Students give up food to help hungry children

Claire Arambula
News Editor

It was nearing midnight and about 20 students sat on Prince Lawn at Coastal Carolina University, playing guitars and singing praise songs.

Only three hours had passed since the 30-hour fast had begun, and the members of Refuge smiled—little did they know what was to come.

In conjunction with World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, the CCU Refuge group recently participated in the 30-hour Famine.

According to worldvision.org, the purpose of the Famine is to "help young people experience the effects of poverty firsthand and raise funds to make a difference for hungry children around the world."

Each participant asked for sponsors and donations in order to raise money and awareness for the event. $1 supplies one hungry child with enough food for one day. Likewise, $30 covers a month of food.

Lisa Pierce is a resort tourism management major at CCU and participated in the event out of "Curiousity.

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‘Preaching’ upsets students

Evangelist group receives permit to return to campus on Monday

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

God hates fornicators and women need to keep their clothes on, according to a man who was on campus last Monday preaching about his beliefs.

These were only a few of the things he was saying to passing students on the Prince Lawn as he held a big yellow sign that read "Warning God hates fornicators, thieves, liars, drunk, mockers, adulterers, sodomites, Judgement on one side and "Jesus saves. Cry to God" on the other.

The group, from Pin Point Evangelism, wasn’t on campus long before students lined the sidewalks on the lawn to hear what they had to say.

Once students realized what they were "preaching" about, some of them got upset, especially after the man yelled at passing women who were wearing tank tops, telling them that "wasn’t what God wanted them to wear."

"There were students who came to my office who were visibly upset about it and wanted someone to take care of it," said Travis Overton, coordinator of Greek Life.

Overton said he then called Anne Monk, Coastal Carolina University spokeswoman.

"I saw things escalating a little bit," said Monk. "I didn’t see any danger, but I wanted to have a [public safety] presence there."

Once campus public safety was notified about the disturbance, they approached the men on the Prince Lawn. As they did so, the crowd of students began applauding.

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World Vision is a program that helps feed hungry kids in Africa. CCU students participated in a 30-hour famine recently to raise money for the program.
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Compiled by Megan DuVall, assistant editor

Spring choral concert strives to coney actual opera experience

"An Evening of Opera" will be presented at Coastal Carolina University’s Spring Choral Concert on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium.

General admission is $8, alumni and senior citizens $6, and the event is free for CCU students, faculty and staff with valid ID.

CCU choirs and three faculty members will perform a concert of opera scenes and choruses. Selected CCU voice majors will also perform arias, duets and ensembles.

The program will include selections such as "Carmen," "La Traviata," "The Magic Flute" and "The Gondoliers." More contemporary operas will also be included, such as Aaron Copland’s "The Tender Land," Kurt Weill’s "Street Scene" and Bernard Herrmann’s "Wuthering Heights." Familiar choruses from these operas will be performed by the Chamber and Concert Choirs include the famous "March of the Toreadors" from Bizet’s "Carmen" and the finale from Gilbert and Sullivan’s "The Gondoliers."

The program will feature all three of the CCU voice faculty: David Bankston, Patti Edwards and Jeffrey Jones – as well as several voice and musical theater majors. To make the experience as much like attending an actual opera as possible, some staging, scenery, props and costumes will be incorporated, and translations of the foreign language texts will be displayed on a drop-down screen.

Bankston, an associate professor of music at CCU, has performed extensively in opera and musical theater, has had leading roles with several prestigious opera companies and has recorded two CDs of original songs.

Edwards has recently completed her doctoral studies at the University of Texas, and has been invited to teach and perform in the Czech Republic.

Jones was an instructor in applied voice at University of New York, and an active member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. A memorial service was held in his honor on April 8 in the Edwards courtyard for students, faculty and friends to come together and celebrate his life.

A signature book was also provided for students in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership to give their condolences to the Carino family.

Katie Spellman, 19 of Hampton Bays, New York passed away on April 15 from leukemia. Spellman was an active member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Students who need help dealing with their loss are encouraged to contact Student Health Services Counseling Services at 349-2305.
Career Services offers step-by-step guidance

Kari Vander Weit
Staff Writer

The Career Services Center at Coastal Carolina University offers important tools for landing the job students work hard to achieve throughout their academic life.

The Indigo House, which houses Career Services, is the small building located between the Prince and Edwards buildings and it is overflowing with valuable experiences available at no charge to students.

There is a four-stage process the coordinators at Career Services practice. The coordinators each represent a particular college. Carolyn Hickman-Williams represents the College of Education and Dr. Tom F. Woodle Jr. takes care of students in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Connie Jones works with the College of Natural and Applied Sciences.

Robert Bulsza works with individuals in the field of business, but can help students in all the colleges. Bulsza is also responsible for the mock interviews offered at Career Services.

"People pay a lot of money for the same services," said Bulsza, who went on to tell of a friend who pays roughly $100 per hour for career counseling and similar services that CCU students receive for free.

The first step in the process at Career Services is to take a look at the career goal of the individual.

Next, the Career Services Center offers resume and cover letter assistance. One of the four coordinators at Career Services will sit one-on-one with a student, recognize strong points and give constructive criticism in order to produce the best possible resume.

The next step is the interview process. Along with handouts full of helpful information regarding interviews, Bulsza will perform a mock interview for each student. These interviews are recorded and then viewed by the student in order to recognize areas of improvement including eye contact, diction and body language.

"Instead of wasting an interview live, you can go and practice," said Scott D'Ambrosio, graduating senior and finance major. D'Ambrosio used the services at the Career Services Center and was offered a job at Carolina Capital Management, a full service financial firm where he will be employed as an investment representative.

Lastly, Career Services will match the student they are assisting with possible job openings. The Career Services Web site offers Chants JobLink, which allows students to set up an account and search for jobs in the area or even jobs offered in other states. Optimal Resume can also be accessed on the Career Services Web site and was just purchased this year by CCU. This service will help

The Career Services Center offers help for seniors.

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Student employee of the year exceeds expectations

Carolyn Hickman-Williams
For The Chanticleer

The winner of the 2007-2008 Student Employee of the Year award is Titus Elvis Pressley.

Pressley is currently a senior history major working as a student assistant in Residence Life.

He was nominated for his exemplary service to the university by his supervisor Penny Oakley.

"Titus has a tremendous work ethic. When he sets a goal, he will do everything necessary to see it through to completion," said Oakley.

"He enjoys a challenge and has far exceeded any expectations others have had of him. Titus never ceases to pleasantly surprise people with his intelligence, empathy, passion, drive and overall optimistic personality. Titus has impressed me with his ability to handle himself well in any situation and he is always willing to assist other students in their efforts to succeed."

"He is a student leader in every sense of the word. We are going to miss him in ResLife but we are also very proud of him and will brag about working with this guy, Titus Elvis Pressley, a king in his own right," said Oakley.

The Student Employee of the Year nominees were recognized at the joint Staff Excellence Awards/Student Employee Award program, on April 9 in the Wall Auditorium.

A reception was held immediately following the program.

The 2007-2008 Student Employee of the Year nominees were: Jonathan Bennett, Deitra R. Bigger, Robert Blank, Bently Doenan, Jessica Emig, Rebecca Fillier, Jesse Ford, Shawna Halbert, Todd Harwell, Caroline Kicznik, Jennifer Koniski, Nicole Kuenzel, Christina Lawnick, Shannon Ashley Martin, Stephen "Matt" Morris, Leyla Nardali, Jenny Patrick, DerMarcus Smalls, Jessica R. Smith, Alex Souza, Joshua Steele, Mia K. Turner, David Weber and Karin Wilsey.

The Office of Career Services/Student Employment established the Student Employee of the Year annual award to be given each spring semester to recognize students who have provided exemplary service to the university through on-campus employment.

A permanent Student Employee of the Year Award plaque is on display in the Career Services Center, with the names of the yearly winners:

> Boris Menier, 2000-2001
> Chika Ekeji, 2001-2002
> Katie Moses, 2002-2003
> Salemah Tilghman-Madyun, 2003-2004
> Chenzta Brewington, 2005-2006
> Stephanie Roberts, 2006-2007

For more information: contact the Career Services Center at 349-2358.
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### CRIME LOG

#### APRIL 13
**Discharging fire extinguisher**  
A CCU DPS officer responded to Waccamaw Hall in reference to a fire extinguisher being discharged. The officer observed the extinguisher in the stairwell and powder in the stairwell and on the second floor. The video is being reviewed and witnesses interviewed.

#### APRIL 14
**Burglary**  
The victim came to the CCU DPS office to report that while the victim was away from his or her apartment, someone unknown broke in and removed the victim's personal property without permission.

#### APRIL 16
**Unlawful communications**  
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that he or she was threatened on the phone by the friend of a person they had called.

**Traffic stop - DUS**  
A CCU DPS officer observed a moving violation and stopped the vehicle. During the traffic stop it was determined that the driver's license was suspended. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was impounded. The driver was taken to court and was released by the court on his or her own recognizance until his or her court date.

#### APRIL 17
**Assault**  
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that he or she was hit by a water balloon while driving in University Place. The victim saw and spoke to the subject who fled the scene before the officer arrived.

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### Public Talk

**Dr. William Richardson**, dean of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University, will give a public talk titled "Soviet Posters and Utopian Dreams" April 29 at 3 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. Richardson's talk is the keynote address of CCU's Phi Alpha Theta history honor society spring induction. The event is free and open to the public.

Richardson will discuss how the Soviet regime used poster art as a medium of mass education, persuasion and propaganda. His talk will focus on the period beginning with the revolution of 1917 through the death of Stalin in 1953.

"The posters of the early Soviet Union communicate a great deal about the nature of Soviet society and its cultural and political aims," said Richardson. "They convey a range of messages, from the literacy campaign of the 1920s, the industrialization and agricultural collectivization plans of the 1930s to the militaristic and patriotic themes of the World War II period. The posters present a "utopian" image of Soviet life, which was often in stark contrast to reality, according to Richardson. In addition to their function as propaganda, Richardson said the posters are “also surprisingly creative and original visually,” reflecting the aesthetic styles of various early 20th century currents in art.

Richardson earned bachelor's degrees in Russian and history from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He earned both a master's degree and a doctorate in history from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the CCU faculty in 2006.

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### May Graduation

Approximately 814 students are eligible to participate in Coastal Carolina University's spring commencement ceremony Saturday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. in Brooks Stadium. May and August candidates will be recognized in the ceremony, as well.

Receiving honorary degrees at the ceremony are commencement speaker and Vietnam veteran 1st Lt. Patrick Cleburne "Cleby" McClary, Doctor of Public Service; South Carolina Rep. Liston Barfield (Dist. 58), Doctor of Public Service; science fiction author William Gibson, Doctor of Humane Letters; and South Carolina Sen. J. Yancey McGill (Dist. 32), Doctor of Public Service.

McClary grew up in the South Carolina Lowcountry. After completing Officers Training School in Quantico, Va., 1st Lt. McClary became platoon leader of the 1st Recon Battalion in Vietnam. McClary suffered the loss of his left arm and left eye on his 19th recon patrol. Since then he has told his story of courage, determination and strength to motivate audiences including the FBI, The New York Giants and the Atlanta Braves.

For more information:  
visit www.coastal.edu/commencement.
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compassion.

"My heart breaks for the kids who go through this [starvation] every day," she said. "So, I'll just keep myself busy and fill myself with other things, not food."

Pierce is no stranger to organized famines and she said she does not remember it being too difficult.

Ashley Felter, a CCU sociology major, is also familiar with the famine routine and participated in one just last year.

"It’s not too hard," she said, confidently. "Last year we went to a soup kitchen and served people while we ourselves were hungry. So, it was just hard being around food."

This year, the students were not around food at all.

Most of the students involved in the song-circle intended on spending the night on Prince Lawn in cardboard boxes.

The girls had constructed their insulated, multi-room chateaux on one side of the sidewalk, with a neighborhood sign that read "Prince Estates."

The boys, on the other hand, set up their sleeping arrangements on the other side of the sidewalk, and their boxes were less than glamorous.

While the girls painted, decorated and took pride in their spacious box homes, the boys were content with the bare minimum, and slept in "single-wides" that provided no more than a cozy shell to cover them while they slept.

"It's all about personal sacrifice," said Pierce. "We usually do this at someone's house. The cardboard boxes on Prince Lawn make such a difference."

While the students spent the weekend as homeless people, they were not allowed to have with them any electronics, including iPods or cell phones.

In the early morning, they spent one hour in solitude for praying, silence, reflection and Bible reading.

The group planned a range of activities to stay busy and keep wandering minds away from thoughts of food, including emptying trash from freshmen dorms, a campus scavenger hunt, games, movies and lots of sleep.

The group eagerly awaited the late-night drive to their friend's house scheduled for 11:30 p.m. where they would break the fast and eat breakfast at midnight.

After the fast was broken, the students well rested and the money raised, Tasha Sutherland, an English major at CCU, reflected on the experience.

"When we first started, it was fun," said Sutherland. "By 6 or 7 p.m. the next day, though, I was really tired. I had a headache. There was no laughing, no joking. We were hungry and miserable."

The message that Sutherland hoped to convey from doing this, she said, was multifaceted.

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make multiple resumes geared toward different jobs. Students can even make a Web site for employers to refer to. The Career Services Web site can be accessed at www.coastal.edu/career.

Ashley Livingston, a graduating senior and marketing major said she used all of the services offered at the Career Services Center.

"I wanted to maximize the use of the opportunity," said Livingston. The opportunities certainly paid off for Livingston who landed a job as an account manager at AT&T in Atlanta.

Another student who found these services helpful was Daniel Frump, a graduating business management major. Frump, who was feeling the pressure to find a job in the final weeks of his college experience, decided to use the Career Services offered at CCU.

"I felt 110 percent more confident," Frump said about going into his job interviews and particularly the interview, which got him a job as an assistant supervisor at Nanya Plastics in Lake City.

If anyone is feeling confused about their career goals or needs assistance networking or job hunting, pay a visit to Career Services and make use of the many opportunities they provide.

For more information: visit the Career Services Center in Indigo House or visit the Web site at www.coastal.edu/career.
Public safety officers had no trouble escorting the men off campus. “We told them they had to leave, and they complied,” said Major Phillip Moore.

According to university policy regarding campus demonstrations, people who wish to demonstrate on campus must get permission from the law enforcement director.

The group applied for and received a permit to come back to campus on April 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monk said. They will be stationed in front of the Student Center.

The message the men were trying to convey upset many students. Some even tried to talk to them.

“Preaching what?” Ricardo Rice asked the man holding the sign. “You have God and hate in the same sentence, but the two are not synonymous.”

“It makes our job harder to try and attract people and telling them God is compassionate,” Rice said later. Rice, a political science major, is the president of Phase II on campus.

“He shouldn’t judge people,” said Craig Healy, a sophomore political science major. “The only person who is allowed to do that is God himself. They contradict themselves.”

Other Christian groups officers were upset about the group’s preaching methods.

“Is this the best way to reach people?” asked Adam Sewell, president of Experience the Life. “He said he was just here to preach, but that’s not preaching. It goes against what we’re trying to do. We’re about building relationships.”

The “preaching” interrupted a bake sale that was progressing on the Prince Lawn by Delta Sigma Theta, who were raising money for Relay For Life.

“It startled me, I was wondering what they were doing,” said Shanika Bess, a sophomore communication major in the sorority. “I felt like it was more attacking than for a good cause, you know?”

As the men were being escorted away, someone addressed the remaining crowd.

“A young lady was very apologetic on behalf of Christians to what was just witnessed, because she stated that ‘we as Christians’ are not like that,” said Overton.
VIEWPOINTS

CHAUNCEY SHOWDOWN | Who has better ice cream: Ben and Jerry’s or Dairy Queen?

Caroline P. Smith
Editor-in-Chief

First of all, how can you not like an ice cream place that celebrates its 30th birthday by giving away ice cream cones? (Free Cone Day is April 29; Ben and Jerry’s has two locations at Broadway at the Beach.)

Secondly, and as everyone knows, no one has as many flavors of ice cream as Ben and Jerry’s. Who has better ice cream?

Ben and Jerry’s may not offer a full menu of items like Dairy Queen does, but it doesn’t need to. The amount of ice cream flavors available outnumber the amount of food items on Dairy Queen’s menu. Plus, you can’t mention to Dairy Queen that you’d like a new flavor of a Blizzard and expect to see any results from your query.

But if you need even more choices from Ben and Jerry’s, they have an online gift shop where you can order ice cream by mail, print off coupons or check out sweet Ben and Jerry’s apparel.

Hands down, Ben and Jerry’s scoops the competition.

Jessica M. Green
Staff Writer

Dairy Queen should have longed changed their name to “Dairy King” and, no matter how lame that sounds, it’s the truth. They are the king of all places that serve ice cream.

A smooth, creamy Snickers Blizzard (no chocolate syrup for me) is just amazing and the nervous feeling you have when they turn it upside down quickly subsides when you know it’s not going to fall out the cup and you will have the tasty treat in mere minutes.

All of these ice cream places are attempting to have something like a Blizzard. Dairy Queen has the original Blizzard. They did it first and they do it best.

Blizzards are not the only thing that makes Dairy Queen the best. Between Dipped Cones, Dilly Bars, Banana Splits, Sundaes and Waffle Bowls, making a decision at DQ is overwhelming. Everything seems to whisper your name as you meticulously try to decide what is the best choice for that moment, a moment that could change your ice cream world forever.

Wait a minute. What is this other side of the menu? Hot Eats. That’s right. You do not have to only get something cold at DQ. You can get something hot as well.

My personal favorite is a DQ Dog. A premium all beef hot dog that you can get plain or with chili and cheese sounds really good.

Or maybe a Half Pound Flammethrower Grill burger with its Tabasco-flavored mayo, pepper jack cheese, jalapeno bacon, thick-cut tomato and green leaf lettuce which will all have you spewing flames like the commercial. I know your mouth is watering now so enough with my running tally.

I’ll leave you with this, the next time you want something to eat or perhaps a cold treat, then you should most definitely try Dairy KING. That way, you can fulfill your hunger and treat yourself all in one place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | Clarification

I appreciated the story on the publication of my book, “The Boatloads,” in the most recent edition of The Chanticleer. I do wish to clarify one point, however.

In the third column, I am quoted as saying, “[Generally speaking,] there are so many camps of aesthetic prejudices that most people are too “inferior” to understand.”

While I do not believe that the author of the article intended to misquote me, I believe the printed quote misrepresents what I actually said.

I want to make it perfectly clear: I do not consider anyone to be “inferior” to poetry. I want poetry to welcome a broader audience, not snub those who believe it is too “difficult” or “obscure” or “academic.”

Before beginning my reading, I thanked my students for inspiring me on a daily basis. I said that I truly believe each of them has the potential to be the next Walt Whitman or Emily Dickinson. I am very much opposed to the idea of placing limitations on readers and students, opposed to underestimating them, opposed to any intellectual elitism that would prejudice the capacity of people to understand poetry. And I fear that the quote in the newspaper suggests just the opposite.

When speaking with the author of the article, I think I said something to the effect that the many “camps of aesthetic prejudice” that arise among academic poets who write for (and in competition with) one another often intimidate readers who are not familiar with the aesthetic debates going on. I said that it sometimes makes readers “feel inferior” when they read the work of poets who merely write for the audience of other poets, not for general readers.

Again, I don’t believe the author of the article intended to misquote me, and I do appreciate the kind article in review of my book. I simply could not allow the idea that I believe most people are too “inferior” to understand poetry to stand as a possible interpretation of that quote. Nothing could be further from the truth.

--Dan Albergotti
Drum line performs with top country music stars

Elaine Urban
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s drum line, “The Spirit of the Chanticleer,” showed just how spirited they could be during their invitation to play with country music stars Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood.

On April 17, the drum line traveled down to Charleston to contribute their talents to Urban’s and Underwood’s concert.

The duo has been on tour since November and has had numerous college drum lines, such as CCU’s, perform alongside them.

The band was partially selected by the brand of instruments they drum on.

The percussion brand, Dynasty, was needed for the performance and it just so happened that CCU’s drum line played them.

With a few good recommendations, CCU’s drum line soon found out that they were required to learn one of Urban’s songs, “Days Go By” was the piece presented to the Chanticleers.

This was not the first time CCU’s drum line traveled to serenade others.

The band has competed in Bands of America previously. They also have served as an exhibition band at some performances and traveled to a few away football games every year.

The drum line is made up of students with different classifications and majors. The drum line has always been hardworking so they were up for the challenge and ready to entertain.

“The drum line works very hard. Not only is it difficult to learn a whole lot of music, but the drums are very heavy,” said Dr. Jim Tully, director of bands.

The drummers were very excited to be chosen for this occasion. They considered it a great learning experience and a chance to meet some Grammy Award-winning stars.

“Words of encouragement are uttered into my ear by the bassist and guitarist as they move from beside me to backstage so that we can be the center of attention for the brief moment in the spotlight. The lights and camera and full attention from the thousands in attendance are focused all on the 17 members of the Coastal Carolina University drum line.

“How many people can say they had the opportunity to perform with Keith Urban in front of several thousand fans? More so, how many people can say they did it before they turned 30?”

One student’s thoughts on the performance:

“The music is so intense that you feel it more than you actually hear it. The lights are flashing and changing rapidly. Next thing I know, I’m walking 3 feet behind country music star Keith Urban in front of thousands of people enthralled in the music and atmosphere. The volume from the crowd increases as we move across the front of the stage into our position to begin our portion of the evening.

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Students to perform ‘70s music

Kimberly Daniel
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s rock ‘n’ roll performance group, Pop 101, rocks the stage every year with its nostalgic songs of the past, including this year’s performance held April 26, highlighting the 1970s.

“I enjoy being a part of a great rock band, and that is exactly what Pop is,” said director Dan O’Reilly.

Once based on acoustic music, Pop 101 has taken a turn for a more contemporary appeal.

Featuring sounds of the guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, horns and the vibrant voices of singers, this ensemble captures the total package of a “cover band,” said CCU student Chantel Belknap.

“They have talented musicians and great performers,” said Belknap, who has attended several Pop 101 performances.

Pop 101 has existed for over six years with performances held at the end of each semester in the Wheelwright Auditorium. The group occasionally appears at off-campus events, including local school functions.

Those interested in joining must pass an audition, have the skills the band needs at the moment and blend with the current group members, said O’Reilly.

“The chemistry within the group is essential to its success,” O’Reilly said.

Pop 101 seems to have a high level of cohesiveness as their tickets nearly sell out to audience members of all ages.

The group puts a great amount of time and effort into the performance each semester, said Belknap. “People should absolutely go and see them perform.”
Over-playing video games can lead to addiction

Jessica M. Green
Staff Writer

Devotion, attachment, dedication and a compulsion to engage in a specific activity describe addiction. Becoming a hot topic in the world today is what people are calling “video game overuse,” but the words hot topic may not go far enough into describing what an addiction to online video games.

Massive multiplayer online role-playing games, or MMORPGS, is a type of game where people from all over the world can interact with each other in a virtual world. Some of the most popular games are “World of Warcraft” and “EverQuest.”

Both titles have had the word “crack” added by fans and the like because of the excessive hours players put into it, thus being called “World of Warcraft” and “EverCrack.”

An online support help forum has been started for “addicted gamers.” It is called On-Line Gamers Anonymous and is said to be a “12-step, self-help organization and Web site dedicated to helping those addicted to computer/video/console/on-line games.” (www.olganonboard.org).

“The people that are addicted don’t regulate their time,” said Tyson Ellerbe, a junior philosophy major, “I have Guild Wars and I only play in my spare time.”

According to gamasutra.com, a Web site devoted to the art and business of making games and providing articles about gaming, the American Psychiatric Association was attempting to get video game addictions listed in the American Diagnostic and Statistic Manual of Mental Disorders.

This attempt, however, was met with a refusal from the American Medical Association.

According to gamasutra.com, the AMA wants to research and study the issue a bit more before classifying it as a mental disorder.

In recent years, there have been a number of deaths by gaming addictions.

Typically, the players were playing marathons that would last for days. This would eventually lead to exhaustion and then, heart failure.

“I don’t think Starcraft is a fun enough game for [someone] to die from,” said Tai Thompson, a sophomore studying graphic design.

“Starcraft” is a military science fiction real-time strategy game and has been listed as one of the best games of all time by IGN.com.

With the world turning to the Internet and online gaming becoming more popular, the negative effects of video games are coming into the light.

It is up to gamers like Ellerbe to regulate their time between reality and fantasy so they will not fall into a virtual trap of addiction.

FINANCIAL AID REMINDER

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- The 2007-2008 FAFSA must be completed for Summer school financial aid.
- A separate financial aid application is required when applying for Maymester, Summer 1 and Summer 2 terms. The application is available in our office or online at www.coastal.edu/financialaid/forms.html. Please include your Summer class schedule when you submit the summer school application.
- May 30th is the deadline date for submitting your Summer application for financial aid.
- If taking Maymester classes, be prepared to pay tuition since your financial aid may not be processed in time.
- A minimum of 6 credits is required for Stafford loans. You must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA.
- If you are receiving a tuition waiver, you must contact Financial Aid to determine your eligibility for Summer school.

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- Once you and your parents file the 2007 Federal income taxes, complete your FAFSA online by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Electronic filing is the fastest and most accurate way to process your FAFSA.

Even after the Spring 2008 term ends and during summer break, check your Web Advisor for financial aid awards, updates and missing documents. Also, check your Coastal email regularly by going to http://mail.coastal.edu and “keep an eye” on our financial aid homepage for updated information. Our office is open during the summer break and uses these resources to contact CCU students.

We in the Financial Aid Office hope that this year is a wonderful college experience for you!
How have you cut back on gas as prices go up?

Josh Gangaware
junior physical education major:
"Not driving and taking the bus from University Place."

Kevin Mahorney
senior business management major:
"I drive a 5.4 L Bronco and cry myself to sleep."

Dawn W.
junior physical education major:
"Not driving as much."

Lou Bunucci
senior resort tourism major:
"Making my friends drive me."

Matt Brennan
senior professional golf management major:
"I invested in a motorized scooter."

Compiled by Amanda Kelley
CCU Customs: Battle at the Beach

Above: This photo taken from Brooks Stadium shows the cars and bikes that were on display on April 12. Right: A Mitsubishi Eclipse at the Battle at the Beach car show.

CCU Customs held its first annual Battle At The Beach car show April 12 in the Brooks Stadium parking lot. This was a fundraiser for the group’s Relay For Life team. They raised about $700 with about 150 cars entered in the show and nine vendors present.

CCU Customs would like to thank everyone that came out and supported this event and made it a success. The organization plans to make Battle at the Beach an annual event.

ODK inducts new members

Omicron Delta Kappa inducted new members on April 20 at 6 p.m. in the Wall building. In order to be inducted into ODK, students must first be invited to apply. Once they receive an invitation, they can fill out an application. Students are then selected to become a member and are “tapped” by an already-inducted ODK member.

Tobias Banks (left) presents an award to Charmaine Tomczyk during Omicron Delta Kappa’s induction ceremony on April 20.
Clearing up questions, concerns about birth control

M. G. Fisher
For The Chanticleer

Editor's note: This article is the final installment of a series of three articles written by a student in an independent study women's gender studies class.

Menstrual cycles and birth control can sometimes be confusing, as the length of a healthy menstrual cycle changes depending on a woman's age, and new birth control methods are hitting the market every year.

However, with a little research, women can be armed with all the information they need to know to stay healthy, and if they so desire, child free.

The menstrual cycle is what enables a female to become pregnant. During the month, a lining forms on the inside of the uterus. If an egg does not get fertilized and attach itself to the wall, the lining is discharged.

According to Healthwise Inc., women from their late teens to early twenties to generally their late forties should have a cycle that lasts between 21 and 35 days.

In regard to an interruption of three months or more in a woman who has otherwise had a regular cycle, she may be experiencing amenorrhea, or "an absence of a menstrual cycle."

According to WebMD and confirmed by medical doctor Tracy C. Shuman, if this occurs in menstruating women over 16, it is called secondary amenorrhea, and it has a few causes, including: pregnancy, breast feeding, stopping the use of birth control, menopause, certain types of birth control such as Depo-Provera, stress, depression, certain drugs, extreme weight loss, over-exercising, ongoing illness, sudden weight gain or obesity, thyroid gland disorders, hormonal imbalance and in rare cases, tumors on the ovaries or brain.

If a woman notices a drastic change in her cycle, it is important that she seek medical attention, especially if she has three or more extremely heavy cycles or three that last for longer than a full week.

Many birth control methods are currently available for women. Aside from abstinence and sterilization, vasectomies and tubal ligation, there are barrier methods that include condoms, diaphragms and cervical caps.

Internal birth controls that do not affect hormones are known as intrauterine devices and are small plastic pieces inserted into the uterus by a doctor.

They are effective by changing the lining of the uterus and fallopian tubes. This affects the movement of sperm and eggs and can prevent pregnancy from one to 10 years, but also has great health risks, such as infertility.

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, other forms of birth control that work primarily by altering hormones include: the patch, the vaginal contraceptive ring, hormone shots and implants and the birth control pill.

The pill is one of the most popular forms of birth control. One of the newest on the market is called Yaz. It is a combination pill that contains two types of hormones, estrogen and a progestin.

Along with the benefits of many other birth control pills, making the body think it is pregnant, therefore preventing it from releasing an egg, and thickening the cervical mucus to prevent sperm form passing, Yaz is also approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat physical and emotional effects of the premenstrual cycle.

Yaz has also been known to treat mild acne.

No birth control method is 100 percent effective, and many of them do not guard against HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

For more information about healthy menstrual cycles and birth control methods, or specific birth controls such as the one mentioned above, speak with a doctor, or seek information in reputable references.

Condoms are available for free in the Coastal Carolina University Office of Student Activities and Leadership and the CCU counseling services center.

Side effects of using the birth control pill

> Irregular menstrual bleeding
> Nausea
> Weight gain
> Headaches
> Dizziness
> Breast tenderness
> Mood changes
> Blood clots (rare in women under 35 who do not smoke*)

*Smoking cigarettes and using the pill can increase a girl's risk of certain side effects.

Source: TeensHealth.com
Tree falls on University Boulevard, blocks traffic

A tree fell seemingly of natural causes onto University Boulevard in front of the recreation center on Thursday. Traffic was blocked momentarily while campus safety officers set up cones and a bulldozer was brought in to move the log off the road. Officers then swept up the fallen debris.

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A new development has opened in Carolina Forest, this time not on U.S. 501, but on the newly constructed River Oaks Road located directly behind Carolina Forest.

Located in the new construction is a classy, upscale bar and restaurant, Tavern in the Forest. With its recent opening in January, I decided to see how it compares to area restaurants in Myrtle Beach.

Entering the restaurant, customers walk through a covered, air conditioned outside dining area with tons of seating, flat screen TVs, and an open area.

The inside is dimly lit, and is mostly a bar area, with a few booths lined up on the adjacent walls.

All of the furnishings are constructed of cherry wood, and the bar and table tops are a smooth copper-colored surface. The floor is a shiny linoleum brown, and the copper globe lighting is suspended from a high ceiling. The color scheme plays in to the forest tavern feel. Overall, the décor is classy and contemporary.

As for drinks, Tavern in the Forest offers an extensive wine list. The “forest favorite” is an appetizer, made with Skyy vodka and Hiram Walker.

Other signature drinks include a Crown Manhattan, Strawberry Cheesecake and Trinidad Mojito. A range of domestic and imported beer is available on tap and bottle.

Tavern in the Forest also offers a full menu. Along with the usual burgers, sandwiches and steaks, you can also find different items such as fried calamari, mussels and filet mignon. The menu is a bit pricey, but well worth the taste.

Overall, Tavern in the Forest is a great place to dine with a lot of menu options. It’s very sophisticated and brings a different flare to the residents of Carolina Forest and Myrtle Beach.

**FOOD PICK**

Tavern in the Forest offers different flare and feel

Maegen Sweat  
Staff Writer

Tavern in the Forest is located behind Carolina Forest off River Oaks Road.

**Tempt your palette**

Dish: Appetizer: Teriyaki Wings with celery and carrots; meal: Turkey Club with a side of fruit; dessert: Caramel Crème Brûlée

Description: The appetizer was quite delicious. The Turkey Club was so massive, I had to take some of it to go. The dessert was quite possibly the best dessert I’ve ever had, and the set up was very attractive.

Rating (1-5): 5.

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CD REVIEW: Erykah Badu

Raytevia Evans
Features Editor

Often compared to Billie Holiday upon her breakout in 1997, Erykah Badu’s new album “New Amerykah Part One (4th World War)” can just be described as controversial and real. Released Feb. 26, Badu’s fifth album confronts issues the world is afraid to speak up about.

Born in Dallas as Erica Abi Wright, Badu grew up listening to ‘70s soul and ‘80s hip-hop. When her first album “Baduizm” dropped in 1997, she quickly distinguished herself from other common R&B female singers. Of the 12-track album, she was responsible for all the dilapidated neighborhood, all of her latest album, Badu tackles real issues the world is afraid to speak up about.

The next track, “Me,” gets a little more personal; it’s definitely filled with realistic thoughts and Badu’s opinion. Badu sings, “Had two babies different dudes and for them both my love was true.” She continues to describe herself and her personal life singing, “This year I turned 36. Damn it seems it came so quick. My ass and legs have gotten thick, yeah. It’s all me.”

In this song, Badu addresses issues about herself and goes on to sing about how today she doesn’t know what to say because there are so many leaders to obey. Ironically, in this album she states her opinions anyway over some of the most original beats ever created.

The album goes on to address others who agree or disagree with her opinions. In one song, she says, “For the folks on the picket line. Don’t stop till they change their mind.” With these words along with most of her lyrics, Badu encourages others to speak out about real issues. She does this artistically through her music as well as through her magazine, FreaQ, which was released along with “New Amerykah.”

Badu said she wrote enough songs to make four albums so fans and other interested listeners should be looking forward to parts two through four of “New Amerykah.”

Track List:
1. “Amerykah Promise”
3. “Me”
4. “My People”
5. “Soldier”
7. “Twinkle”
8. “Master Teacher”
10. “Telephone”
11. “Honey”

Crossword

Summertime events

ACROSS
4. Random summer drive
to nowhere
6. Musicians’ showcases
7. Get some z’s
9. Group of relatives
10. Lazy person
11. Machine that captures memories
12. Get some sun

DOWN
1. Making money
2. Summer
3. Opportunity to get experience in future career
5. Get into shape
8. Beach

What’s coming up in entertainment

MOVIES: MAY 2
• “Iron Man” - Robert Downey Jr., Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow
• “Made of Honor” - Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd
• “Redbelt” - Chiwetel Ejiofor, Joe Mantegna, Tim Allen, Emily Mortimer
• “Fugitive Pieces” - Stephen Dillane, Rade Sherbedgia, Robbie Kay, Rosamund Pike

MUSIC: APRIL 29
• Madonna - “Hard Candy”
• Def Leppard - “Songs From The Sparkle Lounge”
• The Roots - “Rising Down”
• Augustana - “Can’t Love, Can’t Hurt”
• Portishead - “Third”

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes
In Japan, the Sanchez family had a tiny apartment. Here, they have an imperial palace.

For the past three years, U.S. Navy Corpsman Ralph Sanchez, his wife, and their three girls were living in a cramped Okinawa apartment. No yard. No garage. (But the sushi was great.) From 7,000 miles away, their Centex team went out of its way to facilitate the ideal homecoming, making it easy for the Sanchez bunch to get into a brand-new, every-kid-gets-her-own-room home. One with a yard. And a garage. And a gourmet kitchen overlooking a rather roomy den. Of course, they also get a two-year fit-and-finish warranty that’s twice the industry standard. Talk about living like royalty.

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The classes started on a cold, winter evening. Anyone could clearly spot the dancers coming from a mile away; dressed in beautiful skirts and handsome in their tuxedos, they all headed toward the gym at the stroke of 6:30 p.m.

Participants lined up outside of the studio that is commonly used for spinning classes, and began tense and jittery conversations with one another.

Many brought friends, possibly in suicide-pacts, for an attempt to do something they have never tried before and were afraid to try alone -- the tango.

There were older couples, men who wanted to surprise their wives for their next anniversary, other college students, and young couples on campus out for a little fun.

"Now, everyone close your eyes for a second. Imagine you have just stepped into a tango bar. It's dark, smoky and it feels a little dangerous. All of the women are in their dresses and the men dressed up in tuxes and suits wearing fedoras," said Paul McTaggart, the instructor of the class.

That tense Oh-my-god-I'm-going-to-be-dancing-with-strangers feeling is erased in an instant, partly because McTaggart has that effect to put you at ease.

The other part is the students remembering they are there to have a little fun. This is how every class starts.

The price of admission for CCU staff or students is the courage to sign up and walk into the class.

For a person from outside the community the price is $5. It is a beginners' class where everyone makes a fool of themselves for an hour or so and slowly gets better. No one is over-critical in the class and laughter comes easy.

Everyone has tripped, stumbled, fallen over and found themselves in the completely opposite and wrong area from their partners.

The class has moved on to salsa now but all of the fundamentals are the same.

McTaggart, from the Carolina Dance Partners, is an accomplished and informative man in the art, style and history of dance.

He runs a tango society that meets on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the J. Bryan Floyd Community Center.

All are welcome in the tango society as well, for the cost of $10 per class for singles and $15 per class for couples. If you are unable to participate in the class on Tuesday, feel free to join in with the Tango Society.

There is no dance experience required when it comes to joining the society. The bottom line here is this is an opportunity to get out, try something new and make some new friends.

The class is not guaranteed to be offered next semester, so be sure and check out these last few classes.

For more information: visit carolinadancepartners.com/class-schedule/tango-society-events.
A student expresses his view on Major League Baseball, predicts the World Series

Nick Mamary
Staff Writer

I don’t know about you, but after all of the controversy of the ongoing steroid issue, it sure felt good to hear those two words that never get old: “play ball.”

The idea of expanding the game to the far East made sense, but it was wrong to have the defending World Champion Red Sox begin the season in another country.

However, there are many reasons to be excited. Despite their shaky pitching, the Yankees look decent. It will be interesting to see how veterans like Andy Pettite and Mike Mussina hold up.

Johan Santana seems to be fitting in just fine as a Met, and should continue to dominate.

Even though the season is only a couple of weeks old, there are a few surprise teams, which makes for a nice story.

It’s doubtful that the Tampa Bay Rays, Kansas City Royals or St. Louis Cardinals can sustain this pace, but America loves an underdog.

Whether home run king Barry Bonds ever suits up again remains to be seen. Now budding superstars like Prince Fielder move into the spotlight.

There is perhaps the most disappointing team in both leagues, the Detroit Tigers who spent billions of dollars in the off-season and are owners of the sport’s worst record.

Now these were my predictions for each division winner from before the season.

For the American League, my predictions are West: LA Angels, East: Boston Red Sox, Central: Cleveland Indians; wild card: NY Yankees.

In the World Series, I see the Yankees pulling out a seven-game struggle against the Cubs to claim their second World Title, and to say a proper farewell to Yankee stadium.

This is the last season the Yankees will play in Yankee Stadium, as a new stadium is being built and will be completed in time for the 2009 season.

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