - "Respect My Fresh"
7. New Young Pony Club - "The Amerimacka"

Get Go"
8. Young Love - "Find A New Way"
9. Raratat - "Seventeen Years"
10. Cold War Kids - "Hospital Beds"
11. Yeah Yeah Yeahs - "Y Control"
12. Nilton Castro - "Segura O Sambura"
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Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

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Crossword

Thanksgiving

ACROSS
2. Sound a turkey makes
3. Neck warmer
5. Change yellow, orange, red and brown
8. Head gear
9. Fall color
11. Shop early for Christmas
12. Upcoming holiday
13. What Chicago is known for
14. Keeps hands warm
15. Thanksgiving

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1. the yard.
3. Wool
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6. Autumn dessert
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Who is ready for some concept truck action?

Unfortunately, one or both of these models will most possibly not go into production anytime in this decade, but they do look good, and are fully functional.

Since this isn’t the usual concept car article, the tables have been modified to include topics that would help to determine the off-road capability of the vehicle, as well as it’s capacity for a utilitarian lifestyle.

Please keep in mind that we are suppressing our environmentalist instincts for this issue – for obvious reasons.

OK, so this awesome trail-rated concept Jeep came out earlier this year and probably this exact model will not see the light of day – but Chrysler should seriously reconsider.

With the J models that are coming off the line recently, there have been some disappointed fans crying out that Jeep is becoming too “urbanized.”

This concept proves Jeep is still very devoted and capable of hitting the trail when they feel the urge.

The Trailhawk is essentially a Frankensteins of all of the best of Jeep.

With the Wrangler Unlimited platform, the impressive and powerful new Grand Cherokee model’s engine, this thing was built with trails in mind.

About the engine: Many would not know it from looking at one of the spotless Grand Cherokee of today, but they are extremely powerful.

The 3.0L common-rail-diesel generates considerable 215 horsepower, and 376 ft/lb of torque.

That is a little less than a hemispherical overhead, or Hemi engine. I want. That’s it, I’m done – I just want it.

Why this didn’t go into production alongside the H3, we may never know. It seems clear that it will never go into production.

The only buzz I’ve heard regarding a new Hummer is what looks like a 4-door H3 pickup, but the pictures do not do it justice as they do for this H3T.

I’m sure that this idea would have put Hummer back into the ring with all of the more dirt-ori­ented SUV’s and pickup trucks. (Seriously, anything could be more trail-rated than the H2.)

The H3T was built as a model with a partnership with Nike to try out all-around traction with those nifty red and blue ribbed tires.

The idea behind it wasn’t actually for road usage, but more for off-road usage.

Those blue paddle-like surface structures on the tires would be great for tearing up dunes, while the red ribs would be perfect for traction on rough and jagged surfaces – such as rock crawling or trail running.

They seem very innovative and practical for the uses intended.

The one drawback that can be taken from this – America really doesn’t need another Hummer.

Sure, they’re totally awesome and yes, they look really tough and aggressive, but no, I don’t really need a truck that is so kick-ass.

Well, as disappointed as I’m sure everyone is that these vehicles will not be going into production, regardless of how creative and awesome they may look, they still are fun to think about.

Regardless, I believe that it is important that while we are saving the environment, we shouldn’t forget to enjoy it every once and a while as well – which is what I look forward to when going off-roading.

Cell phones

“...I just wish I’d had my phone before I brought my iPod,” said Cierra Ellerbe, a junior health promotion major. The many features included on cell phones are causing buyers to not tap into other markets, such as MP3 players. While most people will still buy a player and a cell phone, many think it is convenient to have just a phone that can do both, call and play their favorite tunes.

“I can live without a cell phone, but I just have a hard time focusing on other things when my phone isn’t with me, especially if I’m a long way from home. So, I try not to forget it,” said Ellerbe.

Faculty at CCU are noticing the increase of cell phones in their classes and think the features are the cause of it. With all the features on a cell phone, it may become harder for a person to focus if they are, for example, texting their friend’s during a lecture.

“Cell phones have great features, but I do not like to see them in class,” said English teaching associate Susan Harvey. “Because of the features, students will have the phones in class to text message, etc.”

Harvey has often told students to put their cell phones away in class.

Students are also doing unthinkable things such as cheating on exams by using their cell phones. This is such a controversial issue, that no student will speak about it.

“Cell phones are just beginning to become a necessity,” said Ellerbe. “They’re extremely useful in many ways.”

People are sure to become more dependent on having a cell phone as time moves on. Concept phones from major cell phone companies have sprung up across the Internet and some of the oddest features on these are a phone with an entirely flexible body that can snap to your wrist from Nokia, a phone that attaches to the biceps with body monitoring sensors from Beng­Siemens and a phone that syncs entirely with their vehicles from Audi. The future of phones does not look bleak at all.
Behind the scenes: What happens inside Singleton

Maegan Sweat
Staff Writer

It's important; it's big; it holds many offices - it's the Singleton building. What many students may not know is what goes on in the offices of this building.

Even though it is the oldest building on campus (it was once the only campus building for classes), it still remains an important aspect of Coastal Carolina University that students should be familiar with.

The Singleton building holds many offices that are important to the university. First off, it holds the President's Suite. As daunting as it may seem, the office is approachable and available to students.

The receptionist, Nila Hutchinson, can set up a time for students to speak with President David DeCenzo, even though students wishing to do so will have to plan a meeting well in advance.

Other offices include Student Affairs, where Vice President of Student Affairs Lynn Willett works; the Marketing Department, which is responsible for handling media-related issues for the university; and the University Council office and the Institutional Research office.

The Office of the Registrar is also located in the Singleton building. The registrar is responsible for the management of academic records and is the facility for course registration.

It also processes degree applications and athletic eligibility. Students who have to drop or add a course should become familiar with this office.

Another office that many may not know is located in the Singleton building - the Office of the Provost. This office deals with all the academic matters of the university.

The provost is responsible for ensuring every student has received the highest education possible, and implements all the policies on university standards. If students need to file a complaint, this is where they need to go.

The Strategic Planning Committee has its home in the Singleton building, as well. Strategic planning is the overall plan for the future of the university and its students.

The upstairs offices hold a lot of paperwork and important documents, as well as the university's payroll.

As previously stated, it's big and it's important. It's the Singleton building, and now students will know a little bit more about it and what goes on inside.
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Kristin Aldridge works hard and learns fast

Raytevia Evans
Features Editor

Through Coastal Production Board (CPB), Greek life, Wall Fellows and Standards in Ethics, Kristin Aldridge is extraordinarily involved in organizations and on campus events and she still manages to keep up her GPA.

Aldridge was a little late in choosing what university to attend. In March of her senior year in high school, Aldridge said she started sending out applications and she was surprised to get accepted to all of them. Even though she had many choices, Coastal Carolina University’s campus and environment caught her attention the most.

“It [CCU] offered my major. Also, when I visited Coastal, I fell in love with the palm trees and the beauty of the campus,” said Aldridge.

Coming from Mechanicsville, Md., Aldridge is tremendously involved in different organizations, holding a stipend position as Co-Special Events Chair for CPB even though she’s only a sophomore. Aldridge said she was very involved in high school so it was not a problem for her to get involved when she decided to come to CCU.

“Getting involved is probably one of the easiest things to do on campus. It’s really beneficial because there are scholarship opportunities, the experience of putting together events and membership give backs,” said Aldridge.

Aldridge is a hard worker and a fast learner and she gets the job done and does her part for each organization she is a part of. According to fellow CPB members, she is an asset to the group.

“She has the best work ethic. She does a mass amount of events for CPB and her sorority and she’s a part of Wall Fellows. She does all this and keeps up her GPA in order to be a part of all of these organizations,” said Quinnesha Winters, coordinator for CPB.

Despite her status as a sophomore, Aldridge has accomplished goals that some college students don’t reach until their senior year. She has done an internship with the Washington Redskins and is the youngest student to become a member of the Wall Fellows program.

After college, Aldridge wants to become an event planner or get involved in the sports industry or the convention market. With the work she’s doing here on campus, Aldridge will be well prepared for her future endeavors. She wants to be a role model for students who want to get involved on campus because it will benefit them in the long run.

“(Getting involved) gives me the opportunity to put on events for students and get a better idea of what they want and what I need to do for the future,” said Aldridge.

Aldridge also has a good attitude, which makes her easier to work with, and it’s a little more stress free to plan events with her. Her encouraging attitude is also one of the reasons Aldridge’s work has been so effective on CCU’s campus. Organization members say her positive attitude and helpful ideas are great for planning events on campus.

"Her quirkiness makes me smile," said Winters.

CLUB CORNER

Baptist Collegiate Ministry welcomes all beliefs

Elaine Urban
Staff Writer

Falling asleep in church has always been an issue for many people. Now that students have made the transition to college, they don’t even have a place to practice their religion.

These matters have been addressed on Coastal Carolina University’s campus with a religious club called the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM). This organization provides a way for students to profess their faith in an exciting way.

The thing that makes BCM so different from any ordinary church service is the fun they have. Meetings are never boring. Every Sunday night, members gather together at the Commons to recognize their faith.

Dexter Mitchell, a local pastor, presents a message every week that is open for discussion. While eating a warm dinner, members perform music, listen to sermons and just have a good time chatting about religion.

Outside of their weekly meetings, BCM continues their party of faith. Their love for music, food and friends leads them to have many fun-filled cookouts and bonfires. Breaking out the guitars and playing some volleyball is just another way to bring Christians together on campus.

Other events that BCM participates in include volunteering in community kitchens.

The name of the club may be deceiving because students do not actually have to be Baptist to be involved. In fact, students don’t have to define themselves as a certain religion at all.

“There is a huge diversity of faiths and everyone has different backgrounds. The club consists of about 40 people who have different types of Christian denominations.

“We are just about bringing Christians together on campus and being united,” said junior Adam Sewel, the president of BCM.

Just this semester, BCM began their club on CCU’s campus. Before hand, there was a definite lack of ministries in CCU’s community. Both Sewel and Mitchell wanted to adjust that, and soon started uniting interested students. Now members are all very enthusiastic about where the club is going.

“We have a great community and it’s a good time to hang out with friends. I love doing it every week,” said Sewel.

The club is made possible by the surrounding community. The Waccamaw Baptist Association supports the club’s needs. Scholarships are also available through the association.

Anyone who is interested is greatly encouraged to attend both the weekly meetings and outside events. BCM is a great way to have fun with religion and make great friends while doing so.
CCU students publish book
Proceeds to benefit cancer research foundation

Samantha Levinson
For The Chanticleer

Creative writing and the power of positive-thinking instructor Cherri Bingham will soon publish "Reflections from the Heart," a book of short stories and poems that includes works by several Coastal Carolina University students.

Bingham said she was inspired by personal obstacles she has faced in her life; she overcame major heart surgery and her mother and other family members have battled breast cancer.

"The reason I felt the need to write this book is to encourage and inspire people to celebrate life no matter what obstacles they have faced," said Bingham. "You only get one life, and with faith, joy, love and prayer, people can overcome anything."

Bingham began writing the youth and that all proceeds will go to the Cancer Center to help with cancer treatments and research. The book is available at the CCU bookstore and at Lighthouse Christian Book Store in Conway. There will be a book signing at Lighthouse Christian Book Store on Nov. 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, it's time to begin thinking of possible gift ideas for friends and family. However, for most college students, there is not much cash to work with.

Fortunately, there are solutions to this problem. According to sophomore Matt Vincenti, "Baked goods make a nice gift."

An idea like baked goods is different from ordinary gift ideas. It would be suitable for parents or that special someone. The secret is making sure that the gift, whatever it may be, has a personal touch.

"Ornaments, and anything else homemade are nice to give," said freshman Sam Krawszik.

Considering most college students are broke, homemade gifts are inexpensive and give students the opportunity to be creative.

It should be reassuring to find that students will not have to spend a lot of money that is not in their possession. Hopefully, it really is just "the thought that counts."

Another popular idea was giving chocolates with bows on them as gifts. With this gift, it is possible to make those who are important in your life happy this December.

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Giving affordable gifts to loved ones this season

Nick Mamary
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“The answers you get from literature depend on the questions you pose.” -- Margaret Atwood
Cross country wins honors in barefoot victory

Arielle Miller
For The Chanticleer

Falling three points short of a Big South title, the Lady Chanticleer's cross country team still came out with an individual crown and a Runner of the Year honor. Jepchirchir deserved the meet tournament held on Oct. 25 in Hendersonville, N.C., during the 5-kilometer run, the Lady Chants fell short to Liberty University, two-time champions of the New Balance Big South Women's Cross Country Championship.

"I am very pleased with how well our team performed," said head coach Alan Conn. "This team has improved more than any team I've coached in 22 years."

Senior Diana Jepchirchir made a tremendous contribution to the team's runner-up finish at the conference meet.

Born in Uganda and a transfer from the University of New Orleans, Jepchirchir was a heavy favorite to win after finishing one minute before any single runner in the Big South Conference during prenationals.

Jepchirchir deserved the individual crown and a Runner of the Year honor after finishing with a time of 17:07:2 with only a left shoe, losing the right one within the first three minutes of the race. Her time is the second fastest time at a championship meet, and she is the eighth Lady Chant to win an individual title.


Less than two seconds would have changed the results, leaving the conference title to the Chanticleers.

Other finishers include senior Aubrey Bergquist, freshman Selby Donahue, junior Keli-Jo White, freshman Joyce Curtin and sophomore Peggy Busbee.

With four personal bests in the pocket, the Lady Chants will advance to the NCAA Southeast Regional Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 10. The women have finished top 10 in six out of the last seven years. Cross country nationals are on Nov. 19 in Indiana.

Intramural football wins tournament

Harold Johnson
For The Chanticleer

For the past four years, the National Intramural Recreation and Sports Association (NIRSA) has sponsored the Palmetto Cup. This year, Coastal Carolina University's intramural football team "U Don't Wanna Know" won the state championship.

The Palmetto Cup is a state-wide flag football tournament hosted at Clemson University. This year's tournament held on Nov. 2-4 was the largest tournament in its history. There were 20 teams representing six different colleges and universities across the state - CCU, University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Winthrop University, Charleston Southern University and Lander University.

There were 16 men's teams and four women's teams.

CCU was represented by four teams: "Flyest Out," "Franchise," "U Don't Wanna Know," (all men's teams) and "Think Twice" (a female team).

The tournament was set up to guarantee each team would play at least three games (pool play). The top eight teams advanced to the playoffs for bracket play. The winner of the bracket would be named the state champion.

CCU's "U Don't Wanna Know" is the two-time defending state champions. The team consists of Captain Ricky Brown, Co-Captains Harold Johnson and Andrew Bruton, Remy Gouahoury Jr., Leevander McCrane Jr., Brian Bogart, Seymour Lewis II, Darryl Williams, Matthew Burroughs, M'Andre Cochran, Brandon Jones, and Ramard Cunningham.

Matthew Burroughs was named to the all-tournament team and Ramard Cunningham was named tournament most valuable player (MVP).

"We are glad that we were able to go to Clemson and bring the cup (Palmetto Cup trophy) back home to Coastal," said captain Ricky Brown.

Since "U Don't Wanna Know" won the state tournament, NIRSA will be paying their entry fee for the Southeastern Regional tournament hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi on Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Last year, "U Don't Wanna Know" finished in the top four teams.

"This year we hope that we can win it all," said Johnson. The team is 20-1 this year and hopes to improve their record at their next tournament at Southern Miss.

If the team wins the regional tournament at Southern Miss, they will be sent to the national tournament hosted by the University of Texas at Dallas on Jan. 3 through 5.

"We are currently looking for sponsors to help with expenses on our trips. The tournaments that we win only pay the entry fee for the next tournament. We still have to pay for gas, hotels and food on each trip," said Brown.

If anyone is interested in donating money, please contact Brown at (843) 312-0741.

Photo by Arielle Miller

Senior Diana Jepchirchir crosses the finish line at the cross country conference championships in Hendersonville, N.C. She ran almost the entire 5-kilometer race with one shoe. Her individual time was 17:07:6.
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Compiled by Caroline P. Smith, Editor-in-Chief
Women’s soccer earns Big South honors and awards

The Coastal Carolina University women’s soccer team had a total of nine players selected to the All-Big South First and Second Teams and the All-Freshman team, while the Lady Chants garnered Player of the Year and Coach of the Year honors, at the Big South Tournament Banquet Nov. 7 in Charleston, S.C.

Senior Ashleigh Gunning was named the Big South Player of the Year, while Head Coach Rohan Naraine was named the BSC Coach of the Year. Gunning, junior Blair Monroe and junior Chelsea Terry were named to the All-Big South First Team.

Sophomore Maegen Hellberg, redshirt junior Emily McColl and senior Emma Humphries were Second Team selection. Selected to the Big South All-Freshman Team were Amy Haggard, Anna Tupy and Sara Niles.

Gunning is the first CCU player in school history to earn Player of the Year honors. She has played and started in 18 games this season and is tied for the Big South lead with 13 goals, nine assists and 35 points.

She was named the Big South Player of the Week after scoring a hat trick in CCU’s 3-2 win over Wagner Sept. 14.

Gunning was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team and was one of 20 women’s soccer seniors named to the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Watch List.

Gunning is two points away from becoming Coastal’s single-season points leader. Gunning was selected to the All-Big South First Team for the second straight season.

Gunning also was selected to the Academic All-Big South team. She has a 3.81 grade point average in communication with a minor in journalism.

Naraine has guided CCU to 13 wins the past two seasons and its first outright Big South regular-season title. It is the third Coach of the Year honor by a CCU leader, as Karrie Miller earned that honor in 2000 and 2003.

This is the third straight first team honor for Monroe. She joins Candice Doten and Bobbie Parsons as three-time first team honorees.

Monroe has played in all 19 games with 18 starts for the Lady Chants. She has scored nine goals and two assists for 20 points in 2007. She has six game-winning goals, which leads the Big South. Monroe was named the Big South Player of the Week Oct. 2 after scoring three straight game-winning goals Sept. 25-30.

Monroe is tied for fifth in the Big South in goals and is tied for seventh in points.

Terry earned first team honors after garnering a second team selection the past two years. She has played and started in all 19 games for CCU, one of three Lady Chants to start every CCU game. Terry has played every minute of every game except for one and has helped the defense to nine shutouts and a 1.14 goals-against average.

Hellberg also has started all 19 games for the Lady Chants and earns second team honors after being named to the All-Freshman Team last year. She has two goals and an assist for five points, scoring her first career goal in a 2-0 win over UNC Asheville Oct. 6. She also is one of three Lady Chants to start all 19 games.
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