Parents of CCU students will soon have the choice of being given their own e-mail addresses and passwords.

CCU parents gain access through personal e-mail, login username

Megan Perrault
For The Chanticleer

To eliminate some of the hassle of paying college bills, Coastal Carolina University will soon implement a new parent e-mail and payment login so parents can access information on current billing issues, as well as make payments.

“We are providing the ability to access accounts for payment and also providing e-mail addresses for parents to remind them of important payment dates,” said Brian A. Kramer from the Bursar’s Office, one of the individuals working on this new technological tool.

Students will choose whether their parents can have access. Those who choose to use the parent e-mail and payment plan will no longer have to give their parents their login IDs and passwords in order for them to make payments.

This option is designed for students who are still financially dependent on their parents but at the same time, to do not feel comfortable giving out their passwords.

When parents sign in under their login, they will receive e-mails updating them about payment dates and different things going on in the Bursar’s Office related to the student’s financial account. Parents will also be able to make payments under their own logins.

For the 10 to 20 percent of students who don’t have parents listed in their relationship information, the Registrar’s Office will have forms for students to update their information so their parents can gain access.

“We are mostly doing this because of customer focus. We want to support our students while working within the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act,” Kramer said. “This issue has also been brought up by parents at freshman orientation many times.”

According to cashier Annie Johnson, students and parents can expect this new plan to be available on April 21.

The Bursar’s Office will send e-mails to all students in the weeks prior to this date, and they will also set up sign-up booths on campus.

Students who are too busy to get to any of these booths can register via WebAdvisor.

After logging in, students will enter parent information, then check boxes to verify they want their parents to receive e-mails; parents will then receive e-mail messages with set-up instructions.

High gas prices teach students to ‘cut back’ more

Kevin Hanes
Staff Writer

Drivers out on the open road should be ready to open their wallets because gas prices are gearing up to hit overwhelming prices.

Gas prices are accelerating because of the new trading records of crude oil. The cost of oil during the second week of March was about $109.72 per barrel.

Many analysts even believe prices of oil may hit $120 a barrel or higher.

With the demand of gas and now with warmer weather heating this way, analysts say gas prices could peak at $3.75 a gallon.

“Over 10 years ago in March of 1998 the price of a barrel of oil was about $15 and now it is over $100, which is amazing,” said Dr. Donald Schunk, Coastal Carolina University’s research economist and lecturer.

The soaring gas prices are only making it worse for consumers right now with the downturn of the housing market and food prices rising.

According to Schunk, the solid explanations for why oil has gotten so expensive:

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**Nominations for student, organization awards now open**

Chris Donevant-Haines  
*For The Chanticleer*

The nomination forms for the OSAL Leadership and Involvement Awards are now available in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership and on the OSAL Web site under “Awards.”

The awards ceremony will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. The deadline to submit nominations is April 4 at 5 p.m. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

Awards include Student Leader of the Year; Outstanding Organization of the Year; Outstanding Sports Club of the Year; Outstanding OSAL Stipend Organization of the Year; Student Organization Adviser of the Year; Rising Student Leader Award; Diversity Program Award; Bell Tower Award; Community Service Award; Chanticleer Spirit Award; Unsung Hero Award; Chanticleer Hatchling Award; Outstanding Program of the Year; and Outstanding Organization President.

Nomination forms are available online at www.coastal.edu/osal/awards.

For more information: contact Chris Donevant-Haines in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

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**Haven Hart named to student affairs position**

*For The Chanticleer*

Haven Hart has been named acting assistant vice president for student affairs at Coastal Carolina University.

Her primary responsibilities include coordinating the judicial system and managing responses to student conduct issues, as well as providing supervision and leadership for student programs such as Greek life, student government and campus programming.

Hart joined CCU’s staff in 2006 as special projects coordinator. She was dean of students at Converse College from 1995 to 2005, and she was assistant director of student organizations and leadership at the University of Alabama. Hart earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education in 1988 and a master’s degree in counseling and guidance services in 1990, both from Clemson University.

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**CORRECTIONS**

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

In Volume 45, Issue 3 of The Chanticleer, in the article titled “CCU coach to initiate a new basketball tradition,” Clemson University was labeled as winning a Southeastern championship and Auburn University was labeled as winning the Atlantic Coast Conference championship. Clemson is in the ACC and Auburn is in the SEC.
NEWS

Student body selects next year's officers

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

The Coastal Carolina University student body has voted and officers have been chosen.

The Student Government Association officers for the 2008-2009 school year are: Trevor Arrowood, president; Caitlin Dorman, vice president of policy; Hollie Smith, vice president of finance; and Mason Campney, vice president of public relations.

Trevor Arrowood:
Arrowood is a communication major, journalism minor. He has been an SGA senator for three years, and on Coastal Productions Board, was voted Homecoming King 2007 and is a member of the communications and journalism club.

Caitlin Dorman:
Dorman is a political science major. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, she is in CCU’s pre-law fraternity and has served as a senator for SGA. Hollie Smith:
Smith is a finance major, Spanish minor. She has been involved with SGA and the finance board for three semesters. She has also helped with the elections commission for two semesters.

Mason Campney:
Campney is a computer science major. He has been a member of SGA for two semesters and served on the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

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Students weigh the pros and cons of commuting

Lo Pirle
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University provides a wide variety of on-campus and alternative housing for students. While at school, students can live in a traditional dorm-style room, quad-style suite or at an alternative apartment housing, such as University Place.

If students decide to move off-campus, Myrtle Beach offers a myriad of housing choices. Housing is available everywhere from the beach, to Campus Edge, to neighboring cities like Surfside Beach.

As far as which housing choice is better, commuting or living on campus, students have a wide range of opinions on the topic.

Allison Brown, a senior English major and commuter student, said that “First and foremost, parking is a big problem, as everyone knows. It adds to the stress of getting to class. It’s a ridiculous problem.”

On campus, students have the advantage of being able to walk to class if needed or making use of the shuttle service.

However, sophomore student Lisa Olenderski, who lives at UP, said the time scheduling problems complicate the supposed benefits of on and near campus housing.

“I try to take the shuttle, but if it doesn’t come on time, I’m late for class. It makes me angry because I miss important information in the first few minutes every day,” she said.

Olenderski also thinks there are positive attributes to being so close by.

“It’s one of the cheapest alternatives, all things considered. You get the apartment furnished with no changing cost monthly and access to amenities like the gym and post office. You get a lot for what you pay.”

It seems that students are aware of benefits and disadvantages of both situations. Concerns including rising gas prices, access to fellow students and a sense of security all complicate the decision-making process when it comes to where to live.

Brown believes there are pros to off-campus housing.

“I’m not tempted to go home during breaks between classes. It forces me to not waste gas. I also don’t have to deal with the trouble of security checkpoints, but I still feel safe at home.

“Plus, there’s more of a distinction between home and school. I feel like I am more able to get away when I need to,” she said.

Daniel Zager, another CCU commuter student, adds his input about being a local student who travels to campus daily.

“The fact that I live 30 miles away from campus is both a pro and a con. There’s really no point for me to move closer to campus when the house is so close to begin with.

“On the other hand, after a while you begin to see the difference that a few cents per gallon of gas can make,” he said.
CRIME LOG

MARCH 12

Lynching
The victim reported to CCU DPS officers that he/she was attacked without provocation by five subjects in the parking lot near the victim's apartment. The victim had injuries consistent with such an attack.

MARCH 14

Burglary
The victim reported to CCU DPS that someone entered his/her apartment and removed personal property without permission. Video of the area revealed two suspects, one of whom has been identified.

MARCH 17

Suspicious activity
The complainant reported to a CCU DPS officer that while walking in the College Park residential area, he/she observed a person in a white sports utility vehicle acting suspiciously. A description of the vehicle and its occupant have been given to CCU DPS officers.

MARCH 18

Burglary
CCU DPS officers responded to a burglary call at University Place. Upon their arrival, they found the apartment occupied by persons who they determined did not live there. The officers found the door to a bedroom broken and not securable in the apartment. The resident of the bedroom was contacted by phone and advised to come to CCU DPS in person when they return to campus. University Place management is aware of the situation.

CAMPUS NEWS

Career Services starts new Web site

The Career Services Center is dedicated to providing you with all the information you need to reach graduation and move into professional careers.

BRIDGES
Bridges, CCU's interdisciplinary online journal, is accepting works for its third issue. The second issue of Bridges is available at www.coastal.edu/bridges.

SCHEDULE

MARCH 23

Driving on the sidewalk, open container
CCU DPS officers observed a vehicle drive up onto the sidewalk from Blanton Circle and proceed to the Prince Lawn. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was interviewed. An open container of alcohol was found in the vehicle. The driver was given citations, arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center. The subject is being referred to the Campus Judicial System.

MARCH 25

Driving on the sidewalk, open container
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so expensive is because we have a lot of economies around the world and countries with growing economies that are using a lot of oil, like China, India and other parts of the world that are booming.

China is a heavy manufacturing economy and it produces a lot of goods, so it requires a lot of oil.

Most of the oil comes from a region of the world that is unstable—the Middle East—where there is different political instability. This instability helps push gas prices even further.

“Gas prices are a national problem which deals with supply and demand. There is nothing the state of South Carolina can do about gas prices,” said Raymond Cleary, R-S.C., District 34.

The average cost to fill up a tank of gas is now $50, where a year ago it cost about $30 to fill up an average-sized tank.

So this means that people have even less money left to spend on other things like going out to eat, going to the movies and buying groceries and clothes.

“In the economy, we observe there has been a slow down in terms of how much people are spending in malls and entertainment.

“It is being felt by people who work in restaurants, like waiters and waitresses are not staying quite as busy as they were and they are not getting much tips as they were,” said Schunk.

America is certainly near a recession and clearly consumers are spending less.

But there are still positive things in South Carolina. The Myrtle Beach area economy is still doing well and there is a low unemployment rate.

According to Cleary, Myrtle Beach may not be affected by gas prices because hotel rates are low and it has many attractions to offer, such as the Hard Rock Park and Market Common opening later this spring. Tourists might choose to come here instead of driving all the way to Florida because of these attractions.

Students who commute find it even harder to afford gas. Driving from North Myrtle Beach to Conway, or from Socastee to Conway costs more money in gas.

“It is a little rough now filling up a tank of gas and hard to earn money when you drive from Shalotte to Conway,” said Chantel Belknap, a senior communication major.

The advice Schunk has for college students when it comes to higher gas prices is to try to avoid the temptation of putting more things on credit cards.

College students should recognize that with higher gas prices and the need to fill up the tank, they will have to make tougher choices to cut back somewhere else.
New Coastal Wall Fellows announced

Seven students have been selected for the Wall Fellows Class of 2010 at Coastal Carolina University. Two students have also been selected for the first class of Wall Fellows/Wall Fellows Rolls Royce Scholars, a CCU leadership program sponsored by Rolls Royce Corporation.

The members of the new Wall Fellows class are:
> Tom Ducary, an accounting major from Fairhaven, Mass.
> Ashley Frederick, a finance/math major from Lusby, Md.
> Lauren Mouse, a management major from Cumberland, Md.
> Tina Petkova, a finance major from Oakville, Ontario
> Chad Restori, a finance major from Pittsburgh
> Jillian Nyhof, a political science major from Alpharetta, Ga.
> Desiree Leach, a biology major from Irmo

The members of the new Rolls-Royce Scholars program are:
> Shanta Johnson, an accounting/finance major from Gaston.
> Maranie Staab, a marketing/management major from Trafford, Pa.

The Wall Fellows program was initiated in 1993 by the late Conway businessman Craig Wall Jr. in response to the need for business graduates with stronger leadership, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills. Though the program is intended primarily for business students, students from humanities and sciences are also included.

Students are chosen for the Wall Fellows program through a competitive application process. The primary focus of the program is a rigorous three credit-hour per semester course which covers specific nontraditional areas including interpersonal and communications skills, ethics, business and social etiquette and cross-cultural business skills.

Fellows are also expected to complete a full-time, six-month internship out of the area during the program, as well as an international experience between their junior and senior years.

For The Chanticleer

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CHANCEY SHOWDOWN

Should the legal drinking age be lowered for soldiers in the military?

Lo Pirie
Staff Writer

The constitution allows all American citizens certain inalienable rights — life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness.

Every day the brave men and women of our armed forces are asked to risk their primary right, that of life. These citizens have been deemed mature enough to determine whether or not to risk their lives and are mature enough to determine whether or not to take the life of another human being.

As a result of all of the expectations the government has for our armed services, it seems more than justified to allow them to consume alcohol.

I can’t fathom how we could possibly entrust so many soldiers with, quite literally, the fate of the world, only to tell them that all that they can do is not enough — that they haven’t earned the privilege to drink, that they haven’t proven themselves worthy enough.

Any individual mature enough to determine that they can weigh the choice of the lives of so many people and decide to risk their own has more than enough maturity to weigh the factors surrounding alcohol consumption.

It is also important to note an implication resulting from the 21-year-old drinking age.

This law implies that a human life is something which can be maturely and accurately measured at the age of 18, but that alcohol, a substance, is immeasurable.

There are unfortunately many individuals who do not understand the many potentially fatal effects of drinking long after they have turned 21. There are also a great deal of citizens over 21 who aren’t mature or selfless enough to risk their lives for those of their fellow citizens.

Maturity, like a human life, is something which cannot be measured purely by numbers. Any age set by the government will be relatively unapplicable across the entire population. Because of this, it seems to me that when an individual is a legal adult, capable of receiving the death penalty or voluntarily risking his or her life, they are just as capable of making a responsible choice as they will be three years later.

Unfortunately, many of the honorable men and women who serve on our behalf won’t see their 21st birthdays, regardless.

Claire Arambula
*News Editor

According to GoArmy.com, one of the most important requirements for joining the army is age. A person must be 17 or 18, depending on the position of interest, to become an enlisted soldier in the U.S. Army.

This is because strength, responsibility and maturity are key factors to being a soldier, and most people possess those qualities once having reached the age of 18. However, this is not usually the case when it comes to drinking.

According to NHTSA.gov, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 ruled that all states needed to raise and establish the minimum alcohol consumption and public possession age to 21.

This is because many young people do not often exercise responsible drinking behavior, and don’t realize that alcohol won’t cure their problems. Instead alcohol is abused and lives are taken.

So if you are asking me if I think soldiers in the army, under the age of 21, should have the privilege of drinking solely because they are serving our country, here’s what I have to say about that.

If the government believes an 18-year-old is mature enough to serve and protect this country, as well as carry and operate weapons, and then allows that person to consume alcohol because that person is deemed “mature enough,” and if all 18-year-olds are considered eligible to enroll in the U.S. Army, would not that mean that all 18-year-olds are mature enough to consume alcohol?

Therefore, to be fair to everyone, the government would have two options. The first option is to lower the national drinking age to 18 for all mature people everywhere, which could possibly result in complete mayhem.

The second option would be to raise the army’s enlisting-age requirements to 21, but that would never happen because there would not be enough soldiers to protect the country.

So to keep the peace among young people, for we have already concluded that young people should not be given the privilege of drinking, there should be no middle ground, shades of gray or exceptions. Period. That said, no, I don’t believe enlisted soldiers under the age of 21 should be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages because of their service to the country.
New staff members selected for media positions of 2008-2009

Caroline P. Smith  
Editor-in-Chief

Claire Arambula has been chosen by the Coastal Carolina University Media Committee as next year's editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer. Maegen Sweat has been selected as the assistant editor, and Brandon Lockett will be the art director for the student-produced newspaper.

Arambula has served as the newspaper's news editor for the past year. She is an English major and a Spanish minor and will be a senior when the fall 2008 semester begins.

Sweat has been a staff member of The Chanticleer for a year. She is a communication major and is a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

Lockett has been helping the current art director with designs, layouts and ads for a year. Lockett is an art studio major.

The business manager position for The Chanticleer and for Tempo, CCU’s features magazine, remains open for applications. Anyone interested in applying can pick up an application from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership in the Student Center.

The editor of Tempo for the 2008-2009 year is Lauren Formalarie, the assistant editor is Amanda Kraft and the art director is Rob Byrd. The editor for Archarios, CCU’s literary arts magazine, is Brandon Wolf and the art director is Saura Stuhlman.


April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During this month, there are both national and local public events held to raise awareness about sexual assault, as well as the history of female progression.

According to the national Web site for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, www.nsvrc.org, the organization started with Take Back the Night marches in 1970s England. The marches were organized by women to protest the violence that was inflicted on them as they walked along the streets after dark.

The marches moved to America by the late '70s, with the first two taking place in San Francisco and New York City.

After a strong start to the organization, women continued planning various activities around the nation and when October became the focal month for domestic violence, sexual assault coalitions determined to make April Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The first official month was celebrated in 2001.

The organization releases print resources in the form of booklets, newsletters and directories, prevention materials in the form of palm cards and online resources, and awareness-raising products such as posters, stickers and postcards.

This organization has been influential in raising awareness among women and men across the United States, and even here in Myrtle Beach.

According to Dr. Deborah Walker, assistant professor of communication at Coastal Carolina University.

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JAKE was DRUNK.

JOSIE was DRUNK.

JAKE and JOSIE HOOKED UP.

JOSIE COULD NOT CONSENT.

The next day JAKE was charged with RAPE.

A woman who is intoxicated cannot give her legal consent for sex, so proceeding under these circumstances is a crime.

It only takes a single day to ruin your life.

Think About It!
Be responsible.
What is your favorite class you've taken at CCU so far?

Amanda Russo  
Junior business major:  
"Business law, because the teacher made it interesting and I learned a lot."

Mary McCann  
Sophomore business management major:  
"English 288, French literature. Professor Bachman was nice and made the class more like a discussion than a lecture."

Martin Knudsen  
Junior English major:  
"Creative writing workshop 301, because it was fun and I was able to get good peer reviews of my own writing."

Ray Miller  
Junior English major:  
"English 277, Japanese literature, because it was really different and I’ve never taken an East Asian class of any sort."

Tracy Fitzgerald  
Junior special education major:  
"Education psychology, because it helps to understand the state of mind of the students I will be teaching."

Brandon Gerrald  
Freshman undeclared major:  
"Spanish, because I did best in that class."

Compiled by Amanda Kelley
Online thoughts
The growing popularity of blogging

Ashley Stevens
Viewpoints Editor

From celebrity gossip and politics to the daily occurrences in one's life, the illustrious world of blogging has become an online sensation.

Blogging can be defined as the act of creating a Web log, or a blog, on a Web site that is filled with reflections, ideas and thoughts. Some entries may involve links to other Web sites, photos or videos.

When students were asked what the definition of blogging was, their answers varied.

"It’s like an online journal," sophomore Jenny Barton minimally stated.

Alizar Zorejew, a junior, had a much more detailed definition.

"It’s a forum where the entire world can compare their thoughts; a worldwide connection of people sharing their thoughts and opinions."

Either way, both are correct, as the world of blogging is vast, ergo offering an infinite definition.

According to www.blogworld.com, over 12 million American adults maintain a blog and over 57 million Americans read blogs. These numbers are growing every day.

In February 2006, New York Magazine ran a story on the history of blogging, stating that a Swarthmore College student created the first in 1994.

Only three years later a famous online diarist, John Barger, coined the term “Web log” for these increasingly popular online journals and shortly after the “w” and the “e” were dropped and the term “blog” was created.

Although the world of blogging is growing faster by the minute, Coastal Carolina University students do not seem to be following the trend.

Freshman Karli Coverdale does not read blogs and accredits the popularity to those that are prying, stating that, “Blogs are great if you are a nosy person.”

It seems that reading blogs and personally blogging has to deal with a person’s addiction to the Internet as blogworld.com recognizes that blog readers spend an average of 23 hours online each week.

Sophomore Jen Lusier agrees, “Everybody is addicted to something.”

The addiction may come from the infamous celebrity gossip blogs. Sites like PerezHilton.com can get over 2 million page views daily, reports Entertainment Weekly.

This notorious blog, which is run by Mario Lavandeira Jr. who goes by the pseudo name Perez Hilton, is known for poking fun as the downfall of celebrities, as Perez adds illustrations to pictures of the celebrities that can sometimes be more than crude.

Sophomore Brian Hunt finds Perez’s antics hilarious and checks his blog on a regular basis, but would not personally blog himself.

Lusier agrees that she too would not want to blog, and even finds it daunting that people would write about their daily lives, especially in personal online journals.

“It’s scary that someone puts themselves out there to complete strangers,” she said.

Scary or not, blogging is here to stay. From personal sites, like livjournal.com, to the perezhilton.com wannabe sites, blogging has become a prevalent part of today’s society.

CCU student’s blog after returning from Paris:

I reluctantly stepped back on the U.S. soil and even though I was technically in U.S., my mind was still in Paris. The first few weeks of being back in Myrtle Beach were blurry. I felt as if I was just visiting Myrtle Beach for a few days and that I should fly “back home to Paris” very soon. Well, it took a good two-three weeks for me to finally settle with the thought that I am not flying back to Paris anytime soon. So, that’s when the panic started.

Relationship with Family

“So how was Paris?” is a question that I heard an average of 6.3 times per day during the first two weeks after my return. At first, I would answer this question with a tirade of storytelling and reminiscence of fun experiences in the French capital. But later I limited my answers to: “It was a great experience.” I wanted to share so so so much with them but it was hard to crunch everything in a quick conversation.

Relationship with Friends from Home

I was concerned that my absence would alienate me from some friends; or that I would miss some bonding time with other friends and I would eventually feel “left out” when coming back. All of the above happened. Some friendships diluted and other friendships never built up because I did miss that bonding opportunity. However, some friendships became even stronger. When being abroad alone, far away from the usual support system (family, friends), in a completely new and challenging environment, you really need a friend from back home to listen to your more-than-occasional complaints and blabbers. This actually showed me who my real friends are and it strengthened my relationship with them.

Relationship with University

In my American university, my daily activities included: 18 credits, 2 jobs, perfect grades, president of an academic club, wall fellow member, part of 3 honor societies, writing and taking photographs for a magazine, and I am probably leaving out things that I forget. I took only 12 credits in Paris and I had no work and no extra-curricular activities. I forgot the notion of school-related stress while I was in Paris. Now that I am back, I am again rushing to meet deadlines, averaging 5 hrs of sleep, and taking a lot of classes that I am not interested in.
The events taking place on campus for the 2008 Sexual Assault Awareness Month are as follows:

- **The White Campaign will go on all week.** Demonstrate support for sexual assault prevention by wearing white clothing, painting your nails white, wearing a white ribbon, etc.

- **White out office decorating contest:** call 349-2305 to register. Judging on April 7.

- **White out residence hall door decorating contest:** call 349-6400 to register. Judging on April 7.

- **Sex 101: How to survive the weekend lecture on April 8 at 7 p.m. in Wall Auditorium.**

- **Clothesline project:** April 9 through 11, displayed on the Wall Bridge and Student Center Deck.

- **Alcohol screening day:** April 10 on the Prince Lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are entered in a drawing for a Nintendo Wii.

- **Walk a mile (in her shoes):** April 10 at 5 p.m. in Spadoni Park. Call 349-2305 to register a male partner to walk a mile in high heels.

"We’re really excited about the events we have planned for sexual assault awareness week because they are fun events that drive home a very serious message...that we won’t tolerate sexual assault on our campus!" said Jennie Cassidy, director of CCU Counseling Services.

CCU will not only be hosting some amazing events for SAAM, but will "also be sponsoring a variety of events in conjunction with ZONTA, the international women's group, including a public forum on modern slavery, as well as a variety of events with Upsilon Eta, the communication honor society," Walker said.

For more information on sexual assault or on female history: visit http://www.nsvec.org/saam. And for more information on ZONTA, the organization for the advancement of women worldwide, visit http://www.zonta.org.
The Big South Athletic Conference began two new academic initiatives a few years ago for all students of Big South schools.

One is the Big South Quiz Bowl Tournament in which Big South schools send teams of four undergraduates to compete against other participating Big South schools.

The annual Quiz Bowl has taken place since 2007, but Coastal Carolina University has not yet participated. There are plans for CCU to enter this tournament in spring of 2009.

Charmaine Tomczyk, associate director of library services, who directed the first two years of the Beach Ball Classic Academic Olympics, will be coordinating this Big South effort with Dr. Philip Whalen, honors program director and associate professor of history at CCU.

They will be recruiting team members for CCU competitions in the fall semester of 2008.

A CCU team will proceed to the Big South Quiz Bowl in February 2009. If any CCU students competed in their high schools' quiz bowls or have an interest and/or ability in quiz bowls, they are encouraged to contact Tomczyk or Whalen to be recommended for the on-campus games that will take place this upcoming fall.

A time commitment is required to learn the rules, become familiar with the buzzer system, to train with sample questions and to view video footage of past tournaments.

Generally, students are selected from various fields of study for the team to be well-rounded; math, science, literature/arts and politics/current events is typically a good mix.

NAQT questions are used in the games and College Bowl rules are applied with a few modifications.

The Bowl is for enrolled (at the time of the tournament) undergraduates only.

It is a round robin bracket setup, which is scheduled by the host site, and will be announced soon.

The most recent tournament took place at Liberty University. Liberty students won the tournament this year for the second year in a row.

The other Big South initiative is the Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium (BigSURS) which began in March of 2007 and was hosted by CCU.

Over 160 sessions were presented by students from 11 universities.

Symposium Director, Tomczyk, called the symposium "an excellent venue for students to present their research results to their peers and faculty, share techniques and findings of research activities and stimulate networking among participants for potential research collaboration."

The conference is offered only in the years when National Council on Undergraduate Research Conference is held west of the Mississippi River.

The second BigSURS will be held at University of North Carolina at Asheville in 2009.

For more information
contact Tomczyk at charmain@coastal.edu or 349-2403, or Whalen at phwhalen@coastal.edu or 349-2350.

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Club corner: Phase II uses dance, music to express beliefs

Elaine Urban
Staff Writer

Finding a niche in college is always a concern for students. One way some students can feel comfortable being themselves is within the campus organization Phase II.

Students who are a part of Phase II express their Christian beliefs through the arts at Coastal Carolina University.

"College is all about finding yourself. It’s a tragedy to not be able to use your gifts," said director of the club, senior Ricardo Wrice.

Through music and dance, students have been practicing diligently every Monday and Wednesday to perfect their religious performances.

The Hands of Praise dance team, Christian poets and a musical ensemble are all contributing their talents to make Phase II a success.

"They are really into it," said Wrice. "It’s all about commitment if you’re going to do something under Christ."

While conducting the vocal part of the musical ensemble, Wrice also encourages students to step outside of the box. A different type of art that he would like to see students experience is acting.

A possible rock group, as well as Christian rappers, are hoped to join the group sometime in the near future.

Phase II is striving to grow and has come a long way since it came together in December.

So far the members of Phase II have already demonstrated their abilities at a local church and plan to continue appearing at more churches.

The group is now preparing for their first public performance on campus. It will be in the Wall Auditorium on March 30 at 4 p.m. Tickets cost $5 to attend.

Not only do the members of Phase II want to develop into stronger performers, but they would also like to expand their group and recruit more people.

There are about 20 members as of now, but the group is designed for growth.

Also, Phase II is shooting for diversity in all ways possible. Christianity isn’t the only faith that can be professed through art, and they encourage people of other faiths to get involved.

The National Association of Collegiate Choirs and Gospel Choirs serves as some inspiration for the club, but the person who has brought it all together is Wrice.

"Music is what I love," said Wrice.

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CD REVIEW: Jonas Brothers

By Jessica M. Green

Disney is magical. Period. Anything the conglomerate of a company touches turns into success and The Jonas Brothers are no different. Kevin, Nick and Joe Jonas are touching the hearts of young girls as they tour the world singing their lyrics.

Being dropped by their first record label, Columbia, they were picked up by Hollywood Records in February 2007. Since then, their music has become popular on Radio Disney and their videos have appeared on the Disney Channel.

They have also appeared in an episode of "Hannah Montana," and they are currently filming a Disney original movie, "Camp Rock." They will also have a Disney fictional television series called J.O.N.A.S where the three play a group of government spies.

They toured with Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana on her "Best of Both Worlds" tour and have just kicked off their own tour, "Look Me in the Eyes," in January of this year.

So why should a college student even have such a teenage pop group touched by Disney and Hollywood Records on their radar? The Jonas Brothers’ music crosses age boundaries and their recent self-titled album proves that.

The album has been available since August 2007, but there is now a Jonas Brothers Bonus Jonas edition released featuring their younger brother, Frankie.

Their recent single, "When You Look Me in the Eyes," has a deep message that penetrates the hearts of any age group. Its romantic tones are soothing.

The CD also has a DVD with several music videos of their singles, this one included. The black and white video sets the mood for the song.

The Bonus Jonas CD + DVD also features the Kids of America parody, "Kids of the Future," "SOS," "Hold On" and "Year 3000." The bonus tracks on the CD are their "Baby Bottle Pop" jingle and "We Got the Party" featuring Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana.

So, before anyone thinks the Jonas Brothers are another pop rock group Disney has turned into a phenomenon, try out their music. You just might surprise yourself and like it.

Track List:
1. "SOS"
2. "Hold On"
3. "Goodnight and Goodbye"
4. "That's Just the Way We Roll"
5. "Hello Beautiful"
6. "Still in Love with You"
7. "Australia"
8. "Games"
9. "When You Look Me in the Eyes"
10. "Inseparable"
11. "Just Friends"
12. "Hollywood"
13. "Year 3000" (covered from Busted)
14. "Kids of the Future" (parody of Kids in America)

Wal-Mart bonus track
15. "Baby Bottle Pop Theme Song"

Bonus Jonas edition DVD:
16. "Take a Breath"
17. "We Got the Party" featuring Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana

Disney Channel Games:
1. "Year 3000"
2. "SOS"
3. "Hold On"
4. "Kids of the Future" (performed for Disney Channel Games)
5. "When You look Me in the Eyes"

Includes a photo gallery

What's coming up in entertainment

Movies: April 4
- "Leatherheads" - George Clooney, Renee Zellweger, John Krasinski
- "Nim's Island" - Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin, Gerard Butler
- "The Ruins" - Jena Malone, Jonathan Tucker, Shawn Ashmore

Music: April 8
- "Leona Lewis - "Spirit"
- "Nine Inch Nails - "Ghosts I-IV"
- "James Otto - "Sunset Man"

Movies: April 11
- "Street Kings" - Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, Jay Mohr

Music: April 1
- "George Strait - "Troubadour"
- "Van Morrison - "Keep It Simple"
- "R.E.M. - "Accelerate"
- "Rolling Stones - "Shine A Light"

(Original soundtrack)
Students differ on opinions of campus safety

Jessica M. Green  
Staff Writer

It’s a normal day on campus. The sun is shining, perfect weather to be at the beach, but the professors are piling on the work, so attendance to class is a must.

Then, the perfect day turns into a terrible event as gun shots echo throughout campus and fleeing students see that the scene has turned into a nightmare.

Campus shootings and other violent crimes are taking place across the country. With the recent shootings at Northern Illinois University, the slaying of the UNC-Chapel Hill student body president, the massacre that occurred at Virginia Tech last year, and closer to home, the death of the Carolina Forest High School student in 2006, students want to feel safer at their school.

“I would question whether or not I stay here [if something like that happened at CCU], because I am paranoid,” said Amber Miller, a junior.

Another junior, Catherine Clark, would rather stay, saying that it could happen anywhere.

The Coastal Carolina University Alert text messaging service was first used to tell about the Wall Building closing earlier in March. It is a mass notification system that sends emergency alerts to students, faculty, staff and even parents through text messages on their mobile phones. The service is free and users can sign up for the service on the CCU Web site.

“I want to feel like safety is incorporated into the amount of money I pay for housing,” said Molly Holt, a sophomore. “Sending me a text 20 minutes after something happens is not going to do anything. It just makes you scared.”

“There might be circumstances when we will not send out a text immediately. In these situations, we need to have information correct and also be able to tell people what you want them to do,” said Dr. Lynn Willett, vice president of student affairs.

Willett believes that the topic is one that all are interested in at this point in time and that it is important to capitalize on the subject of public safety.

“After Virginia Tech, [Coastal] spent a large part of the summer reviewing emergency procedures on campus,” Willett said.

“After Virginia Tech, it made me realize where should I go if anything happens. Every class I am in, I try to find a safe place,” said Tom Natali, a junior.

The CCU Emergency Manual highlights what to do during various emergency situations including if a shooter was to come on campus, fire scenarios, bomb threats, tornadoes and more. The manuals are available in print form and on the CCU Web site.

“The manual has been revamped this semester,” said Police Chief Greg Weisner. “Violent crimes make the headlines. Statistically, colleges have been getting safer, then more violent.”

Along with the manual, various brochures about campus safety are available, including one about safe living off campus, the services provided by the Department of Public Safety and a “Student Guide to Being a Good Neighbor.”

Flipping through the manual, one can find helpful tips on a variety of different situations with step-by-step instructions.

In the case of an active shooter, the manual gives instructions on what to do if the shooter is in a building, on the campus grounds, right outside a building or enters an office/classroom.

“An informed campus is a safer campus,” said Weisner.

Both Willett and Weisner encourage students to sign up for the text messaging alerts and to inform themselves on campus safety as to be prepared in case of an emergency.
Coastal baseball team defeats The Citadel, 5-1

The 18th-ranked Coastal Carolina University baseball team (19-4) allowed only four hits and struck out six, while three runs in the last two innings gave the Chanticleers insurance in the 5-1 win over The Citadel (14-8) March 25 at Riley Park in Charleston.

CCU quickly jumped on the board in the top of the first. Junior David Sappelt doubled to left field to lead off the game. He moved to third on a sacrifice bunt from sophomore Adam Rice and scored on a sacrifice fly from junior Dock Doyle.

The Citadel Bulldogs' half of the first was similar to the top half. Chris Swauger doubled to open the frame. He moved to second on a groundout and scored on a sacrifice fly by Sonny Meade.

With one out in the fourth, Doyle singled through the right side. Junior David Anderson then hit a shot over Swauger's head in center field for his first triple of the season, scoring Doyle.

The Chanticleers manufactured two runs in the eighth inning. Junior Tyler Bortnick was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Senior Derek Martin laid down a sacrifice bunt and was safe on an error by Ray mond Copenhaver.

Both runners moved a base on a failed pickoff attempt by Copenhaver and both scored on a single from Rice, making it 4-1 favoring the Chants.

CCU added a run in the ninth inning. Freshman Rico Noel singled to the pitcher with one out. He moved to third on a single from sophomore Jose Iglesias.

Woodward laid down a successful safety squeeze, scoring Noel.

Wheeler earned the win for the Chants, going 5.1 innings and allowing just four hits and one run.

Wheeler also struck out three Bulldogs. Senior Joey Haug earned his second save, striking out three and not allowing a hit in 3.2 innings.

Talley earned the loss for The Citadel despite giving up only four hits and two runs in seven innings.

Iglesias had two hits for the Chants, while Rice drove in two runs. For the Citadel, Swauger was 3-for-4 with a run scored.

CCU baseball hosted UNC-Wilmington March 26 in Watson Stadium/Vrooman Field at 6 p.m. The game was a makeup of the rainout March 4. The Chants lost that game, 7-10.

See the sports calendar on page 19 for upcoming baseball games, softball games and other CCU sporting events.

Baseball team hosts an April weekend for alumni

The men's baseball team will host Winthrop University April 4 through 6 as they pay tribute to Coastal Carolina Graduates during Alumni Weekend. Festivities kick off for alumni exclusively at 9 a.m. April 4 with a round of golf followed by an hour lunch at 1 p.m.

After lunch, alumni can participate in a private batting practice with the team from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Current students are then welcome to join the alumni at 5 p.m. located in the Teal lot. Ten local restaurants will serve as the

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Golfers feel motivated under new coach leadership

"My favorite part of the job is motivating and teaching my players," Women's golf head coach Eileen "Beans" Kelly

When asked what she will do when her career is over, Kelly said, "I have already had my time away from the game, and want to continue doing this as long as I can."

"Beans is an excellent motivator," said team member Rachel Graves. "There is now a completely different and more positive outlook."

"Practices are more structured, and hopefully this will be highlighted in our tournaments. It is always difficult when you change coaches during the semester, but it is like that with anything," junior Ann Maness said.

Both players believe that great success is attainable under their new coach.

When asked why she chose CCU, Kelly responded, "It was the right opportunity, and I have always liked the area."

She is excited about her new position, and is looking forward to getting to know her players. Kelly looks forward to making the team more complete.

"My favorite part of the job is motivating and teaching my players," she said.

Kelly takes the most pride in the fact that four of her former players are now Division I coaches.

When Kelly is away from the sport she enjoys anything that allows her to relax and absorb the outdoors.

I am a coach at heart," said Eileen "Beans" Kelly, Coastal Carolina University's women's golf coach.

The Long Island native has achieved a lot during her career as a coach.

In 15 years at the University of Georgia, Kelly was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year. For the past couple of years, she has been coaching in the private sector.

The women's golf coaching staff includes Katy Heher, the graduate assistant coach, and Brad Redding, the volunteer assistant coach.
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caters.

There are several giveaways planned for Friday's game, beginning with free T-shirts for the first 200 students. These students will then receive a special ticket that will act as a raffle ticket.

Each inning there will be a chance to win small autographed prizes like baseballs, all leading up to a grand prize flat-screen TV to be awarded in the ninth inning.

The weekend is Henry O'Huck's weekend. A former basketball and baseball player for the Chanticleers. Also attending will be former Coach Vrooman whom the baseball field is named after.

The games are at 6 p.m. all weekend. The first 50 alumni get in free, along with all students, faculty and staff. Regular tickets cost $7, but seniors and children's tickets are $5.

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