Climbing to the top
CCU is taking efforts to change its classification

U.S. News and World Report’s ranking system for liberal arts colleges:

- Peer assessment 25%
- Retention 20%
- Faculty resources 20%
- Student selection 15%
- Financial resources 10%
- Graduation rate performance 5%
- Alumni giving 5%

For many years, Coastal Carolina University has been in the bottom tier of its category, according to the U.S. News and World Report (USNWR) ranking.

CCU is listed as a Tier 4 Liberal Arts College, which means the university is in the bottom 25 percent of liberal arts colleges in the nation.

This rating appears every year in a special issue by USNWR that ranks colleges and universities. It ranks the schools by classification, which includes the size of the university, the number of graduate degrees and the number of academic programs, as well as other factors.

According to Executive Vice President Dr. Edgar Dyer, CCU should not be a Tier 4 school. Currently, the university is ranked among wealthy private institutions such as Furman, Davidson, University of Richmond and Dartmouth, which is an unfair comparison.

The message Dyer took to USNWR in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 25 was that the university should be ranked among its peer institutions. Dyer met with Robert Morse, the director of research at U.S. News and World Report, to discuss a change in the classification of CCU.

Dyer was told that USNWR uses the Carnegie Foundation classification as the basis for their rankings, and in order for CCU to be ranked differently, the administration must contact the Carnegie Foundation to have the classification changed.

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SGA is looking into taxation

A part of this resolution would also state that the fee would be removed if tuition increases over the national inflation rate. In doing this, the students alone would raise somewhere around $1.5 million a year, while keeping tuition down.

The survey had a sample size of 197 students. On a scale from 1 to 7, the average need for a new student center was 5.4 and the average need for a student recreation center was 5.7.

In response to the question "If Coastal agreed to keep tuition increase to a minimum, would you agree to pay a $75-$100 increase in your student fee (per semester)?" 114 students said they would pay it, 39 said no and 42 said they were not sure.

With these results and other input from students, faculty and staff, SGA will be writing a resolution at the beginning of spring semester to pass through the senate and then given to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

SGA would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the parking situation and for everyone who is doing their part by riding the shuttles and car pooling when possible. There most likely will be a slight increase with the parking issue at the start of the next semester, but please be patient and continue to find alternate ways around campus.

There is a committee that has been formed and it is looking into all three aspects of the parking: policy, enforcement and facilities. All the corrections that this committee came up with will most likely take place at the beginning of the fall of 2008.

From the dean's desk: Having fun and relaxing during the holidays

As the semester comes to a close and students prepare for the holiday season, Dean of Students Dr. Lloyd Holmes wants students to enjoy themselves over break, but come back in the spring refreshed.

"I encourage students to be mindful that this is a time of giving. During this break, give yourselves a gift [of relaxation]," said Holmes.

He wants students to think of the things in life that are fun and give them joy, and take part in those activities. Also, students should remember the less fortunate and share their gifts of time and talent.

Next semester, students should not find too many major changes at Coastal Carolina University; however, they should expect professors to come back with a renewed energy, as well.

The beginning of every semester can be exciting and hectic because of the adjustments students, faculty and staff have to make. Parking, new professors and new schedules are just some of the changes students will make in the spring.

Holmes wants to remind students to check their apartments, dorms or other living arrangements before they head out for break. He said to be sure all appliances are turned off, doors and windows are locked and make sure if you have any pets, "like fish," they are going to be taken care of.

Most of all, Holmes said he wants students to "come back next semester full of energy and excitement and ready to learn."

CORRECTIONS

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Crime in area around Coastal’s campus increases during holidays

Claire Arambula  
News Editor

Like in any college town, Conway’s crime rate fluctuates with the seasons, and although most cases are closed in a matter of days, few mysteries are left unsolved.

As the holidays approach, the level of crime rises. With the increase in unlawful behavior, increases in the precautionary actions of local law enforcers are also seen.

Next door to a Muslim temple in the heart of the downtown area is the new Conway Police Department. The officers and detectives who work in the slums of Coastal Carolina University’s home-city take extensive measures to protect the city’s inhabitants and to keep crime levels low and resolved, especially during the winter months.

According to Sean Addison, the investigations sergeant of the Conway Police, the department strives to clear every case. Dealing with over 2,000 cases a year, the detectives have their hands full covering the jurisdiction of Conway limits, which stretch over a distance larger than that of Myrtle Beach.

The only major case which Conway officials have yet to solve for the year of 2007 is a murder case which occurred in March, only minutes from CCU’s campus. However, petty cases, such as stolen items and credit card fraud, occur daily in certain areas of the city.

“The housing projects and Wal-Mart are the most dangerous places in [the city],” explained Addison of Conway.

It is in these parts of town that the most burglaries, robberies and car crimes occur. The sergeant went on to describe an ongoing problem with crime at the Campus Edge apartment complex, as well.

Because of the elevated felony level among college students, the question of safety on and off campus is omnipresent.

“In this day and age,” said Addison, “everyone should be concerned for safety.”

Deputy Chief of Campus Police, Phillip Moore of Spartanburg, said that although there are no major unsolved crimes on campus which leave students in danger of assault, there are precautions young people can take to protect themselves and their belongings.

In addition to being mindful of things, students should never let their guards down. By staying on their toes and being aware of surroundings, students are setting a safer environment for themselves.

In agreement, Thomas Mezzapelle, captain of training and compliance on campus expressed concern for students because of the season.

“Keep track of textbooks around the time of finals, and don’t leave books or belongings on the seats of your car.”

Textbook theft is common at the end of the semester, as most college students are short on money and desperate for extra cash.

In compliance, Addison advised, “Do things to protect yourself. Lock your doors, be with friends and know your surroundings.”

New director has high hopes and goals for the FYE program

Raytevia Evans  
Features Editor

Deemed new director of academic advising, Agatha “Aggie” O’Brien-Gayes is excited about the position and is ready to make improvements for the benefit of Coastal Carolina University’s incoming freshmen.

“I was delighted [to receive] the position. It’s such a good crew up here [University Academic Center] from the advisers to the peer mentors,” said O’Brien-Gayes.

O’Brien-Gayes, along with adviser Bri Anne Parker and peer mentors, have made tremendous accomplishments this term. The First Year Experience Program, designed to assist and retain students at CCU, has made impressive marks noticed by students and the peer mentors themselves.

“I think it really does help with retention. A lot of them have made friends outside of class because of FYE. I know a lot of them were thinking about transferring but I think the FYE class has helped to keep them here at Coastal,” said Taylor Hempl e, a peer mentor and senior double majoring in English...
Staph infections a serious threat

Casey Church
For The Chanticleer

The Oct. 29 death of a 12-year-old Brooklyn boy drew national attention. The child died of complications from Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, a “super bug” form of the common staphylococcus bacterium (staph).

The story made national media and has led to the government keeping a more watchful eye over the infection. A government report last year found that 90,000 Americans contracted potentially deadly MRSA, from Brooklyn.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 1 percent of the population is infected with MRSA, the type of staph that killed the boy from Brooklyn.

Signs that most often appear are marks that look like pimples or spider bites. These areas are called abscesses, the most common symptom of staph, and are cavities filled with pus and surrounded by an inflamed area.

Five conditions are commonly associated with staph infections: an infection on a hair follicle, a boil, a skin infection called impetigo, a sty and an infection under the skin known as cellulitis. It is important to keep a close eye on these areas.

If the colonized area becomes painful, increases in size or generally becomes more noticeable, this is when steps for preventing spreading should be taken. A medical official should be contacted and further action will take place from there to ensure the infected does not contaminate anyone else.

The best ways to prevent staph is to practice good hygiene. When more serious signs of staph appear, “Student Health Services or the school’s sports physicians and/or trainers should be contacted,” said CCU’s head athletic trainer Dwayne Beam.

When infected, whether serious or mild, cases of staph are cured by different kinds of antibiotics and can be cleared up quickly. Beam said there have been a handful of staph cases at CCU, but nothing to worry about because they were dealt with properly.

Beam makes sure that all sports teams are properly educated on staph infections because athletes are in such close contact with one another.

“Education is extremely important to the fact that if lesions go untreated, the infection can spread within individuals,” said Beam.

The best way to deal with each mild sign of staph is taking a hot shower then covering the area with a bandage, which will reduce the spread of the infection.

Other ways of ensuring the infection will not spread are not sharing items such as towels, bed linens and/or staying out of whirlpools when an abscess is spotted.

Also, when using commonly used items, like workout equipment, make sure it has been wiped down or there is a barrier between the user and the shared equipment.

Most importantly, do not ignore skin infections.

Information about staph infections:

**Symptoms:**
- Marks resembling pimples or spider bites
- Inflamed areas

**Prevention:**
- Washing hands regularly
- Refrain from scratching open sores

HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

Don’t Forget about Financial Aid while you are planning and preparing for the holidays! Include the following items on your holiday list of things “to do”:

1. **Apply for 2008-2009 CCU Scholarships AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Our brochure and application will be on the Financial Aid homepage around the middle of December. March 1st is the deadline date for applying. Also explore the possibilities for external scholarship money for 2008-2009 by going to www.coastal.edu/financialaid/scholar.html.

2. **Do your 2008-2009 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Once you and your parents file the 2007 Federal income taxes, complete your FAFSA online by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Electronic filing is the fastest and most accurate way to process your FAFSA. March 1st is the priority date for filing your FAFSA.

3. **Stay “in touch” by checking your web advisor and emails AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK!** Changes/updates regarding loan processing are coming and you will want to be informed.

4. **Review the CCU Financial Aid Homepage regularly for new policies and procedures that may affect your financial aid for Spring 2008.** A wealth of useful information is on our homepage.

If you have questions, please contact our office at 843-349-2313.
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and art studio.

The year before the FYE program began, freshmen retention was at a record low at 67 percent. The current retention rate is 71.1 percent, according to Dr. Nelljean Rice, director of the University Academic Center.

O'Brien-Gayes, who was inspired to become an educator after finishing graduate school, has made plans that will continue to increase the number of students who choose to continue their education at CCU.

She is looking forward to the peer mentoring program growing to help the incoming freshmen relate to currently enrolled students who are experiencing college life and responsibilities.

"Bransie and I have so much fun teaching the peer mentor class. These are the students with experience who are involved on campus and know more about what's going on," O'Brien-Gayes.

Along with the retention rate, the number of peer mentors is also growing. The amount of upperclassmen participating in the peer mentoring program to help relate to incoming freshmen and to make them feel more at home has increased since the first year of the First Year Experience program.

This is something that O'Brien-Gayes and other advisers want to continue to grow.

"One of the things we're planning to do is improve the peer leader program. We started with 27 [peer mentors] last year. This year, we have 47 and next year we hope to have 71 for each [University]," said O'Brien-Gayes.

The peer mentoring program also helps incoming freshmen feel more at home. Hemple said seeing the teacher-student relationship between the professors and the mentors really encourages them to stay.

Parker said the retention rate is higher because of the programs that have been started, including FYE and reinforcing the peer mentoring program.

"Coming from high school to college is so difficult. University 110, peers and service learning are here to help," said O'Brien-Gayes.

This semester, O'Brien-Gayes is writing grants for the Science and Technology Projects.

Recently, O'Brien-Gayes and some of her students built remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and used them on the Wall pond.

She did this project with five science classes and is looking forward to doing this again with all 22 freshmen science classes next year.

"There will be more of that [Science and Technology Projects]. I am constantly writing grants and we will continue the ROV's which is an MIT design," said O'Brien-Gayes.

O'Brien-Gayes is looking forward to working with more freshmen and she wants to continue to improve the retention rate.

She is delighted to work with students and is satisfied with the work the program has done for the campus.

"I'm just happy with everything we've been able to do for incoming students. I'd like to see us continue to grow."
As CCU grows, so does its student racial diversity

Kimberly Daniel  
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University's student population is steadily increasing along with the diversity rate, though that figure may be considered a small portion of the university.

According to CCU's "Quick Facts" brochure, this university has approximately 7,800 students as of 2007. The current minority rate is 15 percent. "Is Coastal diverse from an ethnic background? I don't think so. Fifteen percent is not where it should be in my opinion," said Patricia Singleton-Young, the director of Multicultural Student Services.

Singleton-Young broke down the 15 percent into 11.67 percent African-Americans, 1.61 percent Hispanic, 1.40 percent international students, 1.30 percent Asian/Pacific Islander and 1.14 percent who refused to expose their ethnic background. These figures account for less than 1,500 students at CCU.

The rate of minorities has fluctuated between 13 to 15 percent during the past few years, with this year being the highest.

Although student diversity is at its peak, Singleton-Young said, "I would love to see us [CCU] at a 20 percent minority rate within the next five years. It has been a dream of mine for years now."

Singleton-Young's job is to retain minority students once they attend CCU. Multicultural Student Services provides a number of clubs and organizations that give students an opportunity to get involved across campus and connect with others. While the numbers may be small, CCU is creating several programs in order to recruit minority students.

Not only clubs have been created, but CCU has also established recruitment programs with high schools and churches through college fairs. These recruitment opportunities have also been extended out of state, said Dr. Judy Vogt, who works with enrollment services in the Admissions Office.

Vogt focuses on recruiting freshmen every year and has seen a great increase in the rate of minority students in the freshman class over the past year.

According to the Board of Trustees Report, as of fall 2007, 263 minority students were enrolled, which is a 28 percent increase from fall 2006. This figure mainly consists of African-Americans who make up 197 of those students, which was a 39 percent increase from the past year.

"It is a fascinating responsibility to work with enrollment and to create the ethnic, geographic and demographic mix wanted by the university," said Vogt.

CCU may only see a small percentage of its students as minority, but with the retaining and recruitment programs available, this rate may rise along with the growing student population.

BOOKMARKS

Library offers array of children and teen books for light reading

Sarah Baker  
For The Chanticleer

As students walk up the stairs in Kimbel Library, they may notice a section that they might think does not quite belong in a college library.

This section is comprised mostly of books with lots of pictures and few words. The section is the library's juvenile section.

On these shelves, students will find childhood classics such as "A Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, "Piggie Pie" by Margie Palatini and "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin. For all of the education majors on campus, this is the perfect place to find resources for lesson plans or projects.

It offers many varieties of books that will be helpful for education courses. Anything from American history to fairy tales can be found on these shelves.

Now is the time for education majors to get familiar with the texts that they will be using in their future teaching careers. Literature-based curriculum is widespread, so these students can jump start their future by reading now.

Remember the old Anamorph books, where kids change into different animals? Well, those chapter books, as well as the Harry Potter and Lemony Snicket books, can be found and used as reading material or for research.

The juvenile book collection includes young adult novels and great light reading for college students, with books by authors such as Jodi Picoult, Orson Scott Card and Tracey Chevalier.

The juvenile section is divided up into two different sections. Starting with call number AG 5 and ending with PZ 5 are the books that are divided by subject. Within this section are subjects such as American history and sports.

PZ 7. A through PZ 7. Z are the fiction books that are divided by the authors' last names. Then PZ 8 through Z goes back to books that are divided up by subjects. Within this section are subjects such as science, math and books in different languages, with titles like "Math Curse" and "Science Verse."

So next time students are up stairs in Kimbel Library, they can find their favorite children's books, sit in a comfortable chair and enjoy travelling back to childhood or discover a new favorite.
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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

So you can be in the know, too!

> JACKSON CENTER

The third group of Jackson Scholars are Harry Cramer, math major; Sarah Heishman, marine science and biology major; Perry Helton, sociology major; Rachel Koehler, biology major; and Sonitra Merkouris, accounting major.

Jackson Scholars are part of the Jackson Center for Ethics and Values and are required to take philosophy courses, participate in the community and volunteer for the Junior Jackson Scholar Summer Academy. For more information, call (843) 349-4149.

> ECOLOGY PROJECT

Ecology Project International is accepting applications for its upcoming Costa Rica Sea Turtle Ecology Program. This is an opportunity to assist with a sea turtle monitoring project and be an active collaborator in international sea turtle conservation efforts. The course dates are May 31 to June 14. For information, visit: www.ecologyproject.org or call (406) 721-8784. Applications are available online at http://www.ecologyproject.org/english/docs/EPlapp_USstudent.pdf. Courses fill first come first serve.

> ART EXHIBIT

Works of art and design by graduating Coastal Carolina University visual art students will be displayed in an exhibit titled “Portfolios” at CCU’s Rebecca Randall Bryan Gallery from Dec. 6 to 15. An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. Both the exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public. “Portfolios” is the culmination of the bachelor’s degree program in visual arts.

Participating students are Erik Anfin of Rock Hill, Jessica Cleland of Syracuse, N.Y., Michael Doscher of Nesconset, N.Y., Samuel Hewitt of Conway, Jason Lane of Myrtle Beach, Christin Miesfeldt of Travelers Rest, Rebecca Rogers of Bennettsville and Jessica Walters of Myrtle Beach.

The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, room 129. For more information, call (843) 349-4149 or visit the Web site at visualart.coastal.edu/bryanartgallery.
Final exams are getting closer by the minute and students will soon be renewed with the experience of feeling pressure.

With final exams looming, there is a need for time management. College students especially struggle with this because it is hard to balance a chaotic schedule.

Knowing how to balance time can work to a student's advantage. Effective planning of a schedule can keep students on task and make performing in classes a breeze.

"Keeping a daily journal is useful because it can help [students] see how much time is spent on school and how much is wasted," said Jonathan Glass, of CCU Counseling Services.

According to Glass, much time is wasted on video games and television when there is school work to be done.

Procrastination is the biggest reason why students can't manage time. In "Procrastination: The Tomorrow Syndrome," procrastination is, "postponing the actions required to complete a task, attain a goal, or rise to the challenge of an opportunity."

The problem with working rapidly at the last minute and trying to accomplish a task is called chronic procrastination. An example of this is a student who is assigned a three-month term paper and waited to start it the day before it is due. Meanwhile, the student is pushed to spending long hours in the library and on word processor, just barely finishing it on time, if at all.

"One thing to do in order to accomplish something is begin with an end in mind," said Mollie Fout, director of CCU Career Services. She learned this from a famous book called, "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey.

The best advice is to set both short and long-term goals. Prioritize what goals are important and then set out to achieve them.

Remember the reward doesn't come until the work is complete.

Counselors can help make sure that these goals get entirely finished. Think of a counselor like a coach in terms of academics.

The communication with friends and family are great incentives to build moral confidence. Seek someone out who has a positive attitude and has the same goals.

Manage what is hard to accomplish first during the day, for instance, the subject that causes the most pain and struggle. This is called self-monitoring, which also is facing the biggest hurdle.

"Starting early and not waiting for the last minute to cram is the best way to study for exams and manage time," said Brian Acrin, a sophomore tourist and resort management major.

Also, allow time to decompress while completing assignments. The worst thing is getting stressed out. Stress is not good for health reasons and it also makes it harder to concentrate.

Exercising is one way of letting off steam and helps maintain a healthy body. Working out should be done at least two to three times a week for at least 30 minutes at a time.

Laughter has proven to be effective for relieving stress. Being around a funny person or watching a funny film can settle the tensions of life. Seek out new ironies of life and don’t be afraid to explore new things.

Time management is a skill that a student or adult never grows out of. Knowledge is proper management of time and can further help obtain future goals.

Fout reminds students for final exams: to eat well, not to live on cola, get enough sleep, make a study schedule and start early. Make the promise to carry out the goal to the end. Then when final exams are finished, reward completed goals. Buy that CD or game that brings enjoyment to life.

Time management does not mean studying more and socializing less. It is about being balanced and successful.
The science building is "sick, but not dead," according to president David A. DeCenzo.

'Sick' science building will be healed soon

Amanda Kelley
Photo Editor/Writer

The R. Cathcart Smith Science Building is atop the list of necessary renovations.

An industrial hygienist analyzed the building's air quality over the summer and the result is best said by President David Decenzo: "The building is sick, but not dead."

Senior Raymond Gayhart said, "The building is old. There is nothing new and exciting; science is always changing. The features of the building should be able to keep up."

DeCenzo and the Board of Trustees are planning a two-phase renovation.

The first phase is a complete redo of the building and the second phase is an expansion of the building.

"We can't just move all of the activities and offices so the current plan is to construct an annex to the Smith Science Center," said Michael Roberts, dean of the sciences.

The location of the annex has not yet been determined, but it will be a permanent structure.

"The resources are on hand to build an approximately 20,000 square foot structure that would house high level teaching and research labs for the current occupants," said Roberts.

After building the annex, the existing building will be completely renovated "to include offices, classrooms and 'low level' teaching labs," said Roberts.

Jim Luken, in a post on Chanternet, said "the main campus science building is really broken." Luken would like to see designs promoting more efficient instruction by allowing all science faculty and students to be in close proximity.

Roberts addressed this issue saying, "The construction of this annex does not include moving operations from the Coastal Science Center back to the main campus, but it is a long term goal to bring east back west."

The National honor society Omicron Delta Kappa inducted 15 juniors and 10 seniors into its circle on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m.

Juniors:
Jessica Faith Anderson
Tobias Lee Bands
Leah M. Biango
Erica Lynn Bolin
Nikki Reed Brawley
Haley Morgan Carter
Dana Marie DeLabar
Heather Elizabeth Eurell
Kelsey Ann Fall
Lindsay Michelle Fertig
Kevin James Gilbert
Gwenn Elizabeth McCoy
Amanda Caitlin Przybylowski
Chelsea Lauren Trimper
Jennifer M. Worthington

Seniors:
Shanna Denise Auginbaugh
Megan Garnet Fisher
Lauren Melody Formalarie
Katie Harcum Hinson
Cherree Lannee Knox
Blair Gordon Paul
Stephanie Suzanne Rimer
Ashton Meghan Williams
Madeleine G. Winstead
Serrina Delilah Young
How students can register to vote the easy way

Amanda Kelley
Photo Editor/Writer

“It’s a citizen’s duty to defend the democracy by voting the same as a soldier’s duty is to fight for our freedom overseas,” said senior marine science major Erin Scher.

The presidential elections are less than a year away, but now is the time to prepare.

Senior education major Joleen Pastore said, “The people, especially our generation, need to be heard. This is us, our future, we need not only to speak up but to make the most informed decision we can.”

To make the most informed decision, research the candidates. Each candidate has a personal Web site but the Washington Post has a comprehensive, consistently updated coverage of each campaign. Keep up with each candidate as the campaigning continues to unfold by visiting http://projects.washingtonpost.com/2008-presidential-candidates.

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/scsec/.

S.C. primaries are Jan. 19 for Republicans and Jan. 26 for Democrats.

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 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 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 on how to vote.

To the board of voter registration from campus:
Turn right onto S.C. 544 into Conway
Turn left on 2nd Avenue
Turn left on Elm Street
103 Elm Street is on the left.

How CCU compares to similar colleges in the region

Maegan Sweat
Staff Writer

All students have personal reasons for choosing to attend Coastal Carolina University.

Many students undoubtedly say the beach was a main reason, but what about the factors beyond the ideal location? How does CCU compare to similar universities?

CCU reported that the total student population in the fall of 2006 was 8,049, with a student to teacher ratio of 19.4 to 1.

The university offers 40 majors, the most popular being business management, marine science, biology, marketing, education and psychology, along with 37 minors.

The close proximity of the beach provides an opportunity for marine and wetland studies, as well as research for students to learn hands on.

With Myrtle Beach being a multicultural area, there are many opportunities for internships with other areas of study, as well.

With approximately 20 golf courses and many resort style hotels, the professional golf management and resort tourism majors are something that makes CCU unique and stand out among other area schools.

The College of Charleston (CofC), a much older school located down the coast, is a more developed institution, but its numbers are strikingly close to CCU’s.

With a fall 2006 student body population of 11,218, CofC also boasts a low student to faculty ratio of 13.3 to 1.

The college offers over 45 majors, with the most popular being communication, business administration, biology, education and psychology.

As far as athletics, CofC offers two very unique sports that CCU does not offer: sailing and women’s equestrian. This may be a result of having a slightly larger student body than CCU.

Just north about an hour and a half is the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The largest of the three colleges with almost 12,000 students and 738 faculty members, UNCW offers 73 bachelor’s degrees.

This school is also older than CCU and is one of the 16 branches of the University of North Carolina. Located in the rapidly growing city of Wilmington, it is tougher to be admitted as a freshman due to the high volume of applicants.

When asked how CCU compared to these schools, sophomore Erika Pomerantz responded that CCU was still small and developing as a university.

“It almost feels like a private college,” she said.

“I’m from New York and I really wanted to go some place warmer for school. My family always vacationed in Myrtle Beach and I felt right at home at Coastal,” continued Pomerantz.

Sophomore musical theater major Bailey Hanks clearly showed her enthusiasm about CCU.

“I think Coastal offers just as much as other area colleges if not more. It has diverse opportunities for each and every student, and even offers majors that other colleges in the state do not offer. Not only that, but it has some of the No. 1 programs in the state, such as musical theater and marine biology. It is very close to the wonderful and relaxing beach, and has places to go for an exciting night life,” said Hawks.

While still a young university, CCU is growing by leaps and bounds each semester.

It is only a matter of time before this university receives more attention and perhaps becomes known nationwide for its location, students and curriculum.
CHAUNCEY SHOWDOWN

How to travel this holiday season: planes or automobiles?

There's no arguing the point that planes get travelers to their destinations faster than any other mode of transportation. If speed is a traveler's motivation, then by all means, travel by air. But if travelers want to enjoy their trip, a plane is not the way to go.

Unfortunately, there are some places that can only be reached from America by plane (unless you've got weeks to travel by ship).

My family lives in Japan, and for me to be with them during Christmas, I have to spend at least 18 hours total on a plane (30 hours round trip). Believe me, if I had the time to take a boat, I would.

Flying is such a hassle. Airports are so large and they have so much going on that unless someone flies on a regular basis, the whole process of flying is confusing.

How am I supposed to know whether or not I can check in electronically or if I have to wait in line? Which line do I wait in? How much does my bag weigh and how much does it cost if my bag is overweight? What items am I not allowed to bring on the aircraft? When can I put my ID card away?

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Why do I have to take my shoes off if I'm wearing sandals? Do I really have to take off all my jewelry? Where is my gate? Why did my gate/flight/seat get changed?

The questions continue, but I think you get the point.

Driving is so much easier. Pack, make sure you have a map and gas, get in the car and go.

While driving, there are no rules about when you can or can't use electronic devices. Listen to whatever you want, whenever you want, and you don't have to suffer through the airline safety procedures and their never-ending attempts to get flyers to apply for the frequent flyer program.

The only scenery on a plane is clouds, a horde of unhappy faces and more clouds. In a car, the scenery is endless: trees, plenty of billboards to read, city life, country life and now since so many vehicles come with DVD players, travelers can bring whatever they'd like to watch.

Flying may be faster, but if God had wanted man to fly, He would have given us wings.

Greg Martin
Staff Writer

As I sit here in Myrtle Beach airport typing this article, I am waiting for my leather seat on a Spirit Air plane to take me up into the clouds, I realize that flying is a much better way to travel home for the holidays.

In two hours, I will be sailing over the coast and arriving in Boston. A smooth two hours on a plane sounds much more pleasing than sitting in a car for 17 hours.

Driving home and back to Coastal Carolina University would take 34 hours out of my vacation, when I only have 216 hours, including the weekend. I would spend almost 10 percent of my vacation driving.

The flying process and the driving process is a unique comparison because the variables in each are so different. Regardless, I have done both the long drive and the flight. The flight is much more favorable for a few reasons.

A bumpy plane ride is far less to cope with than the annoyance of traffic, stop lights, dangerous drivers, pot holes and constantly having to refuel.

Staying awake is an effort that must be put into driving a long distance that flyers do not even have to second guess before they peacefully nod off to sleep on a plane.

The obvious exception to flying whenever possible is if a person's destination is a short drive away, then it would not be too costly to fill up a car and drive. From my home to CCU, it is exactly 855 miles.

I have a truck that gets 18 miles per gallon. This means if I filled up my tank with regular gasoline at an average cost of $3, it would cost about $142 each way which means it would be a total of $284 for just gasoline.

When my plane ticket only costs me $183 round trip, it is not only easier to fly but cheaper. Driving any more than three hours could easily be turned into a short flight.

The National Safety Council has found that over a lifetime, the odds of dying in a car (not truck, SUV or motorcycle) accident are one in 247 and the odds of dying in an air or space accident are one in 5,552.

Planes, trains and automobiles, whichever you prefer to take, the idea is to get home safely. But before you fill up your car with gas, consider checking the cost of a flight home.

MARTY KEISER

I'm terrified to fly home for break...

Me too...we could crash, landing gear might not come down, engines could fail...

Later that day...
(Who would have thought making it to the airport was more dangerous than the flight.)
**VIEWPOINTS**

**ASK THE EXPERT**

**TOPIC | Presidential elections**

Need some advice but don’t know where to turn? Look no further than The Chanticleer. Submit your questions or concerns (anonymously if you prefer) to chanticleer@coastal.edu. Advice and support will be given from student advice columnist William Chauncey.

**WILLIAM CHAUNCEY**

Advice Columnist

Q: With the primaries coming up soon, and the presidential election next year, I'm not sure who I want to vote for, or what party I even want to represent me. How can I determine what I am and who I want to vote for?

A: This is a question I myself have battled with for a long time. It is not easy to have to choose between two parties, let alone erode the question in front of a live audience.

I'll admit that the debates can sometimes seem fake, but with several debates throughout the year, it is always good to see if the candidates are answering the questions with the same response each time.

Finally, think for yourself. Take all in that is being said, what you have researched and what you find works best for the country. This is the most important detail.

There are so many people that vote for the candidate that best suits them. We should be trying to find the best possible candidate that best suits our country.

If we only fix ourselves, we are not truly being patriotic, nor are we doing what's best for our country. So, don't be greedy when voting.

We should all go out there and vote, and we should all vote for who we think will best bring our country back to the peak of existence. We should be looking for a candidate that cares more about America than they do about themselves.

**LIKE IT OR NOT**

The editor speaks out on Christmas

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

I love just about everything about Christmas: the lights, decorating, the songs, the apple pie, the good spirit, the gift giving.

But that last item - gift giving - more often than not adds an aspect of stress to a holiday that should be anything but stressful.

As soon as Halloween is over, Phase One of the shopping craze begins. TV commercials and newspaper ads start popping up. Sales and clearances are a reminder of something better. So, what's the deal? It is when the proper planners get most of their shopping done.

Unfortunately, after proper planners do not make up the majority of the American population, a factor that significantly contributes to Phase Two of the shopping craze.

Phase Two begins the day after Thanksgiving, as many know, on the infamous Black Friday. This year, I saw people camping out on Thanksgiving Day at Tanger Outlet and at Coastal Grand Mall were packed not only on Black Friday, but on Saturday, as well. Thousands of people took advantage of the early Christmas sales and bought millions of dollars worth of merchandise.

While many of these sales are hard to pass up, many others don't risk going out on Black Friday. The combined threat of traffic and crazed shoppers is enough to deter some people from going out. For instance, fire fighters and other city workers who were on duty on Black Friday were paid as if it was a national holiday.

While I can appreciate the fact that there is a day dedicated to buying gifts for others during the holiday season in order to show love and care, I can't help but cringe at the same time.

I was brought up to believe in the true meaning and value of Christmas. Black Friday, as well as Phase One of the holiday season, seem to reinforce the growing belief in materialism that continues to sweep our nation.

I still believe, and hopefully, I will be the people you surround yourself with and the beliefs you uphold that make you happy - not the material things that you buy.

You've heard it a thousand times, I'm sure, but material things can be replaced. A friend or a family member can be replaced and friends are always there as long as there is someone to believe in them.

I'm not suggesting that people should refrain from buying gifts for those they care about. I only want to remind consumers that Christmas is not just about how many credit cards they can max out from now until Dec. 25.

Take the extra time to tell those you love why they deserve the gifts you bought for them. Spread that love to others who are less blessed than you are. Care for your fellow man, be compassionate and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Only then will you be able to not only live accordingly during the holiday season, but for every day of the year, as well.
It is no secret that the value of the U.S. dollar has been declining for some time now. According to data gathered from Yahoo!Finance, the U.S. dollar exchanged for 0.95 euros in January of 2003.

Today, the dollar fetches a mere 0.67 euros. That is a decline of 29 percent in just under five years. It pays to understand the reason for this decline, as well as the implications for Americans.

Barron’s Business Review series cites that a currency’s value is determined by supply and demand. For example, when an American consumer wishes to buy a European good, that consumer will supply U.S. dollars, and demand euros in order to buy the good. In this transaction, the added supply of dollars decreases the dollar’s value. Similarly, the added demand for euros increases the euro’s value.

Most would agree that over the past few years, Americans have been demanding foreign goods in staggering numbers, and willing to give up their dollars in the process. This situation has put downward pressure on America’s once-strong currency.

The major implication of the dollar’s decline is that it causes imports to become more expensive. One of America’s chief imports is oil. Thus, as the dollar declines, gas prices will continue to rise for American drivers.

The solution to this problem is twofold. First, America will have to produce more goods domestically, rather than importing them from abroad. Second, America will have to produce more goods that foreigners deem attractive.

If these two feas are accomplished, then demand for the dollar will go up, and its supply will go down. Only then will the U.S. dollar’s value rise to levels that Americans have enjoyed in the past.

Grant Brown
Business Writer

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as well as faculty members, who display this same lack of respect.

Some view these people as nothing more than hired help, only fit to do their bidding and not worth giving them time of day. Moreover, these people also find it fit to pick on and laugh about the mentally handicapped Commons workers.

These same people you pick on because of how they look or act choose to work here not because they are required to, but to get out of the house and see something different.

This is not just a job for them, it is a getaway; they find pride in going and working with others not only like them but like us students. To them the most important thing about their job is going home knowing they got something accomplished that day.

What we don’t realize is that these people voluntarily come to work, standing for eight or more hours a day and only resting during their lunch breaks. Their duties are not to cater to students, but perform the job that is expressed in their job description, and to follow certain written guidelines placed upon them by their superiors.

Though some of these workers may have no more than a high school diploma, it doesn’t give us college students any right to treat them as if they are lower than us. In reality, just as quick as we choose to look down on another, we can wind up in the same position.

My point is not only to show respect for the Commons workers, but anyone who works at a McDonald’s, a gas station or anywhere else. As we move through life, respect is one thing that we must hold dear.

This one concept will open doors that no amount of money, no matter how great the resume and no amount of charm could achieve. Respect is to show regard or consideration for another, so please show regard and consideration for those whose jobs are already hard without others making it more difficult.

Timothy A. Bardlavenes, Jr.

For three weeks, Coastal Carolina University NAACP Youth & College Division sponsored a Thanksgiving Can Food Drive.

Within those three weeks, we collected an ample amount of canned goods and non-perishable items. The items were donated to the organization CARETEAM, which benefits lives affected by HIV/AIDS.

Their mission is to empower our community with the means to stop the spread of HIV through prevention, education, treatment and support.

The food collected went to more than deserving families so they could enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving.

On behalf of CCU NAACP, we would like to thank Mrs. Agatha A. O’Brien Gayes, director of academic advising. Mrs. Brianne Parker, academic adviser, all the First Year Experience students, the outstanding members of Leadership Challenge, Multicultural Student Services and all those who contributed.

-D’Shannon Brown
President, CCU NAACP Youth & College Division

In an effort to increase readership and news coverage on campus, The Chanticleer will begin publishing on a weekly basis starting in the spring 2008 semester.

As Coastal Carolina University continues to grow, The Chanticleer staff feels the need to grow with it. Colleges of similar size as CCU have newspapers that publish weekly, and as CCU is trying to change its classification and become a top school in the Southeast, we feel we can help, and that it is our duty to help, by increasing our rate of publication.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are encouraged to read, not only The Chanticleer, but other local newspapers as well. The Chanticleer welcomes everyone’s opinions.

Above is a list of the spring publishing dates so you know when you can pick up your copy of The Chanticleer.
FEATURES

See the whole picture

The Angel Tree is located downstairs in the Student Center on a bulletin board.

Campus organizations are stepping up this holiday season

Lo Pirie
Staff Writer

Students at Coastal Carolina University are provided a number of remarkable opportunities to participate in charity events, volunteer work and donations throughout the year.

During the holiday season, these events seem to be more of a priority than ever. It is important to some CCU organizations that families all over the world be able to celebrate the holidays to the fullest.

Some people may take the view that they do not have the time, the money or the power to help as much as others.

At CCU, students have a variety of ways to celebrate the holidays both on campus and by helping those in need. Different organizations and clubs on campus are holding events to help the less fortunate community.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is hosting a Christmas concert in order to benefit children at the Horry County Shelter Home.

The goal of this donation project is for each of the children at the shelter to be able to have Christmas presents this holiday season.

Gift donations from students, faculty and staff are being accepted until Dec. 20, which means that students can take advantage of the opportunity to donate in just a few minutes of free time between final exams.

For those students who are unaware of The Angel Tree Project, CCU’s Student Government Association (SGA) is sponsoring this year’s holiday tree, which is located in the Student Center.

The CCU community is encouraged to participate by selecting an angel from the tree on the bulletin board in the lobby and returning a purchased, unwrapped gift to the Student Center by Dec. 10.

Amber Riley, a senior business management major, thinks that The Angel Tree Project is one of the best ways to help out during the holidays.

“I’ve always done Outreach Programs so I think the children should always have a happy holiday. I think this program makes it possible for children to enjoy Christmas,” said Riley.

Partaking in this CCU event may be able to assist more than 400 children during the holiday season.

The CCU community can also help this season through STAR (Students Taking Active Responsibility). Many students at CCU are either members of STAR or they have participated in other STAR sponsored events.

This year’s canned food drive may be one of the most convenient ways for financially strapped college students to help those in need in time for the holiday season.

Donations for STAR’s canned food drive are being accepted in many locations around CCU’s campus in marked containers.

At times, college students feel powerless to help between their manic schedules and their compromised financial circumstances. Students at CCU are to be given abundant chances to participate in these kinds of donation and assistance opportunities.

Participating in a donation opportunity or food drive can make each student more aware of the importance of helping the less fortunate in a season which is often overly-focused on material goods.

These events will give the CCU community the opportunity to remember what the holiday season should be about.

Brett Anderson
For The Chanticleer

It’s that time of year again - the time for giving and not receiving and the time for fruit cakes and amazing gifts.

What better time to learn more about online shopping than the holiday season?

One of the biggest issues when it comes to purchasing that perfect gift for someone is price. This is where online shopping has a step up over retail stores.

The Internet offers multiple Web sites that sell items for a much cheaper price, which can sometimes be beneficial.

Take, for instance, buy.com. Even with the addition of shipping and handling, and depending on the item, most products still go for a large sum under the list price, which is what most retail stores sell by.

Half.com is a Web site that has bargain prices. It is a partner Web site of Ebay, where shoppers can find many products at the cheapest prices available.

For example, “Guitar Hero 3” for Playstation 3 is a brand new game that comes with a wireless guitar. Most retail stores sell this item for around $89.99. On half.com, the same product sells for $47.99, not including shipping.

Bargains are the main reasons people shop online. Deanna Hennessy, a senior health promotion major, agrees.

“You can save a lot of money by finding the right place to shop online. I like to use Ebay because the majority of the time, you get people who are buying items just to sell them. They don’t even open them so they are like new,” said Hennessy.

Many Ebay users purchase items in stores just to turn around and sell them on Ebay, not even knowing if they will make a profit in the long run.

Another Web site that offers bargain prices is Amazon.com. An array of products are available for much cheaper than retail prices. The Web site also offers multiple pictures of items so shoppers can see what they are considering purchasing.

Shoppers who are looking to start their high definition collection can find reasonable rates at Amazon.com as well. For example, the mini-series “Planet Earth” is selling in retail stores for upwards of $99. On Amazon, shoppers pay around $66.95.

However, where there are advantages, there are also disadvantages. Cheaper prices are a plus, but shipping can sometimes be a terrible thing. Packages often don’t arrive when scheduled and can sometimes be damaged during transit.

There is also the possibility of packages getting mixed up with someone else’s. Because of these issues, most people still prefer to go into a store and walk out with their purchases, a process that may be time consuming but alleviates the issues of online shopping.

Some people don’t like to wait, either. Senior communication major Alex Souza is one of those people.

“Forget waiting, I’m impulsive. If I see it and I want it, I’m getting it right then and there,” he said.

For those who can wait, and who don’t wait until the last minute to do their holiday shopping, they can try some of these Web sites. They do save money, and for college students, that’s all that matters.
Colin Buxton
Staff Writer

After the last issue, we all knew this was coming: a special “Batteries Included” environmentally friendly car column.

These cars have the hottest of hot new technology; the eco-friendly cars of today can vouch for that with some waiting lists extending past 10 years or so.

We are all feeling the burn of petroleum prices today. No matter what you drive, these cars take the sting out of it. They don’t look half bad, either. In any futuristic movie that you’ve ever seen, what was one of the strongest points in seeing it? The technology that the producer felt like throwing in there! After “i-Robot” and “Minority Report,” didn’t you see any articles or people gleaming over the cars from those movies?

Futuristic cars are awesome – and the designers of these hybrids and electric cars were given explicit orders to not hold back.

Now, anyone who follows this column got a glimpse of the new BMW X6. Well, get ready for the purebreds.

**CITROËN C-CACTUS**

From its styling to the impressive fuel consumption, this spans my idea of a Cactus as a spiny, intimidating thing to a righteous and attractive automobile.

The engine is a mating of a diesel and electric engine to give it a combined total of 90 horsepower, with a fuel consumption rate of 69 mpg. My truck gets 15 mpg – I feel like a dope to say the least.

The engine will switch completely to electric power (called ZEV – Zero Emissions Vehicle – mode) when traveling in urban (low power – no need for excessive acceleration) areas and will rely on both motors (diesel and electric) on long or highway trips.

The top speed is limited to 93 mph by blocks designed into the vehicle. If you bought this car, you don’t plan on going fast anyway. A quote from the movie “Be Cool” is necessary here, Chili Palmer: It’s the Cadillac of Hybrids.

Martin Weir: But what about speed?
Chili Palmer: If you’re important, people will wait.

The body styling just screams to me off-road Mini Cooper. Even the goofy rims seem to fit.

All in all, there is just one question left on my mind; when does it come out? Maybe around 2010, I’ve been having a hard time finding anything close to a release date on this vehicle. I wouldn’t mind being on that waiting list to get one, though.

**2008 TOYOTA YARIS SR**

I have to say, when someone mentioned that I check up on the Toyota Yaris, I was expecting to be praising the car on its ecological impact and chastising it for its looks, but this car looks pretty cool.

The engine for this little gas-sipper has a few options lined up for folks palming out the $20,000+ price tag. The best option is the 1.8 Litre VVT-i engine, but you can also get a 1.3 Litre VVT-I, or a diesel option in the D-4D 90 engine.

What is great when you are buying a new car is plenty of options. Engine options mean that this car will be tailored specifically for your needs.

Want a little sporty action? Go ahead with the 1.8. Looking for a flashy commuter – or maybe a college student get-around vehicle? Maybe the 1.3 or the D-4D is better suited for you.

Plenty of options on engines and all other features focuses your view on what you actually need the vehicle for.

A heads-up, the VVT-I engine is put together with fuel economy in mind. The valves inside of the engine are precisely tuned so intake and exhaust valves in the engine operate at optimum efficiency.

The valves in an engine are important in supplying the engine with oxygen and fuel needed for detonation to drive the piston. By tuning these perfectly, you can cut down on fuel needed and save gas.

The pictures of the Yaris SR completely blew my expectations out of the water. I had come to expect all of these Toyota or Honda efficiencies as a sort of blob (The Prius doesn’t scream awesome just from a glance.)

The Yaris SR looks sporty. I’m a sucker for small-sporty cars. Mention a Mini Cooper and watch my reaction. Apparently, the upgrade was inside as well as out. From a leather steering wheel and other cool options, the previous Yaris was explained to be bland. I don’t hear that from any reviewers on this vehicle.

In recap, this looks like a really cool vehicle (I’m still holding out for the Cactus, personally) and may be something to check out, especially since the gas prices are climbing on again.

Sporty and fuel efficient are not synonymous, but with fuel economy like 39 mpg, I’d take it in a heartbeat.
Juggling school and money
Students often have to work their way through college

Nathan White
For The Chanticleer

Whether to go out or to pay the bills, more and more college students have to work for the things they want and need.

"I have to work. It is the only way I can pay my bills," said Tony Luoma, a senior studio art major who works full-time and attends school full-time.

Full-time or part-time, college students enter the workforce to pay for things like rent, utilities, car payments, insurance and cell phone bills. Most of them did not worry about these bills while in high school.

According to The National Center for Education Statistics, nearly half of full-time students and 85 percent of part-time college students ages 18 to 24 are employed.

Finding work while in college is relatively easy. The majority of students who work, do so in a field that many before them and after them have worked.

With an abundance of restaurants, the service industry provides fast cash for students to pay their bills and is appealing to college students because it requires little or no experience to start.

School can be stressful and when bills start coming in, the added stress is unwanted. Whether working in a restaurant, an office or on campus, the money earned can help ease the unwanted stress of paying bills.

With college tuition, many students split college costs with their parents; parents may pay tuition, while students pick up living expenses and other costs.

"My parents will only pay for my tuition. I work to earn money for food, shopping and books," said Michelle Russo, a senior communication major who works as a server at Blarney Stone.

It is becoming more and more common for students to rely on themselves to pay for the things they need. College molds students to prepare for the real world. Some students said work instills the work ethic needed for that world.

Jessica Archibald, a senior communication major, said working while in school "forces you to learn time management, juggle between two different tasks and teaches responsibility and how to prioritize."

British Festival to the Ayam Harvest Hoe-down, Horry County provides ample opportunities to learn about the local culture and other cultures as well. These events also provide a lot of delicious food.

5. Go to a Chants football game. Even if you’re not sports savvy, you’ll feel good about going out there and showing a little school spirit.

Stuff every college student should do:
1. Become an officer. Need something to spice up your resume or want to make a lot of connections? Becoming an officer in one of the many clubs or organizations on campus can open a lot of doors. If you don’t have time, you can at least join a club.
2. Travel abroad. In college, you definitely get an education, but it is important to grow beyond just book knowledge. Planning a big trip is a great way to make connections around the world, experience other cultures and learn about yourself. College may also be about the only time in life that this is feasible, as well.
3. Speak out! Sometimes it can be difficult to express an opinion contrary to the professor’s, but this is a vital aspect of growing. This will also help promote critical thinking and prepare you for real world experiences.
4. Take a class just for fun. Are you secretly an artist or are you curious about religion? College is a great opportunity to learn about new subjects. No matter what your major, it is not a bad idea to try out some different things. You never know; you just might find your calling.
5. Volunteer. You’ll help out the community and feel good doing it. It may just become a lifelong addiction. Better get busy!
What is your favorite thing about the holidays?

Ashley Mobley, sophomore, communication major:
"Getting the chance to go home and spend time with my family."

Kristin Roschitz, freshman, marine science major:
"Going Christmas shopping and buying gifts for my friends and family."

Hilary Lemon, freshman, English major:
"The stress-free month with no school."

Cole Conway, freshman, undeclared major:
"Eating gingerbread cookies."

Geoff Koller, freshman, professional golf management major:
"Snow. I like to snowboard and ski on the holidays."

Compiled by Amanda Kelley

Ashley Stevens
Viewpoints Editor

Although nothing can compare to the live buzz of a Daft Punk show, from the robotic costumes, on-stage pyramid and the group of dancing, sweaty concert-goers, the French duo’s latest album, “Alive 2007,” certainly comes close.


The album consists of seemingly endless tracks of pumping bass lines and steady drum beats, with their signature distorted synthesizer.

The album is a 12-track mash-up of the band’s greatest songs from previous albums, with a bonus disc featuring their encore performance, along with a music video of “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger.”

The CD is a perfect blend of their most noteworthy songs, with the cheers and chants of an extremely enthusiastic audience added in.

The music begins with the roar of the audience as a distorted voice chimes in to begin “Robot Rock/Oh Yeah” and ends with a beat that stylishly leads into “Touch It/Technologic.”

With each song, the thrill grows even more as the bass lines begin to get heavier and drumbeats harder. It would be almost impossible not to feel the beat and begin to move to the music, as the audience most certainly did.

Track five enters as a combination of two of Daft Punk’s more renowned songs, “Around the World/Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger,” as the two songs are seamlessly blended into a Daft Punk super song.

The music continues on by mixing “One More Time/Aerodynamic,” “Da Funk/Daftendirekt” along with six other tracks that ultimately leads up to the union of three tracks, “Superheroes/Human After All/Rock ‘n Roll.”

Then of course there is the almost 10-minute encore of “Human/Together / One More Time / Music Sounds Better With You / Stardust.”

“Alive 2007” is over 80 minutes of pure Daft Punk at their finest and actually captures the intensity of being at their live show. So turn up the volume, close your eyes and feel alive in 2007.

Track Listing:

1. “Robot Rock / Oh Yeah”
2. “Touch It / Technologic”
5. “Around The World / Harder Better Faster Stronger”
6. “Burnin’ / Too Long”
7. “Face To Face / Short Circuit”
8. “One More Time / Aerodynamic”
10. “Prime Time Of Your Life / Brainwasher / Rollin’ & Scratchin’ / Alive”
11. “Da Funk / Daftendirekt”
12. “Superheroes / Human After All / Rock’n Roll”

Bonus Disc

2. “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger” Music Video
Winter FASHION

ASHLEY STEVENS
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

As wintertime quickly approaches and students are forced to swap the tank tops and flip flops for warmer, more seasonal clothes, many travel to the local Coastal Grand Mall to get their winter fashion needs.

But with so many trends to follow, who has time to find out what is “in”? After searching through countless fashion magazines and perusing numerous fashion blogs, here is a list of eight fashion trends for the winter season. Best of all, these trends can be found at the local mall, while working on a budget any college fashionista can afford.

**Metallics**
This gold sequin shirt from Express is perfect for a night out on the town.
$49.50

**Vests**
This classic piece is best in shiny material like this satin one from Express.
$69.50

**Plaid**
Plaid isn’t just for lumberjacks; try this flattering pea coat from Old Navy.
$88

**Gray**
Gray can be found everywhere, but Old Navy offers a great pair of gray boot cut jeans.
$29.50

**Skinny Jeans**
Try these from Old Navy. They come in a variety of different shades and lengths.
$29.50

**High-Waist Trousers**
High-waist trousers are sure to elongate the legs and slim the waist. Express offers this pair with pinstripe detailing.
$68

**Puffer Jackets**
This warm yet fashionable jacket from Old Navy comes in several different colors.
$68

**Knit Beret and Scarf**
Sure to keep you warm, try this set from Old Navy in one of winter’s hottest colors—gray.
$12.50 and $19.50
A group of girls, all wearing tight, skimpy outfits, dance to sexy music, surrounded by mirrors and poles. Think you’re at the Master’s?

Think again.

Carmen Electra has created a new type of workout that encourages women to take it all off - the pounds and the clothes. This exciting workout is the first of its kind to incorporate sexy dances into a workout routine.

Each video provides a vigorous warm-up to get exercisers ready to go. The video’s themes range from Strip Your Way to Fitness, Fit to Strip, Advanced Aerobic Striptease, The Lap Dance and Hip Hop, as well as many others. The videos teach a series of short dance routines, such as the sexy librarian or the hat-tie-men’s shirt routine.

Gyms all around the country are now offering Sex Ed Striptease Aerobic classes. The classes are set up to simulate the videos.

Classes start with a warm-up routine and then a different dance is taught in each class. Just like the videos, classes teach a sexy strip tease, a lap dance routine and a hip hop routine, as well as other fun, sexy dances.

The workouts, both video and classes, are fun and easy to learn, but come up short in terms of fitness.

The routines are fairly short, normally the length of one song, and the most intense part of the work out is the warm-up. Once the routine is learned, it is simply a matter of repetition.

The workouts are more fun than exercise, but are more useful as a supplement to a regular workout regimen, rather than as a replacement. If nothing else, the workouts provide a serious confidence boost.

So the question is, are you fit to strip?
The word ‘yoga’ means to yoke or unite. Using movement, breath, postures, relaxation and meditation, yoga helps to unite the body, mind and emotions and helps create a vibrant and balanced approach to life,” said Julie Melfi, campus yoga instructor.

“The beauty of yoga is in its versatility, allowing you to focus on the physical, psychological or spiritual or a combination of the three. Yoga will help you live a happier, healthier life.

“Yoga can inspire you to do more than you ever have before, and best of all, anybody can do yoga! Sticking with it will increase your strength, flexibility and balance,” said Melfi.

Some of the many benefits of yoga include:

- freedom from stress and anxiety;
- improved mobility in shoulders and hips;
- reduction (often even complete elimination) of pain in muscles and joints;
- enhanced ability to concentrate at work or in class;
- relief of symptoms of depression;
- improved ability to sleep at night; and
- increased mental and physical energy during the day.

Fettuccine with asparagus and tomato

8 ounces dried fettuccine, broken
1 pound fresh asparagus, cut into 1 ½ inch pieces
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
4 tomatoes, chopped
3 ounces prosciutto, cut in thin strips
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

1. Cook fettuccine according to package directions, keep warm.
2. In a large skillet, cook and stir asparagus in hot oil for 4 minutes or until nearly tender. Add tomatoes and prosciutto; cook about 2 minutes more or until heated through.
3. Add asparagus mixture to fettuccine, stir to combine and top with parmesan cheese.

Cinnamon Sugar Cookies

1 ½ cups powdered sugar
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract
1 egg
2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla and almond extract in a large mixing bowl, then add the egg, flour, baking soda and cream of tartar. Add cinnamon to taste.
3. Shape cookies and place on lightly greased cookie sheet.
4. Separately, mix granulated sugar and cinnamon to create cinnamon sugar. Sprinkle on top of cookies before baking.
5. Bake cookies for 7 to 9 minutes or until golden brown.
The art of placement

Feng Shui

JESSICA M. GREEN
STAFF WRITER

Chaos is a simple description for a dorm room.

It is a crossroad where studying meets sleeping, socializing meets eating and everything in between. Through the doorway is a home unlike any student will live in his or her entire life. There seems to be no end to the unorganized happenings of most dorm rooms.

This is where feng shui comes in. Feng shui (fung schway) originated in ancient China and is the tradition of placement and design. A person who practices feng shui lives harmoniously among the space. A person who decorates according to the art of feng shui sees that world as being alive with chi (energy) and that is directly affected by the details in the home.

This concept is now becoming more significant in Western culture as people attempt to balance their lives and achieve prosperity.

Students can feng shui their dorms or apartments with these simple and easy steps.

APARTMENT:
1. Too large a doorway will let chi escape. Counter this by placing wind chimes outside the door. Too small a doorway will not allow enough chi to enter. Place mirrors on either side of the door in the inside.
2. Remove all footwear from around the main door of the apartment. Chi is spread by the wind and the smell of footwear causes sickness.
3. Do not restrict doorways with chairs while arranging dining room furniture. There should be space for people to maneuver around.
4. It is very important to have an even number of chairs around the table.
5. The entrance way is also important and can become stagnant (pertaining to chi flow) if there are no windows. Place a small water fountain or mirrors to solve this problem.

DORM ROOM:
1. The western wall of a room should be reserved for sleeping. The east, on the other hand, is best for studying and symbolizes wisdom. Place beds and desks accordingly.
2. Position body and bed so that the headboard rests against a solid wall and feet are away from the door while sleeping. This way it is not similar to a coffin. If it similar to a coffin, energy will be lost.
3. Keep artwork on the walls to a minimum, but still full of vibrant color. Adding too much will contribute to the feeling of clutter and disorganization. Color will make the room feel homely.
4. Keep the room as open as possible. Windows and doors are energy portals. Blocking them clogs chi.
5. When choosing color for the room, make sure the color chosen best suits the type of energy desired. See the color chart for guidance.

Bagua (ba-gwa) is a color chart used to show the nine different zones that correspond with nine different areas of life.

- Red/fire represents fame/reputation
- Pink represents relationship/love/marriage
- White/metal represents health/children
- Silver/gray represents helpful people/travel
- Black/water represents career/life path
- Blue represents skills and knowledge/wisdom
- Green/wood represents family/foundation
- Purple represents prosperity/abundance

Top picks: Men’s and women’s beauty products

MAEGAN SWEAT
STAFF WRITER

According to Men’s Health magazine, this is what’s hot for the men out there.
1. Bumble and Bumble Seaweed Shampoo. This product is not fruity, doesn’t have a smell and is great for all hair types. $14
3. Gillette Facial Moisturizer. It even has SPF 15. $6
4. Nivea for Men Deep Cleaning Facial Scrub. This scrub is an easy way to keep your face clean and fresh all day long. $5
5. Kiehl’s Lip Balm. This no color balm will keep your lips healthy. $6 on Keils.com.

Women’s Health magazine lists the following products as the best of the year, and even better, they won’t break the bank.
1. Olay Body Butter Ribbons Body Wash. This luxurious fragrance washes and moisturizes dry skin and helps protect skin against the damaging effects of water. $4
2. Cetaphil face wash. Recommended by a dermatologist, the gentle formula washes away dirt, oil and make-up and leaves skin with a clean, fresh feel. $8
3. Redken Straight 05 Straightening Balm. Use this product to help keep your hair healthy before tormenting it with the flat iron. $14
4. MAC lipstick in clear. This clear gloss goes perfect over any color lipstick, or even alone for a great daytime look as well. $13
5. Guerlain Terracotta Moisturizing Bronzer. This moisturizing bronzer won’t dry your skin and it gives you a tan look even in the winter. $40
Theater students travel to audition for future jobs

Kimberly Daniel
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s Theater Department students began preparing for summer work by attending the South Carolina Theatre Association’s (SCTA) convention held Nov. 9 to 11 in Spartanburg.

SCTA’s convention consisted of workshops, panels and keynote speeches by successful South Carolina artists and companies. This was also an opportunity for students to go through a screening in order to further audition in the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC) that will be in Chattanooga, Tenn., in March 2008.

“Nerve-wracking,” is the word Kirk Johnson and Trey Gerrald both used to describe the auditioning process.

There were over 90 students across the state who attended the preliminary auditions, which caused some students including Caroline Cuseo, to have to endure the five-hour wait before performing.

When it was students’ turn to perform, they walked onstage, introduced themselves and performed their monologue and/or song within a set time limit. During the performance, three adjudicators scored students according to their acting ability, movement, communication and presence.

This performance in which students are given 90 seconds or less, takes preparation.

Cuseo said her preparation included picking good material (monologue/song) that accentuated her positives, creating an in-depth character, consistently rehearsing and receiving feedback from professors.

Johnson, Gerrald and Cuseo were a part of the students auditioning in hopes of being passed on to SETC.

SETC not only includes workshops with working theatre professionals, but it also gives students who were passed through screenings the opportunity to audition for over 100 theater organizations in order to get summer work, said Johnson.

Out of the students auditioning at SCTA, 38 were passed on to SETC, which included 12 CCU students making up about 75 percent of the students who attended from this university.

These students will attend SETC in March with more than 800 other individuals seeking work, experience and opportunities to grow in professional acting.

Gerrald said this process is a great way to “jump start an acting career.”

“People in other majors have the opportunity to begin internships while in college and get a professional summer acting job is our [actors and actresses] equivalent,” said Gerrald.

For students interested in attending SCTA next year, these three students all give advice to be prepared.

“You have no control over when your ‘big break’ may come. The only thing you can control is how prepared you are when that moment finally arrives,” said Johnson who quoted Broadway actress Jenn Colella from a SCTA workshop.
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Chuck Plunkett
Entertainment Writer

Beyond – “Remember the Name”
9. 30 Seconds to Mars – “The Kill”
11. Incubus – “Make Yourself”
12. Outkast – “Skew It on the Bar-B”
13. Rage Against the Machine – “Testify”
14. Talib Kweli – “Work It Out”
15. Incubus – “Aqueous Transmission”

1. Prodigy – “Breathe”
2. Linkin Park – “Points of Authority”
3. The Toadies – “Quitter”
4. Foo Fighters – “I’ll Stick Around”
5. AFI – “The Leaving Song Pt. 2”
6. The Notorious B.I.G. – “Gimme the Loot”
7. Streetlight Manifesto – “If and When We Rise”
8. Fort Minor feat. Styles of This – “I was asked to make a mix for people to work out with, to go along with one of the featured articles in the paper. This is simply a list that I have been listening to recently to work out to.

They are all high energy songs, with many different sounds and types of music so you don’t get bored and feel like stopping.

You’ll find that whether you’re wanting to run until you can’t feel your legs anymore, or if you want to lift to get “huge,” these songs will cater to your needs and keep you going throughout the entire workout.

The last track is meant to calm you down on your walk back or your drive back home. It will immediately relax you and bring you back to reality, and get your breathing and heart rate back to normal.

So enjoy the mix, get up, work out, be careful and stay healthy.

ACROSS
1. Happy
2. Red and jolly
3. What bad ones get
4. Door adornments
5. Fruit pie
6. Little helpers
7. Kiss beneath
8. “_____ Bells”

DOWN
1. Holiday beverage
2. Lights the way for the sleigh
3. Unique precipitation
4. The nights before
5. Frosty was one of these
6. Shiny decoration

Top Five
1. “Double Cross” - James Patterson
2. “Stone Cold” - David Baldacci
3. “Protect and Defend” - Vince Flynn
4. “Creation in Death” - J.D. Robb
5. “Book of the Dead” - Patricia Cornwell

MOVIES
1. “Enchanted” - $35,332,000
2. “This Christmas” - $18,600,000
3. “Beowulf” - $16,240,000
4. “Hitman” - $13,035,000
5. “Bee Movie” - $12,010,000

Books
1. “Enchanted” - Patricia Cornwell
2. “This Christmas” - J.D. Robb
3. “Secrets” - James Patterson

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Last Ditch Effort
by John Kroes
Drummer of Coheed and Cambria shares success stories

Kyle Drapeau
Staff Writer

Gas: $20. Two tickets to Coheed and Cambria: free. A hamburger and chips: paid for by a friend. Getting to interview the drummer for Coheed and Cambria, then seeing them live for almost two hours: priceless.

Through a weird and completely random series of events, I was given the opportunity to interview Chris Pennie, Coheed and Cambria’s new drummer, before seeing the band live at the House of Blues on Nov. 21.

After passing through a series of corridors and stairwells, I sat down backstage with Pennie and talked to him about inspiration, band history and advice for aspiring musicians.

“Personal experiences have always fueled Claudio’s writing. He was in France and saw a sign that eventually became Coheed and Cambria,” said Pennie. The band has been together since 1995, going through different member and name changes, but battled through and broke onto the scene with “The Second Stage Turbine Blade,” the band’s debut album.

Pennie credited their success to dedication, business know-how and most of all, a love of music.

“You have to love what you’re doing,” said Pennie. “Growing up, there was no Myspace, just phones. If you’re gonna get to this level, you need business skills too, but always love playing and remember that it takes work.”

Having been on tour all over the nation, as well as internationally, Pennie reflected about his favorite places to play, as well as his favorite songs to perform.

“The Tabernacle in Atlanta is really nice. New York and LA are always fun,” said Pennie. “‘The Final Cut’ is a lot of fun to play. Every song is fun but we keep it really loose. Everybody gets to do their own thing.”

With their new album, “No World For Tomorrow,” released only weeks ago, Pennie didn’t have too much to add regarding the band’s future plans, but he showed fans Coheed’s relaxed side with his response.

“We’re just riding the wave, but things will take shape,” said Pennie. “Right now we’re just touring and promoting.”

With that, Pennie rose from the chair, shook my hand and departed to a separate room. I exited the backstage area and took my place amongst the throng of Coheed fans dying for the band to play. I loved every second of it.
Use your feet - transportation is not limited to vehicles

Geoff Lau
For The Chanticleer

Has the parking problem made you late for class? Has it caused you to just skip class all together?
Fear no more. There is a solution. Get on a set of wheels and coast around campus.
Brett Anderson, an avid skateboarder, said, "My daily commute consists of driving right to the stadium, pulling my board out of the trunk and zooming past all of the pissed off people that are walking to class."

Many students said by avoiding the search for a parking space, they deal with less stress.
"Not only do I save time by skateboarding to class, but I don’t have to deal with the hassle of finding a parking spot ever," said Chris Homing.

Students who don’t skateboard can ride their bikes to classes. Coastal Carolina University offers bike racks outside almost every building. Beneficial aspects about CCU’s campus are the scenery and how easy it is to get around.

Those who live at Campus Edge or University Place can forgo vehicles altogether. A sidewalk stretches from each housing complex to campus, making it easy for boarders or bikers to get to class without worrying about having to find parking.

Walkers on campus are generally friendly so long as bikers and boarders are not breaking the speed limit; pedestrians politely yield to people traveling with other modes of transportation.

Razor scooters are another option for students. Available for around $30, scooters are lightweight and fold up, making them easily transportable.

Instead of wasting gas driving around in circles looking for a parking space, consider saving time, money and stress by taking a different mode of transportation and start coasting around CCU.

Editor’s note: Please see a related story on page 33.

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"I FAILED A FEW TESTS..."

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A young, confident, pretty woman sits in the chair next to me. Her name is Chelsey – and she makes me feel lazy. She claims to be shy, but her immediate feedback shows she is a warm and caring person. She greets me with a firm handshake outside of the CINO Grille and we decide that on such a rainy day, an interview on the deck outside is the last thing she needs.

We head over to the library and find a cozy corner upstairs to talk. For the life of me, with my voice recorder had done something besides tape a half of an hour of static. Regardless, what took place was one of the most fascinating conversations I have ever had.

Chelsey Mozingo, an exuberantly successful student, claims that a system she developed that has helped her in her “dual-computer” system.

“You do your research on your desktop, and write your papers on your laptop!”

A large mug of Starbucks rests in her right hand, which I can tell is its comfortable spot.

“Oh, I absolutely love coffee. Starbucks is my friend.”

I am writing all of this down with stars and circles so I can refer to it for my own study purposes. With five tough classes, a PDA and a straight-shooting attitude, this lady knows her business – and to me, her word is academic gospel.

Her parents were eager to tell all of her merits. Trophies from dancing and cello and high school salutatorian. I can hear the pride coming through the phone. She was also concert master for three orchestras at one time.

I asked her mother what she does when she heads home on a quiet day. “Oh, she loves to throw on something comfortable and just relax.” She’s earned it, and then some.

For a woman who looks as gorgeous and classy as any woman you would happen to see in a five-star restaurant on a Friday night, you would not expect the same woman to be just as comfortable in a lab coat with a scalpel in hand.

Mozingo wishes to be a forensic pathologist and has held this dream in her heart since she was seven years old.

I had asked her if she wished to be anything else at any time, and she said, “I can’t remember that long ago.” At her rate, Mozingo most definitely will achieve this goal.

Usually when students are successful in a field, their friends are also interested in the subject as well. However, Mozingo said her friends probably won’t follow in her footsteps.

“If anything, I’ve probably driven them away.” The key to her success? She said it is her self-motivation. I figure it is more likely that super-computer of a brain sitting on her shoulders, but I’ll take her word for it. You can just sense the grit and determination emanating from this woman.

With all of this driven energy and focus on her goals, she needs no help to relax. When one of my editors asked me if I would like to do this interview, I agreed and quietly promised myself that I’d go in with no expectations.

I couldn’t help dreading that this person would be so focused that the interview would be cut and dry, but Mozingo is the opposite. Under this Wonder Woman costume, you can see a carefree girl that just wants to do what she loves. She would be just as happy spending time in a lab as she would shopping or spending a day at the beach.
The iPhone may be the best phone now, but will it last?

A student explores the ups and downs of the iPhone and compares it to the Palm Treo 700p

Greg Martin
Staff Writer

It has music, pictures, e-mail, internet, camera and more. With impressive capability in the communication market, the iPhone is a superior product.

First, to look at the iPhone one must know all the functions of the device. The 6.5 ounce sleek iPhone has a beautiful touch screen that is functional and easy to use.

The iPhone works as an iPod. With a slight touch of the screen, all of the music stored on the iPhone appears in a convenient landscape mode for the user to flip through. The iPhone can hold up to 1,000 CD quality songs.

An innovative feature recently added is the built-in speaker. It has a new convenience switch on the cord of the buds that allows listeners to answer calls even while listening to something else.

The iPhone has all the features of a good cell phone contains such as: a speaker phone, caller ID, call waiting, call hold, voice mail, picture messaging and video messaging.

The ability to make calls, surf the Web and listen to the library of music on a 2.4 inch by 0.7 inch, by 4.6 inch all in one device is what separates the iPhone from the other contenders and has caused Apple stock to increase 32 percent. This easy-to-use minuscule multifunction monster comes at a hefty price of $399.99.

This price does not include the ability to use iTunes as ringtones. There is an added fee for downloading songs and movies that cost 99 cents per song, $14.99 for newly released movies, $12.99 for preordered movies and $9.99 for old movies.

Consumers may be disappointed in the headphone jack because it only works with iPod buds. For consumers who have invested in a nice pair of headphones or don’t prefer the bud style, there is no solution as yet.

The battery in the iPhone is one of the biggest dilemmas of the device, as it is only able to handle 480 minutes of talk time, not to mention the lithium battery runs out of life after around 400 charges.

If iPhone owners do not purchase the two-year protection plan, then they must send their phone back to Apple to have the battery replaced for $75.

Even if one does purchase the protection plan, Apple will, only replace the battery if it “drops below 80 percent of its original capability.”

The iPhone is a breakthrough in cell phone technology and has opened the gates to consumer competition.

Some of the companies that are currently running for the “greatest cell phone” title are Sprint/Nextel, Verizon and Google.

Sprint is introducing the Touch, which will have a touch screen and will run Windows mobile software.

Peter Svensson of Long Beach Press said, “The Touch crams a lot of features in a light and small package. The 2.8 inch screen isn’t as big as the iPhone’s but it’s big enough to enjoy movies.

“It isn’t cluttered with buttons, yet it does e-mail and Web browsing on a fast data network. It synchronizes calendar and contact data with Microsoft Outlook. You can watch Sprint’s mobile TV on it.”

Verizon currently has the Palm TREO 700p, which, according to the editors of Cnet.com, is “the bottom line: With EV-DO support, increased memory and enhanced multimedia capabilities, the Palm TREO 700p makes a powerful smart phone even better.”

The TREO 700p has a digital camera, Internet and e-mail capabilities, pocket tunes, streaming video and Bluetooth. Since Palm has been around for years, the upgrades of their products seem to get overlooked.

Everything that Google has touched has turned into gold; now they are aiming toward the cell phone market. The Google phone is slated to be available mid 2008.

The details are just starting to slip out from beneath the wraps.

The Google phone will be like no other existing phone. John Wang, chief marketing officer from the Taiwan-based HTC, a company that makes touch screens, who is pairing up with Google for the new Google phone, said, “It is not an existing product or a reconstruction of an existing product.”

Wang said it was “being built from scratch.”

Overall, the iPhone is a smart phone, but not a brilliant phone. The iPhone is a lab rat in the smart phone industry where scientists can make note of the faults and improve on them and add different technology.

The creators of the iPhone have succeeded in bringing the consumer a superior product, but at the same time have shown the competitor the way to win over the market.

This holiday season, before putting the iPhone on Christmas lists, consider what makes a good cell phone.

Consumers who feel that a phone with durability, good service, creative gadgets and style is a necessity, may want to wait until 2008 when Google plans to launch the Google phone worldwide.

Once another company can develop a product to match innovative products, prices tend to decline to appeal to consumers.

Thus, the longer consumers wait to see what other companies have to offer, not only will they have the choice of a new product, but also the choice of spending less money for the already popular iPhone.
How to stay fire-free this holiday season

Claire Arambula  
News Editor

The holidays are drawing near and as Christmas gets closer, decorations are coming out of boxes and trees are being adorned with lights. Although a house fire is possible on any given day, the heaters, decor, and trees that make this time of year so festive have the potential and tendency to provide homes with big unwelcome surprises.

Some helpful holiday tips, courtesy of the Department of Public Safety, are as follow:

- Christmas trees should be freshly cut and capable of absorbing water.
- Trees should be frequently watered and checked for dryness.
- Trees should be disposed of if dry or as soon as the holidays are over.
- Light strands should be inspected before use. Discard if loose or unprotected wires are attached.
- Electrical outlets should be checked often and not overloaded with plugs.
- Lights should be specifically made for outdoors if used outside of house.
- Electric lights should not be used on a metal tree.
- Lights should be unplugged, especially if on a tree, before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Trees, presents, and decorations should be kept several feet from fire places and heaters.
- Candles should be avoided. However, if they are used, they should be in safe holders and far from reach.
- Lit candles should never be put on a tree.
- Smoke alarms should be checked before the holidays and replaced if broken.

For more information on holiday fire safety, log onto www.usfa.dhs.gov.

Grease fires pose threat different from other fires

Meg Duvall  
Assistant Editor

Natural instinct would say to throw water on any fire; however, putting water on a grease fire causes devastating effects.

In an e-mail from Dottie Hockey, she said while at Fire Fighter Training School, she learned what the results are when someone throws water on a grease fire. An instructor would wear a fire suit and use a 10-foot-pole to put out a grease fire with an eight ounce cup of water.

"With the water being heavier than the oil, it sinks to the bottom where it instantly becomes superheated," said Hockey. "The explosive force of the steam blows the burning oil up and out."

The experiment she said was done on an open field, so the 30-foot-high fireball resembled a nuclear blast. However, in a small kitchen, the fireball hits the ceiling and fills the entire room with smoldering heat.

"Also, do not throw sugar or flour on a grease fire. One cup creates the explosive force of two sticks of dynamite," said Hockey.

The proper answer to putting out a grease fire is to first turn the stove off, then take a towel and soak it in water. Wrapping it out completely, then place the towel over the pan and wait until the fire goes out.

Check out the video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUuAXLxgTGU.
Poetry contest winner shares inspirations

Claire Arambula
News Editor

As he stirred the icy chai latte with his straw, the vacant look in his eyes indicated his difficulty in finding words. The clanking of dishes and the hum of the coffee machine in the little café did not seem to interrupt his deep thought process.

As if suddenly coming alive again, and seeming to find the three words he would use to best describe himself, he said, “I’m still searching.”

Brandon J. Wolf of Toms River, N.J., is Coastal Carolina University’s winner of the third Paul Rice Poetry Broadside Series contest. In addition to winning a gift card to the campus bookstore, the English major’s poem, “Living in the Days of Noah,” will be featured in 100 copies of the broadside, disbursed at the end of the semester.

After entering two of the previous contests, Wolf expressed his surprise in winning this year’s broadside despite his eager preparations.

“I told myself I’m going to win one of these before I leave Coastal,”’ said Wolf.

Having put the poems of the previous winners on his wall for motivation, the poet can now hang his poem up, as well.

“Winning this means that I fulfilled the task that I set out to do,” he concluded.

Wolf explained that his winning poem was originally an idea that was inspired by his older brother. He was asked to write about spiritual guidance driven by writing and is conveyed through the scope of someone else. Because of the similar ideas and the success of his writing, Wolf has dedicated his poem to his brother.

Writing is among the many activities the student participates in. In addition to studying, eating his favorite food - ice cream - learning to speak Japanese and surfing (despite Myrtle Beach’s lack of Jersey-sized swell) Wolf said, “I keep in touch with people that matter through mail. I’m old school.”

Additionally, Wolf is a closet musician, devoting much of his time to experimenting and reworking old guitar tunes. His passion for music and guitar could be seen in his eyes and heard in his voice as he vehemently expressed admiration for English singer-songwriter, Nick Drake.

“Nick Drake was an immensely talented musician who was from the ‘60s and ‘70s and was just such an artist. He couldn’t push himself past being just a passionate artist. I just can’t explain it. Just to know what it was like; I can’t put words to Nick Drake,” said Wolf.

Describing Drake’s music as “everything that acoustic guitar could be,” and characterizing it as passionate, raw, melancholy and absolutely uplifting, Wolf said that to be Drake would to “truly know what it’s like to be both a musician and poet.”

But despite his zealous perception of the artist, Wolf admits that his number one role model is his father.

“I just can’t explain it. Just to know what it was like; I can’t put words to Nick Drake,” said Wolf.

Describing Drake’s music as “everything that acoustic guitar could be,” and characterizing it as passionate, raw, melancholy and absolutely uplifting, Wolf said that to be Drake would to “truly know what it’s like to be both a musician and poet.”

But despite his zealous perception of the artist, Wolf admits that his number one role model is his father.

“Telling stories and mispronouncing the names of a soldier somewhere in Baghdad. How will we do it all again

Wolf said he really just wants to go home.

“I want to find surf spots, and disappear, and fill up goat-skin journals with random thoughts,” he said, the vacant look returning to his eyes.

His chai latte was almost gone and the light coming in through the window began to dim, yet his thoughts on the contest continued.

In last words Wolf said, “To the others who submitted to broadside, keep writing. Keep giving us inspiration and slight competition.”

He finished off his drink and wiped his mouth with his sleeve, leaving a grin on his unshaven face. “It’s what makes us better,” he said, and got up to leave.
The admissions process: 
How students get accepted to Coastal Carolina University

What to do when you can’t go home for the holidays

Amanda Murph
For The Chanticleer

With the holidays approaching, students experience stress from planning the long travel home. Because plane tickets and gas prices are so high, for many students, it is hard to afford the journey home and some end up staying in Myrtle Beach.

There are many other options to choose from when stuck in the Horry County area for the holidays. Instead of staying alone, see if off campus friends are willing to accept guests into their homes. Students who live off campus could provide a meal for fellow classmates during the holidays.

"I make dinner on Christmas for people that don’t go home," said Chris Smith, a junior.

Another option is staying in one of the many hotels in the area. Students staying in town for the holidays can experience the Myrtle Beach and Conway areas as if they are tourists. This way, students can enjoy the small events and different attractions in the area.

Local businesses look for holiday employees since many students who work throughout the school year go home. A job will help to pay for a place to stay, as well as other bills that college students acquire. This will also help pass the time.

There are soup kitchens in the area that may need volunteers to help provide food for the less fortunate and there are children’s homes that may need help making Santa Claus come to life for the little kids.

Nursing homes need volunteers as well, if the elderly can’t get out of the facility to see their families. These people should also feel loved and needed throughout the holidays. What can’t be taken home to families should be passed on to someone else.

Whatever students choose, they should always keep holiday cheer. Put free time to good use and enjoy the holiday spirit despite the location.
**Department of English Undergraduate Program Interest Survey**

As Coastal grows, it attracts new students with a variety of interests. The Department of English at Coastal Carolina University is expanding its faculty and adding new courses to meet that growth, while simultaneously participating in a national discussion of a redefinition of what it means to study "English." Not only do we maintain our interest and commitment to the teaching of writing, language and literature in English, but we are also in the midst of a vigorous expansion of the boundaries of our discipline. This expansion will not only affect our majors, but will also reach every student who takes an English course at Coastal Carolina University.

To help the department learn more about potential new areas of undergraduate study related to English, we invite students to complete the following survey:

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- I am interested in courses in American literature.
- I am interested in courses in British literature.
- I am interested in courses in world literature.
- I am interested in courses in writing instruction.
- I am interested in courses in film.
- I am interested in courses in creative writing.
- I would like to see more required writing courses in the core curriculum.
- When faced with a core category that includes an English class, I'm likely to take an English class as opposed to the alternatives.
- I have considered majoring or minoring in English

Year (circle one): FR SO JR SR GR  Email ____________________

**Department of English Graduate Program Interest Survey**

The Department of English at Coastal Carolina University is exploring the possibility of offering a new Masters of Arts in Professional and Creative Writing (MA-PCW). This program would provide advanced instruction in:

* Technical writing
* Academic Writing
* Creative Writing (poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction)
* Professional (medical, business, scientific, legal) writing
* Critical, Literary and Cultural Theory
* Theories of writing instruction
* The history of writing, language and literature

Students could choose “tracks” in which to concentrate (i.e. Creative Writing, Business Writing) and could complete the degree’s 30-33 hours at night and/or during the summer, full- or part-time.

To help the department design the program, we invite students to complete the following survey.

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- I'm interested in a degree that focuses on creative writing.
- I'm interested in a degree that focuses on business and professional writing.
- I'm interested in a degree that educational writing and/or teaching of writing.
- I'm interested in a degree that focuses on literature.
- I am thinking about graduate school in the next 2-5 years and this program would be attractive to me.
- The MA-PCW degree would position me better than a sole B.A. or B.S. for seeking jobs in the private sector (business, industry).
- The MA-PCW degree would position me better than a sole B.A. or B.S. for seeking jobs in education.
- The MA-PCW degree would position me better than a sole B.A. or B.S. for seeking future graduate study (medical school, law school, MFA and/or doctoral programs).
- If the MA-PCW degree becomes a reality, I would apply.

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Men's basketball boasts tough home game play

Playing with extreme determination and motivation by new Head Coach Cliff Ellis Coastal Carolina University's men's basketball team is undefeated at home but lost three tough games on the road again very good teams leaving their record at 3-3.

In the first two home games, the team shot a combined 50 percent from the field and 42 percent from beyond the arc resulting in two wins over North Greenville and Campbell Universities.

Having recently faced tough teams such as Cincinnati, Wright State and Anderson, CCU is getting experience that will help prepare them for tough games down the road.

Preseason polls ranked CCU fourth in the Big South Conference.

The men have yet to play a conference game, which means they have a chance to win their division.

Seniors Jack Leasure and Phil Wallace, who exemplify hard work and determination, lead the team in scoring.

Freshmen Anthony Breeze and Bryant Wallace are a towering troublesome duo for any opponent.

Constantly and consistently hustling, scoring, stealing and rebounding are Joseph Harris, Logan Johnson, Joshua Mack and Everage Richardson.

With a team of this caliber, there are no limits to what they can accomplish this season.

Watch for the next big home game against Presbyterian Dec. 7 at the Kimbel Arena. The first two games had over one thousand in stands which proved to be a huge advantage.

Last year, CCU went 12-17 at home. Come out and support the team in their last three games before winter break on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 4:15 p.m.

Go Chants!

Women's basketball starts strong

Defeating every team they met on the court so far, the Lady Chanticleer basketball team is earning the title of "the team to beat" this upcoming season.

With a 5-0 record, the women have been making some big plays against teams such as College of Charleston, South Carolina State University and Southern Virginia University.

Having a fairly young team, these ladies have managed to come together as one.

With senior Vicky Blanchard and sophomore Devin Rivers dominating in the paint and excellent leadership from senior C.J. Ware and sophomore Lacy Lyons banking nearly every 3-point shot, the Lady Chanticleers have all the right ingredients to make it to and take the Big South Conference crown.

Clutch players like Amanda Snell and Katie White, along with the first year players such as Courtney Gramble, Kate Jasinski and Sydney Moss have equally provided substance to the team.

The Lady Chants will continue their season during winter break and return with a home conference game against Radford University on Jan. 19.

This will open the Big South game series and will hopefully lead to another championship victory for the women's basketball team.

Women's basketball score recap:

11/11 VS. Wofford-W, 59-58
11/14 VS. CoC, W 63-46
11/17 VS. Stetson, W 51-41
11/20 VS. SC State, W 59-54
11/24 VS. Southern Virginia, W 87-46

Editor's note:
Please see page 34 for a list of upcoming men and women's basketball games.
The simple life of surfing is present among students

Claire Arambula  
News Editor

"I'm not afraid of sharks," said marine science major, Ben Binder, pausing and holding in a hearty laugh. "OK, that's a lie."

Binder, a junior, is a member of Coastal Carolina University's surfing community, which has grown in size with the expansion of the university. Despite the common fear of a shark attack, nothing keeps a die-hard surf bum out of the water.

Originally from Auburn, Ala., Binder began surfing at a two-week summer camp on the Outer Banks of North Carolina when he was a kid. He resumed the sport when he started at CCU, and has been surfing ever since.

"Surfing is freedom," said Binder. "I don't have to worry about anything else."

Binder admires singer, songwriter, surfer, Donavon Frankenreiter for his carefree and mellow lifestyle.

"He lives the life I'd love to live. If I had nothing else to worry about, it'd be great," said Binder.

Franky Stankiewicz, a friend of Binder's, has also been surfing for two years and travels to the local surf spot beside Springmaid Pier in Myrtle Beach "whenever there's a calling."

Stankiewicz recently returned from a summer trip to Hawaii, where he not only surfed, but attended a memorial service for his hero, Jimmie Hall.

Hall owned the Hawaii Shark Encounter Boat, and was a local member of the surf community there. He recently died in a base jumping accident, a dangerous feat he was very experienced in attempting.

"[Hall] ran from an exploding volcano and swam with sharks," said Stankiewicz, admirably. "I want to live more like Jimmie."

The junior Philadelphia-born student favors the daredevil sensations nature has to offer; however, he enjoys the "peaceful feeling" that surfing provides year-round.

Up until recently, surfing has been stereotypically a "guys' sport." Although women's surfing has made a big improvement on the professional level, surfer chicks are still struggling for local waves.

"Guys usually either tiptoe away from me or take all of my waves," said Claire Young of Laurien. "I don't know if the guys get mad or what. But there are not usually many girls out there to begin with."

Young started surfing her freshman year at CCU with her sister in Pawleys Island. The junior recreation sports management major continues to surf her 3'8" surfboard in Pawleys Island or at the popular 64th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach.

"[Surfing is] a lot of fun. If you are going to lie on the beach anyway, you might as well try it. I love it. It's a nice way to relax and get my mind off of track practice and school," said Young. "Now I just need to get more girls out there."

The growth of Myrtle Beach and the rapid expansion of CCU's population makes surfer Mark Allison happy.

"CCU is one of the best things about living in Myrtle Beach. It's bringing fresh-blood to our town," said Allison.

Allison is the owner of Surf City, a local surf shop that has been open for 30 years. In addition to taking six or more surf trips a year, shaping surfboards and operating two shop locations, the veteran surfer does his part by employing CCU students.

In addition, he offers his services through internships designed for students interested in Web-internet sales and marketing.

"I love CCU students. I believe that [the university] is a valuable asset to the community and I take advantage of that," said Allison, supportively.

According to Allison, with competitive surfers and soul-surfers alike, surfing is a "nice, healthy lifestyle." It is about surfing as an adrenaline rush and the ongoing search for the perfect wave.

The "simple life" of surfing is enjoyed from coast-to-coast and the art of it is present in and out of the water.

The local student surfing community will continue to grow in accord with the university, and the sport of surfing will remain one of CCU's most appealing features.
Student surveys
new local sports bar, ‘N’ Zone

Adam Lowder
For The Chanticleer

Just in time for college basketball season, University Commons is adding a new member. The “N” Zone (cleverly implying “End” Zone) is a brand new sports bar opening up across from Coastal Carolina University.

It is a rather impressive watering hole. It is spacious, with three pool tables and decorated with other various arcade games.

Their menu is petite for the time being, with only the bare essentials for a sports bar—namely wings, burgers and peanut butter and jelly.

It plans to grow over the next few weeks, with the owners just getting a taste of what CCU students might want their own sports pub to have.

“N” Zone prices are fair, their burgers are filling and full of flavor and smothered with the best fries in the area.

“N” Zone will offer a different deal for every day of the week. Some of their daily features include Sundays and Mondays as “Bucket of Beer” nights with five beers for $10.

Tuesday is “Burger and Bud” day where as suggested, a burger and a beer is $5. Wednesday night is “Martini Madness” and Saturday will of course be “Ladies Night”.

The regular beers on tap are $2.25, and “N” Zone features $2 vodka drinks all day, every day.

The deals and prices are still not the best part about the “N” Zone. Coming in the spring will be a personal bus for the bar that will give students a ride to and from University Commons.

This is a great advantage for freshmen as well as upperclassmen. With a bus service, upperclassmen who live near campus in Quail Creek, Quail Run or The Pines will be able to drink without driving, while freshmen will have a ride to watch the games on Sunday or just grab a bite without having to cross U.S. 501.

This trendy new bar will be making its grand opening on Dec. 7, the weekend before exams start. The “N” Zone could be the place to unwind before it is time to cram for exams.

Kristopher Graham is one of the many students who skateboard to and from classes on campus. Students also bike on campus, as there are bike racks located in front of nearly every building at CCU.

Skateboarding both a hobby and mode of transportation at CCU

Lauren Valery
For The Chanticleer

Ever find yourself rushing from the Wall building to the Kearns building? How about from Kimbel Library to the Edwards building?

As you pick up the pace on your feet trying not to be late for class, another student zips by on his skateboard with no worries of time in his head.

At Coastal Carolina University, skateboarding is both a sporting activity that many students engage in and an energy-efficient mode of transportation.

Skateboarders who live nearby have the luxury of not worrying about parking; those who live too far away to board to CCU, drive to campus and board between classes.

Skateboarding dates back to the 1960s. Starting out as just a platform with four wheels that entertained kids on a Saturday afternoon, the skateboard has evolved into a device that provides the rider with unlimited possibilities.

Senior Matt Hayes, who began skateboarding at age 8, skates not only around campus, but also at the Matt Hughes Skate Park in Myrtle Beach. He goes there to practice skate tricks as well as to just “mess around.”

Located on Oak Street near Myrtle Beach Elementary School, the Matt Hughes Skate Park offers the opportunity to get away from local streets and expand their skating abilities. The park consists of ramps, rails, quarter pipes and half pipes.

According to senior Geoff Lau, the park fills up at nighttime with mostly young people. The park is designed to allow skaters to take the amount of entertainment that a skateboard can provide them with access to a higher level of ability.
Volleyball team full of players with honors

Amanda Kelley
Photo Editor/Writer

The Chanticleer volleyball team finished the season with an overall losing record 15-17. Within their conference, they went 6-6. The ladies did make it to the Big South Tournament but ended the season in the semifinals with a 0-3 loss to Liberty University. This season’s team leaders were junior Brett Starbuck and sophomore Meagan Tracey. Starbuck became the only lady Chanticleer to have over 600 digs in a season with a total 607. Tracey led the team in assists with 1,320, placing her fifth in the all-time assist standings.

Three ladies achieved special honors this season. Sophomore Jill Nyhof was selected to the Big South All-Tournament. Freshman Megan Bickford received First Team All-Conference honors. Bickford was joined by freshman Chesly Kimes in the selection of the All-Freshman team. Coastal Carolina University is the only school to have two players on the team this year.

Amber White
Junior sprinter from Ladson

Everage Richardson, #34
Senior guard from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Kate Jasinski, #4
Freshman guard from Toledo, Ohio

Thomas Jordan
Freshman from Trafford, Pa.

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11/17 - VS. Charleston Southern, W 41-2
11/15 - VS. Radford University, W, 34-0
11/16 - VS. Liberty University, L 0-3

Men's Basketball
11/13 - VS. Campbell University, W 85-76
11/16 - VS. Cincinnati University, L 59-74
11/19 - VS. Wright State University, L 48-71
11/21 - VS. Anderson University, W 85-45
11/24 - VS. McNeese State University, CANCELED
11/26 - VS. Houston University, L 79-86

Women's Basketball
11/14 - VS. College of Charleston, W 59-58
11/17 - VS. Stetson University, W 63-46
11/20 - VS. South Carolina State, W 51-41
11/24 - VS. Southern Virginia, W 87-46
11/27 - VS. Campbell University, W 61-54

Men's Soccer
11/16 - VS. Radford University, L 3-1
11/7 - VS. Winthrop University, L 0-5

For more information about CCU sports and game schedules, visit www.goccusports.com
The Chanticleers began the 2007 season with the challenge of replacing 36 seniors. Among them was quarterback Tyler Thigpen, who was selected in the NFL Draft.

On the field, the season began with a tough loss at Delaware State. This was only the beginning of their troubles on the road as they finished 14 away from Brooks Stadium.

However, there was reason for optimism. The Chants had a record of 4-2 at home. This was also the site of the 100th victory for Head Coach Bennett.

Many of the newcomers stepped in and played well. Eric O’Neil and Keion Cunningham emerged as viable options. Quarterback Will Richardson finished with 13 touchdowns and seven interceptions, along with 1,500 yards; senior wide receiver Jerome Simpson had a strong finale.

Even though CCU suffered the first losing season in their five-year history, they managed to finish second in the Big South.

There were several close losses this season, but there seems to be plenty to build on heading into the 2008 campaign.

Most of this year’s roster will return, as the Chants will look to return to their previous status as an elite team. A more experienced team will hopefully lead to more success.

Looking ahead, next season will begin in Happy Valley against Pennsylvania State University. This will offer CCU a chance to see what it is capable of against one of the more prestigious programs in the country.

Overall, there is plenty of reason to be optimistic about what is to come for Chanticleer football.

The Chanticleer offense lines up against the Georgia Southern defense on Sept. 15. The Chanticleers ended the regular season with a 5-6 record.

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