Trip has personal, academic value for dean

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Staff Writer

Buenos Aires, Argentina is a city that has a unique quality of combining European-style elegance with the intangible vibrance of a Latin American city. The city has food, shopping, entertainment, people and design.

Dr. Henry Lowenstein, dean of E. Craig Wall St. College of Business Administration, serves on the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and they have three conferences that take place three times a year.

They meet twice in America and then there is one overseas meeting. Lowenstein got the privilege to go to Buenos Aires from Jan. 18-26.

While visiting the city, he got a chance to visit his grandmother’s old elementary school, which was founded in the 1800s and shut down around the 1930s.

In 1879, Buenos Aires was decimated by a terrible plague called yellow fever and half of the population was wiped out. During this time, Russia became anti-Semitic against all the Jews, so a man named Baron de Maurice Hirsch paid 3,000 Jews to resettle in Buenos Aires.

Lowenstein’s great grandfather was a descendent of the Russian Jews and his great grandmother was a school teacher. The whole family immigrated to America in 1912 when World War I began.

His grandmother’s school started out as a Dominican Convent and then later became an elementary school taught in French by nuns from Belgium.

This trip was important to Lowenstein, not only for academic reasons, but for personal reasons as well. Lowenstein was the first person in his family to visit where his grandmother grew up.

“Walking through the convent, I looked like a ghost because I got to experience a part of my grandmother’s past I thought I would never get a chance to do,” said Lowenstein.

In addition to visiting his grandmother’s elementary school, Lowenstein had the opportunity to experience Argentina’s culture. Since Buenos Aires is located below the southern hemisphere, they are in the midst of their summer season right now.

Argentina has a population of 40 million people; 12 million live in Buenos Aires. The country has abundant natural resources, such as lead, zinc and tin.

The citizens of Argentina do not have to worry about oil as much as Americans because they have their own oil wells. The price of gas is only around $1.78 a gallon compared to the average of around $3 a gallon in America.

Their biggest industry is raising cattle, which they use to sell beef and leather. A 16 oz. New York Strip steak only costs 93 pesos in Argentina, which roughly converts to about $12 in U.S. currency.

According to Lowenstein, Argentina has 35 universities and it is home to the only law school in South America. Right now, the universities are out for summer break. Their winter schedule is from July to November.

Buenos Aires is like living in New York except the locals are friendly. The locals love it if tourists try to speak Spanish with them, according to Lowenstein.

Lowenstein said Argentina may seem like a perfect country but it is not because there have been several government overthrows. Argentines have also been keeping up with the American presidential primaries, and most support Barack Obama.

As a result of the trip, Coastal Carolina University’s Wall College of Business has again earned reaccreditation by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This puts CCU into the top 10 percent of business schools around the world.

“Job creation is important for our students and the community we serve, especially during hard economic times,” said CCU President David A. DeCenzo.

Earning accreditation is a three to seven-year process in which a business school undergoes internal review, evaluation and adjustment. During this period, the school develops a plan to help meet all 21 AACSB required standards.

It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trappell, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB.

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For more pictures and cultural information of Buenos Aires, see page 11.
Students invited to show off musical talents

Music Through The Decades will be held on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. Music Through the Decades is exactly what it says, CCU’s own students and faculty performing the hottest songs from the eras between the 1960s to the present. This will be a Grammy style show so students should come out and show their faces. Any students who have a vocal or instrumental talent, are encouraged to share it with the world and sign up. All songs performed will be between the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Any students who are interested in performing can sign up on the sheets that are available at the front desk in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership and in Student Center 206D. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 21.

Free tax help from the Wall College is now available for students

If your refund last year was direct deposited into a bank account, bring proof of the account, such as a voided check. No VITA hours will be held during spring break, March 14–21. For more information, call 349-2574.

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Fridays 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

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In Volume 44, Issue 14 of The Chanticleer, President DeCenzo was quoted as saying he recently “spent three days in Charlotte, N.C., for the Dean of Edwards interviews.” The president was actually in Charlotte for the Dean of Education interviews.
English department proposes revision to core curriculum

Last year, the core curriculum was passed with only one English class required. The English department recently proposed to add another English class back into the core.

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A proposal was written to add three credits to the new core, with the leadership of Dr. Du Ennis, chair of the English Department. The Core Curriculum Committee wrote a new core last year that will be implemented in the 2008-2009 catalog.

Ennis said this proposal was written because there are some professors on campus who believe that Coastal Carolina University is doing the students a disservice by only having students take one writing class.

"The value of their [students'] degree is diminished when such a small part of the core is dedicated to writing," said Ennis.

The proposal that is in the progress of being approved will add a three credit-hour English class in addition to the English 101 Composition class already in place. The class would be in the form of English 102 Composition and Writing or English 211 Introduction to Technical and Professional Writing.

The class will be added to the core, so students will either have to take an additional three credits in order to graduate or they will have one less elective to take.

Some of the faculty is concerned about adding hours to the core because there are majors that are very structured and will be hard to add extra classes to, said Ennis.

According to the proposal, while the core was being written, the Department of English was relying heavily on part-time faculty which is why the idea of a Core Goal 1A and Goal 1B were created. English 101 was kept under Goal 1A, while Goal 1B was created to contain "Communication Intensive" classes.

The proposal also includes a list of CCU peer and aspirant institutions. CCU is the only institution on the list that does not require at least two classes of English or another form of writing class.

The process in order to have this proposal approved can take months, according to Ennis. The 2008-2009 catalog is getting ready to be printed, so Ennis feels they have to have the proposal approved by next month.

The Academic Affairs Committee must first approve the proposal, followed by the Core Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate. Once they have approved the proposal, Provost Robert Sheehan will get to approve or reject it.

Ennis said students are represented at faculty senate, but they can also go through Student Government Association or through Academic Affairs representatives if they have concerns about issues on campus involving academics.

"We're back to where we should have been all along," said Dr. David Evans, chair of Faculty Senate.

Illustration by Yaw Odom

Science Building renovations update

Last semester the Smith Cathcart Science Center was determined "sick" and was approved for renovations. Michael Roberts, dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, and Dr. Louis Keiner will attend a conference at the end of the month to learn how to design appropriate spaces for science education. When the men return, the plans for the annex will be created. "The annex should be completed in the fall of 2009, and the renovations to Smith should then be completed the following fall of 2010," said Roberts. The projected completion dates do not factor in any setbacks.
CRIME LOG

FEB. 9
Vehicle fire
CCU DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a vehicle on fire. The CCU DPS officers contained the fire until the fire department arrived and extinguished the flames. One vehicle next to the burning vehicle was damaged by the heat.

FEB. 9
Suspicious person, unlawful possession of a spring-loaded weapon, resisting arrest
CCU DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a person with a gun on the breezeway. Officers observed a subject matching the description of the subject on the breezeway when they arrived. The subject was ordered down and as the officers approached they saw a weapon fall from the subject’s waistband. The subject resisted the officer’s arrest attempts until warned of the possible use of pepper spray. The weapon was identified as a BB-gun. The subject was arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

FEB. 9
Brush fire
CCU DPS officers responded to a report of a fire at University Place in the grass between two buildings. The fire was contained and put out by the fire department.

FEB. 10
Malicious damage to state property
An unnamed student reported to CCU DPS that someone had removed a drinking fountain from the wall in Santee Hall. Residence life was contacted and reported that they already knew about the damage.

FEB. 12
Malicious damage to real property, interference with an alarm
CCU DPS officers responded to Waccamaw Hall in reference to a disturbance. The officers found damage in Waccamaw Hall and obtained a description of a possible subject. The officers attempted to locate the subject and gathered evidence. The subject was located and identified. The subject was given citations and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

BUSINESS ADVICE

‘Merger-mania’ sweeps the nation

Microsoft’s $44.6 billion offer to buy Internet search engine Yahoo! on Feb. 1 made headlines across the country. Executives at Yahoo! have not yet formally accepted or declined the offer.

According to The New York Times, Microsoft’s rival, Google, has publicly stated that the deal would impede competition in the realm of Internet search.

The proposed deal is just one of many that have spotted the business landscape over the past few years, a phenomenon Wall Street is calling “merger-mania.”

Forbes.com reports that despite the increase in activity among mergers and acquisitions in recent years, activity in 2008 is beginning to decline.

Yet it is worth commenting on recent deals, particularly because of the impact they may have on the future of American businesses.

Here are three of the most recent major deals:

1. Cerberus Capital Management, a private equity firm, acquired 80 percent of automaker Chrysler in May 2007 for $7.4 billion, according to MSNBC.com.

2. The deal is largely being viewed as a positive one for Chrysler, due to the fact that privately held automakers are usually more able to focus on quality than those that are publicly held.

3. Former Home Depot CEO Robert Nardelli was later named CEO of Cerberus’ Chrysler division.

4. The Blackstone Group, another private equity firm, acquired Hilton hotels in October 2007 for $20 billion, according to Forbes.com.

Blackstone plans to make Hilton more profitable in a very competitive market by adding the company to its extensive portfolio of real estate holdings.

> Bank of America agreed on Jan. 11 to acquire Countrywide Financial, the nation’s largest home mortgage lender, for around $4 billion, according to Bloomberg.com.

The deal is being viewed with skepticism, due to Bank of America’s already behemoth size and Countrywide’s vast exposure to subprime loan portfolios.

As with any M&A deal, the key strategy is reallocating capital in a way that will be more efficient, and thus more profitable.

Yet as history has shown, some deals are successful and some aren’t. As for these three, only time will tell.
Director strives to maintain quality of health

Jesse Edwards  
Staff Writer

Almost every day, someone at Coastal Carolina University gets sick. Rather than going out of their way to go to a local hospital or clinic, students may prefer to use Student Health Services.

Health Services has been giving students efficient medical treatment since its inception in July 2006 when it was adopted by CCU’s Division of Student Affairs.

According to Caesar Ross III, director of Student Health Services, “The transition from a Conway Medical Center-based practice to a university-operated practice has occurred with some unique challenges, but the transition has been overwhelmingly welcomed by the Coastal community.”

The staff who works at Student Health Services consists of two part-time medical doctors, two full-time nurse practitioners, two full-time nurses, one part-time nurse, two medical records specialists, one immunization compliance coordinator/administrative assistant and one pharmacy consultant; all of these staff members are led by Ross.

“There has and continues to be many windows of opportunities to build an operation, utilizing staff with a strong commitment to quality patient care and a willingness to maintain a high level of service,” said Ross.

However, some students at this university feel that Student Health Services seems to not want to give medical attention to those in need.

“When I went there because of a slightly fractured ankle, they did not seem interested in performing an examination and they even sent me to another facility,” said Amanda Pasha, a sophomore special education major.

Pasha said she heard complaints from other students as well, but according to health services, most patients rate their overall experience there as excellent or good.

“I would encourage students to go there,” said Pasha.

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with any apprehension about utilizing our services to call me or schedule an appointment to meet with me,” said Ross.

Ross hopes those who think Student Health Services does not work will make a complaint in person.

Recently, Student Health Services had two successful flu clinics in Waccamaw Hall. This flu season, over 90 students have been vaccinated by Student Health Services.

Even with Counseling Services situated right next to Student Health Services, students might feel that the two practices are completely different.

This is not true, according to Ross. “Although we are two separate departments, SHS works together with Counseling Services to insure a seamless transition, from one service to the other, for those students seeking both medical and counseling services,” said Ross.

Ross said Student Health Services' main goal is “fostering academic success and lifelong learning by promoting health and wellness.”

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Throughout history, there have been many different ways of settling arguments: the coin toss, the race, the fist fight. The most frequently used form of decision-making is to use rock-paper-scissors.

These three words have more power than an Eli Manning pass, but which weapon is supreme? Personally, I’m going to have to go with rock.

Scissors might be your first choice right? Yeah, scissors are pretty good, but if it rains, your scissors will rust and become weak under the power of the all-mighty rock.

Maybe you opt for paper, in which case all you have done is cover my rock. You haven’t stopped it from being able to smash things. You’ve stopped it from looking like a rock. Stand there and tell me my rock, while covered in paper, won’t shatter a car window.

When you’re done being mystified as to why a paper-covered rock was capable of such a feat, perhaps then you will understand why rock is what the New England Patriots are not: unbeatable.

The weak spot – the first target for any player who wishes to play the game with ease and efficiency. That’s the reason that choosing paper as your weapon of choice spells success in the game of paper-rock-scissors.

But why paper? Doesn’t this strategy seem fruitless and futile? Think not. The key to paper is assessing your opponent’s weak spot.

But how does it work? A true player knows that the opponent has preferences and these preferences show up time in and time out.

A new player to this old game will throw rock first. Bingo. You’ve won. A seasoned opponent to this simple sport will throw scissors first. Ouch. You’ve lost.

But have you? Now you know your opponent has potential – and preference. And that preference is scissors.

Use this preference against your rival – remembering that scissors will be thrown in times of duress. Don’t delay to demean your adversary with a quick rock when you know scissors is coming.

But use paper to keep them honest when they’re getting overconfident. And besides, what do you think this article was printed on? Yep, you guessed it.

Today we will talk about probability. The chances of winning a game of rock, paper, scissors is 1 in 3. This means that the rock, the paper and the scissors are all of equal weight. Would anyone disagree?
Play addresses the lives of depressed, suicidal clowns

Kimberly Daniel
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s Theater Department will perform the original play “Angry Gods and Lost Marbles” beginning Feb. 21 through March 3 in the Edwards Black Box Theater.

Set in the “fun house of the mind,” said director Paoli Lacy, this dark clown play follows the relationship of two clowns whose lives are affected when capricious gods attack and cause one clown to lose her marbles and become suicidal.

“Angry Gods and Lost Marbles” was originally conceived by Lacy and CCU Theater Department Chair, Ken Martin. It was inspired by the true story of a maniacal, depressive clown and the effects that its treatments and stigma has on relationships.

“It is a darkness that might make the possible seem unlikely to most people. But clowns use comic physicality to face what is too scary, too confusing and too ingrained to otherwise think about,” said Lacy. Martin calls this piece “different” because of the style, physicality, originality and the fact that Myrtle Beach currently lacks any play of its kind.

This play rarely has dialogue but instead has a story that is portrayed through the physicality of the masked gods and clowns, the live music and acrobatic nature.

CCU is the first location for a full production of “Angry Gods and Lost Marbles.” It was first developed in March 2006 and has since had a small production as a part of the “Women on the Way Festival” in January 2007, a read through at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco and has been nominated for an Izzie Award.

Martin hopes that this performance will tell a story that people will understand.

Though many people think clowns are for children, Lacy assures that this piece is not for kids who aren’t aware of bipolar depression and suicide.

“It has been my privilege during the development and performances of ‘Angry Gods and Lost Marbles’ to struggle myself with what it is that is funny and redeeming about suicidal depression, and to provide an opportunity for artists and audience members to willingly identify with the deep struggles of others, face ones they have pretended were not their own, and hear gales of laughter released by playing with stigmatized rules,” said Lacy.

Performances will be held in the Edwards Black Box Theater in the College of Liberal Arts Building in the following times:

- Thursday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 23, 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 1, 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Professor combines technology, education

Claire Arambula
News Editor

She was on a Fulbright Scholarship living in Ecuador for the purpose of studying the language of the Andes, Quechua, when it happened — the little incident that would change her outlook on life forever.

Dr. Pamela Martin was with her host family working in the fields and pulling wool off of llamas when she heard the singing of old women.

“They were collecting as much wood on their backs as an ox cart could carry, and some of them were even missing toes,” remembered Martin.

To see the women devoted to their hard labor, yet smiling for the sake of being alive, “That was a true lesson on life.”

Ecuador is not the only overseas adventure that has shaped Martin’s life.

Martin backpacked across Europe several times, studied at international universities and attended conferences in Eastern and Western Europe and Latin America. Her research includes politics, oil conservation and the rainforests of Ecuador.

Martin, an assistant professor of politics and international relations at Coastal Carolina University, earned the 2008 Deborah Gerner Innovative Teaching in International Studies Award for her effective teaching tactics, which include the use of modern communication technology.

Martin was nominated, for the award by Palmetto Professor of Politics and Geography Dr. Richard Collins, and was the first-ever professor to receive this prestigious honor.

“I am thrilled to have gotten [the award],” said Martin. “Teaching is priority. There is nothing better than connecting with the world. We can’t fly. So we’ll go virtually. There is no reason why not. It opens the walls to the world.”

Martin began teaching at CCU part time in 1999. The Jersey girl chose to teach at CCU in “an unconventional manner.”

During winter break, while teaching in Ecuador at La Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Martin returned home to Pawleys Island to visit her mother. On this visit Martin met her future husband, Bill, and never went back to her position in Ecuador, making CCU her No. 1 choice.

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Food pick: Max and Erma’s sets an inviting mood

Kyle Drapeau
Staff Writer

Though I’m not accustomed to restaurant reviews, I have done enough critical articles that I felt comfortable stepping outside of my boundaries and trying one. Since I’d never been to Max & Erma’s before, I felt I had no bias and could give an honest opinion. So here it is: Max & Erma’s is one of the best restaurants I’ve ever entered.

Right when I entered, the hostesses greeted me and took me to a table. As we were walking, I noted the overall cleanliness of the establishment. Nothing looked dirty or smudged, which was impressive. There were guitars and pictures of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones on the walls, as well as a montage of country music legends.

My friend and I barely had time to sit down before our server greeted us and immediately took our drink orders. I drank my soda pretty quickly, but it makes me very happy to say that the only negative thing I have to say about Max & Erma’s was that their cups were too small.

We ordered an appetizer first, one that consisted of four potato skins with cheese, two sticks with four fried cheese cubes on them and four chicken fingers, as well as three kinds of dipping sauces.

One of my favorite things about the restaurant was the food presentation. There are places that just slap the food on the plate and call it a meal. Max & Erma’s actually cares. The appetizer was perfectly arranged, right down to the lettuce underneath the items.

After that, we ordered our entrees. My friend ordered the Stacked Shrimp Salad, which resembled the ratatouille that Remy made in the movie by the same name. It sat about 4 inches high. I ordered the Caribbean Chicken with rice and broccoli, as well as a cup of Tortilla Soup because everyone told me to try it.

Let me return once again to the matter of presentation. Everything was situated perfectly on my plate. Nothing touched, it all looked well-cooked and the plate was triangular, which I’ve never seen before so that was cool, too.

First off, good call on the soup everyone. It was phenomenal. Imag-
The Jackson Center for Ethics and Values at Coastal Carolina University inducted the new class of Jackson Scholars on Feb. 7. The induction ceremony took place after the Jackson Center's Board of Directors meeting. This was the first time the Jackson Scholars have had an official induction ceremony since the program's inception in 2004. The previous two classes of Jackson Scholars were invited to attend and sign their names in the Jackson Scholar log. Pictured above is the 2008 Class of Jackson Scholars: Sarah Heishman (from left), a marine science and biology double major; Tarrah Casey, a communication major and journalism minor; Perry Helton, a sociology major and philosophy minor; Sonila Merkouri, an accounting major; and Harry Cramer, a math major and philosophy minor. The 2006 class of Jackson Scholars (not pictured) include Marisa Mitzner, Zeb Brown, Tobias Banks, Amanda Price and Jessica Griggs. All of these scholars except Jessica Griggs attended the induction ceremony.
Above left: The Garden of Japan is a park across from the Japanese Embassy in Buenos Aires that was given to the city by the Government of Japan in 1960. The lake is full of koi fish.

Above: The Casa Rosada, or Presidential Palace, that was made famous by the play and movie "Evita." The balcony on the second floor to the right is where the President of Argentina comes out to make speeches and, in the play, where Evita does her farewell speech, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina."

Left: A street in the historic district of Buenos Aires. The obelisk in the background is similar to that found in Paris.
Fashion show promotes student self-expression

Jessica M. Green  
Staff Writer

The setup included flashing red lights and a white aisle lined with tulle. Models stood behind a screen, their shadows giving the audience a glance at what was to come.

An alarm sounded and the pulsing beat of Beyoncé’s “Ring the Alarm” began to play. The first models began to rip the runway as Wheelwright Auditorium transformed into a fashion showcase.

With eight distinct scenes, the Coastal Productions Board’s Annual Fashion Show took place on Saturday, Feb. 9. Chic, Urban, Sportswear, Outerwear, Throwback, Formal, Night Out and Express Yourself were the scenes which students dressed in to strut their stuff out on the runway.

Special surprises and themed fashion styles kept the audience on their toes as they anticipated what was next.

“I chose to be in the fashion show because I thought that it was a positive idea to promote body awareness and to promote a confidence and love for all shapes, sizes and colors,” said Jasymne Lynne Reaves, a freshman marine science major.

The crowd was pumped up with a classic “C-I-N-O” (Coastal Is Number One!) cheer right before the Sportswear category, in which the Chanticleer mascot made a special appearance.

The Throwback category represented the styles of 1971 and had the models wearing afros and doing the Robot.

“My favorite part of the fashion show was the throwback scene,” said Thurston VonKeith Polite, a senior psychology major. “It is easy to pull off modern style because it is constantly in our face.”

Popular music, along with some choice hit classics, accompanied the models down the runway, and all the songs fit the theme well.

Elliot Yamin’s “I Will Wait For You” played during the Formal category; Lloyd’s “Get It Shawty” jammed during the Chic category; and Lil’ Bow Wow’s “Basketball” played during the Sportswear category.

With their witty antics, impersonations and humor, CCU’s The Uncastables, an improvisation group, performed during a brief intermission. Their entertaining skits kept the audience laughing, especially their finale, a spoof on the Bravo reality show “Project Runway.”

Two audience members were called onto the stage and were then dressed in an array of fabric. They walked down the runway, and then faced judgment by “Michael Kors,” “Nina Garcia” and “Heidi Klum” or, in actuality, three members of The Uncastables who were impersonating the three television show judges.

To finish up the night, the CCU models expressed themselves with clothes that showed their own personal style.

“My favorite part of the show was the Express Yourself scene where everyone was able to showcase their own particular styles. Plus I was able to show off my crazy new purple boots!” said Reaves.

Relay for Life representatives also took the stage in signature purple and white attire, tossing T-shirts into the crowd during the Express Yourself segment.

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A community is something all students and faculty on Coastal Carolina University’s campus share. Having a stronger and united community can benefit the area and may make it a more pleasant place to live.

CCU’s own Psychology Club takes pride in its community and is very goal-oriented in improving it.

Recently started, the Psychology Club members are already conjuring up plans to contribute to the neighborhood. The decent quantity of members, about 30, seems excited about the start of the club.

“It looks pretty promising this semester. We have a lot of community service ideas,” said co-president of the club Staci Aiken.

The club bases itself on learning to be responsible for the community.

Youth in the community seems to be an interest in the club. Co-president Melissa Swartzmiller works at a local shelter home.

This gives the club the chance to spend time with children in the shelter. Organizing a skating trip or having a barbecue are just a couple of options available to give the children an enjoyable time.

Not only will the club be working at the shelter, but arrangements to participate at Tara Hall for Boys in Georgetown are anticipated as well. The boys have been temporarily given up by their families due to their aggressive behavior.

Eager to do something to help, the club wants to play basketball and have pizza with this young group of boys.

Habitat for Humanity is another expected community service project for the club to partake in.

“We will be making a good difference in the community,” said club secretary Brittany Browder.

The club is not just padding their resume with good deeds, but rather they are doing it to improve our community while socializing with people who share similar interests.

The club has a few things in store for themselves, as well. Members hope that psychology-related movie nights and a trip to the Columbia Riverside Zoo will take place soon.

Also, since the club has many psychology majors and minors, various speakers will be invited to meetings to help members learn more about possible jobs in the psychology field. However, students do not have to be psychology majors or minors to join. Students who would like to meet a group of people are welcome, regardless of major.

“It is beneficial to students to hang out with thinking people,” said club adviser Dr. Bernard Albiniaik.

Sophomore Darrielle Joe added, “I joined because I’m a psychology major and I wanted to get involved. I’m a transfer student and I needed some networking.”
LEXY NARDALI is a junior political science and Spanish double major and international studies minor at CCU. She is an advisee of Martin’s and a student worker for the politics and theater departments. Nardali also is a part of the Model UN program, and travels annually with Martin to Atlanta.

“Martin is one of the best professors at Coastal. She is a great role model because she is so successful at everything she does, and she does so many things,” said Nardali.

Martin is always incorporating technology into her classes.

“She’s all about it,” Nardali said. “She involves her students and puts things in terms you can understand. And you want to know what she has to say. She definitely deserves the teaching award.”

In addition to Martin’s teaching successes, Martin’s personality also makes her a very likeable person.

“In sports,” explained Collin, “people like Pam are called ‘play makers.’ She swept through the department like a friendly hurricane, generating ideas, projects, enthusiasm and good humor. She is fun to have as a colleague although I’m tempted to hide behind my desk when she sails into my office because she keeps dreaming up projects for me to do.”

“She’s so funny,” laughed Nardali. “But she really knows what she’s doing.”

Despite the fact that people around her find her to be flawless, Martin will be the first to admit that although she is “very bad at hiding feelings,” she definitely has one little secret.

“I’m really short,” said Martin. “But you would never know it because I wear heels and refuse to wear flat shoes.”

“It’s true,” confirmed Nardali, “even when she’s pregnant she never wears flat shoes.”

As far as teaching goes, Martin promotes firsthand experience and encourages students to take the first step.

“I think the single most enriching experience is global travel. CCU students fear they’ll find something out about themselves. And they will. But it’ll all be good. They need to take advantage of opportunities and the time of their lives they are in. Everyone comes back happier,” said Martin.

Martin plans on returning to Ecuador in the near future, on a Fulbright Scholarship, to continue her studies.

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Leyla Nardali is a junior political science and Spanish double major and international studies minor at CCU. She is an advisee of Martin’s and a student worker for the politics and theater departments. Nardali also is a part of the Model UN program, and travels annually with Martin to Atlanta.

“Martin is one of the best professors at Coastal. She is a great role model because she is so successful at everything she does, and she does so many things,” said Nardali.

Martin is always incorporating technology into her classes.

“She’s all about it,” Nardali said. "She involves her students and puts things in terms you can understand. And you want to know what she has to say. She definitely deserves the teaching award.”

In addition to Martin’s teaching successes, Martin’s personality also makes her a very likeable person.

“In sports,” explained Collin, “people like Pam are called ‘play makers.’ She swept through the department like a friendly hurricane, generating ideas, projects, enthusiasm and good humor. She is fun to have as a colleague although I’m tempted to hide behind my desk when she sails into my office because she keeps dreaming up projects for me to do.”

“She’s so funny,” laughed Nardali. “But she really knows what she’s doing.”

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CD REVIEW: John Legend is live

Raytevia Evans
Features Editor

Combining the brilliant work of his first two albums, “Get Lifted” and “Once Again,” John Legend recently dropped his third album, “Live From Philadelphia.”

The new album emphasizes Legend’s unique style and it also highlights his talented band.

Legend continues through the album, performing some of his hottest hits from his two albums including “Number One,” “Save Room,” “I Can Change” and the ultimately famous and enjoyable “Ordinary People.” These tracks along with a few others stayed on the top of the charts from the moment they were released.

On the album, Legend also does a duet with the Grammy nominee Corinne Bailey Rae. The track is called “Where Is The Love?” and the two artists’ voices intertwine in perfect harmony, contributing something new to the unique lyrics and smooth beat. Even though there aren’t many words to this song, it is one of the most memorable tracks on the album.

As the album continues, Legend performs some of his fans’ favorite tracks such as “Slow Dance” and “So High.”

Legend’s album “Live From Philadelphia,” is a must-have and is guaranteed to stay in constant rotation in the vehicles of his many fans.

Track List
1. “Do U Wanna Ride”
2. “Heaven”
3. “Stereo”
4. “Let’s Get Lifted”
5. “Alright”
6. “Number One”
7. “Save Room”
8. “Where Is The Love?”
9. “I Can Change”
10. “I Want You (She’s So Heavy)”
11. “Slow Dance”
12. “Dance To The Music”
13. “Again”
14. “PDA (We Just Don’t Care)”
15. “Used To Love U”
16. “Ordinary People”
17. “Coming Home”
18. “Show Me” (Encore)
19. “So High” (Encore)

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Democratic presidential hopeful
2. Wrote Gettysburg Address
5. 1st president
6. Civil War general
7. Republican presidential hopeful
8. Movie star turned president
9. Face is on the nickel
10. Vacuum cleaners, dam, e.g.
11. Watergate
12. Also a Sesame Street character

DOWN
2. Wrote Gettysburg Address
3. “I did not have…”
4. Teddy bears originated from his name
11. Watergate
12. Also a Sesame Street character

What’s new this week

MOVIES
• “Be Kind, Rewind” - Jack Black, Mos Def
• “Charlie Bartlett” - Anton Yelchin, Robert Downey, Jr.
• “Vantage Point” - Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker, William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver
• “Witless Protection” - Larry the Cable Guy

MUSIC
• Chris Cagle - “My Life’s Been A Country Song”
• Secondhand Serenade - “A Twist In My Story”
• B. B. King - “Live”
• Jack Kerouac - “Poetry for the Beat Generation” (audio CD)
Here’s the scenario: Hundreds of resumes have been sent out, you’ve been to several interviews that appeared to be successful, yet you still have no job offer to speak of.

In the highly competitive job market, especially for college students who are graduating at the same time with similar degrees, how can one gain an advantage over equally qualified candidates?

“The No. 1 tip for a successful interview is preparation,” said Mollie Fout, director of Coastal Carolina University’s Career Services.

Preparation consists of wearing the usual professional business attire, refraining from wearing any fragrances or excessively flashy jewelry and arriving at the interview site early and researching the company before the interview is conducted.

However, Fout also said that “students should ask what the format of the interview will be. How many resume copies should be brought?”

“I had to take a test before my interview with Richland County. I was offered the job, but if I had known I wouldn’t have been so stressed after taking it,” CCU alumnus Patrick Taurman said.

One should “never ask about salary or compensation packages (benefits) during the first interview,” Fout said. It is, however, prudent to prepare questions for the interview.

Examples of questions to ask are: Why is the position open? Does the company typically promote from within? How often are employees evaluated?

One of the biggest differences between being a full-time student and having a full-time job is no summer vacation, no winter break and certainly no spring break. Vacation time is earned, is not guaranteed and varies from company to company.

Fout advised that an employee should let his or her employer know in advance if a prior commitment has been made for a certain time period.

The Career Services Center helps to build resumes and cover letters, but also offers mock interviews so students can practice before they go in for their first “real world” interview.

The mock interviews are treated as if they are real and are video taped; students should dress professionally and bring resumes.

At the end of the interview, the career counselor will give a critique of the performance from the way questions are answered to the way the student dresses.

It’s important to get an advantage over equally qualified competitors. It is courteous to thank the interviewer for their time with a handwritten thank you card sent through the mail within 24 to 36 hours. If getting to the post office is too hard, at least send an e-mail that same night.

Editor’s tips for job interviews:
> The best smell is no smell!
> Dress one level up from the job you are applying for.
> Take a sample of your work (if applicable) with you, just in case.
> Have a spare cover letter, resume and references with you.
> Don’t be afraid to be yourself. More and more companies nowadays hire new employees based on personality. They can teach you the skills they need you to perform, but they can’t teach you great character.
> Shake hands firmly at the beginning and end of the interview. Don’t be intimidated by anyone.
> Try to have fun!
New intramural competition comes with the new year

Adam Lowder
For The Chanticleer

Phase II of Coastal Carolina University’s intramurals kicks off the year with its most popular sport: basketball.

Organizers and players alike are looking forward to another season of intense competition.

“Basketball has always had the most people participate, it’s all about fun,” said Jake Rosiek, student and event coordinator.

This is Rosiek’s fourth year in charge of intramurals for Campus Recreation. He was surprised with this year’s turnout of teams, with a total number of 65 men’s, women’s and co-ed teams.

“The greatest part about Coastal’s intramural leagues,” Rosiek said, “is the competitive nature and atmosphere it brings.”

Rosiek has been around to see many great games.

“Some of the competition in A-league is even better than some high school varsity teams,” said Rosiek.

The intense competition is one reason the campus recreation department plans to again televise the March 11 intramural basketball championship.

Last year, the championship game between the Bodysnatchers and TakeOver Productions was taped for broadcast on CCU’s cable-access show Coastal Today in Kinbel Arena. About 300 spectators attended last year to support the teams.

“It makes for a great atmosphere when there is a turnover of that magnitude,” Rosiek said, adding that such a high level of participation is particularly impressive for a student-run and student-organized event.

From the players and scorekeepers to the supervisors, announcers and referees, students ran the show - something Rosiek plans to continue in 2008, adding halftime interviews and possibly a sideline reporter.

Rosiek said he and his committee hear plenty of hype and smack talk about team standings, so to verify who is really leading the league they keep up-to-date statistics and power rankings (similar to the ESPN Power Rankings). These rankings can be found on the campus recreation Web site at www.coastal.edu/IM.

The deadline to sign up for the regular intramural basketball teams has passed, but students interested in playing this spring may still have another chance to do so.

South Carolina’s Palmetto Slam, an annual basketball tournament for registered intramural teams that has entries from schools all over South Carolina begins play on March 1.

CCU plans to hold its own tournament on campus; the second annual Coastal Slam begins Feb. 15 and 16 and the winning team will receive paid entry to the Palmetto Classic.

The Coastal Slam will also include an all-star selection and game, along with a 3-point shootout and slam dunk contest.

Anyone can register a team to play: for more information, visit the front desk at the recreation center.

For those who aren’t big basketball jockeys, Phase II also features other intramural sports.

Registration for softball (co-ed or regular), dodgeball and indoor soccer (co-ed or regular) runs Feb. 28 and March 7. Registration ends the day before spring break, and play will resume the day after break is over.

Rosiek added that the recreation department is always looking for help with other intramural sports for the 2008 season. Students interested in paid positions on the intramurals staff should contact Rosiek at IMports@coastal.edu.
Coastal announces the football 2008 schedule

CCU Athletic Media Relations

The Coastal Carolina University football team will open next year against Penn State in University Park, Pa., Aug. 30, as the 2008 schedule was announced recently. The contest will mark the first time the Chanticleers face a team in the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

CCU will host six home contests in the confines of Brooks Stadium, where the Chanticleers have posted a 23-7 (.766) record over the program's six seasons. The game times for all of CCU's 12 games in 2008 have not yet been announced.

CCU will open the season on the road for the fourth time in the past five years. The Tar Heel state will return to a tradition with a game at Big South foe Gardner-Webb on Nov. 8 and future league member Presbyterian on Nov. 15. CCU will close the regular season at home hosting Charleston Southern on Nov. 22 in Big South action.

2008 football schedule:

Aug. 30 at Pennsylvania State University
Sept. 6 vs. Colgate University
Sept. 13 at Monmouth University
Sept. 20 vs. Towson University
Sept. 27 at North Carolina A&T University
Oct. 4 vs. Liberty University
Oct. 11 at Virginia Military Institute
Oct. 18 vs. North Carolina Central University
Oct. 25 vs. Stony Brook University
Nov. 1 Open
Nov. 8 at Gardner-Webb University
Nov. 15 vs. Presbyterian
Nov. 22 vs. Charleston Southern University

The Chanticleers will kick off the Big South Conference season at home against the defending league champion Liberty University on Oct. 4. The Chants will host back-to-back home games against North Carolina Central on Oct. 18 and new league member Stony Brook on Oct. 25 before the team's opening week.

CCU will return to action with away games at Big South opponent Gardner-Webb on Nov. 8 and future league member Presbyterian on Nov. 15. CCU will wrap the season at home hosting Charleston Southern on Nov. 22 in Big South action.

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