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New faculty positions bring new ideas, policies

A Letter from Jennie M. Cassidy, Interim Assistant Dean of Students

Allow me to introduce myself. For the past two years, many of you have known me as “Jennie,” the director of Counseling Services at Coastal Carolina University. Now, I have a new identity.

In addition to being “Jennie,” I am also known as “Dr. Cassidy,” the interim assistant dean of students and chief judicial officer.

In my new dual role I will continue to serve as an administrator in Counseling Services, but I will be taking the year off from counseling and therefore, I will not have access to confidential information obtained by the other counselors to protect student confidentiality from the judicial system.

With former Dean of Students Lloyd Holmes moving on to another university and the former vice president of student affairs, Lynn Wilett, moving into a new role at CCU, Haven Hart and I have stepped into new, temporary jobs.

Hart has taken on the task of running Student Affairs, and I have the privilege of taking on responsibility for judicial affairs for this academic year. Yes, that means I handle discipline.

Given that I am a psychologist, I would like for students to think of discipline at CCU in different terms. Instead of “I handle discipline,” let’s say that “I handle behavioral education.” As I have spent the last three months learning this new job, I have discovered that my task is not merely to hand out “punishments.”

My real task is to help you learn how to make the best possible decisions that assist you in living and learning in a safe environment.

We all have reasons for doing what we do.

I want students to be intentional about the decisions they make. I want students to take the time to think about the consequences, both positive and negative, of the behaviors that they choose. If students choose behaviors, say underage drinking, that they perceive as having positive consequences (e.g., it feels good), my hope is to help them learn about the negative consequences (e.g., it impairs memory and judgment) before they end up suffering major consequences (e.g., death) for that choice.

Students are likely to be faced with the decision of whether to consume alcohol many times during the next few weeks. I’d like to urge students to be intentional about those decisions, considering both the positive and negative consequences of drinking. Also, students should consider the fact that if caught, I will not merely hand out “punishments,” but I will talk with students about making behavioral decisions.

And, of course, I will have the opportunity to add to the negative consequences that you experience because of your decision.

You will notice that CCU now has a new Alcohol and Drug Policy. You will also notice signs all over campus displaying the Alcohol and Other Drug Sanctions. This information is available to students so that they may make informed decisions about the university’s expectations of them, and be aware of some of the negative consequences that they may suffer as a result of your decisions. Please choose wisely.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jennie M. Cassidy, Interim Assistant Dean of Students

A Letter from Deana Lewis, Volunteer Services Coordinator

To All Coastal Carolina University Students:

Let me start off by saying welcome back to returning students and welcome to all incoming students.

My name is Deana Lewis and I am the new volunteer services coordinator on campus. I am also a CCU alumna. As a recent graduate of the University, I am very excited to make the transition from student to employee.

As the new coordinator for the Volunteer Services Center, my biggest goal for this school year is to get students involved in volunteer work and encourage more community engagement.

If you are an individual student who would like to volunteer, a group of students wanting to get involved, or a club or Greek organization trying to schedule volunteer work, please come see me. I am here to register students to volunteer both on and off campus and to help find a job that fits their interests.

I hope that all of you are able to attend the Volunteer Fair on Sept. 2 on the Prince Lawn from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There you can talk with people from several local agencies who need volunteers. You can see what interests you, when you can volunteer and in what ways you can help.

I am excited to get the chance to work with all of you.

Many people are in desperate need of help everyday. Local organizations and agencies are doing all they can to assist them but cannot do it alone. They need your help. Show you care and give your support. I am here to help you help others. So get involved, help your local community and “Become a Chanticleer Volunteer”!

For more information, visit the Volunteer Services Center in the Lib Jackson Student Center, Room 206C, call 349-6503 or email at djmccll@coastal.edu.

Sincerely,
Deana Lewis, Volunteer Services Coordinator Student Activities and Leadership

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CCU enforces new alcohol policy

Kyle Drapeau  
Business Manager

Coastal Carolina University has adopted a policy regarding its campus and alcohol, as well as buildings in the surrounding area.

This policy is described in the new student handbook as being “based on a concern for the welfare of all members of the campus community.”

While it may be obvious to some, it should be noted that these are the policies of CCU and all state and federal laws must be adhered to as well.

Alcohol in all forms is banned from the main campus dormitories. Students who reside in University Place and are 21 years or older may possess and consume alcohol, provided there are no open containers when someone under the age of 21 is present.

“In my opinion, I believe that alcohol being disallowed on campus is fine,” said David Elliott, a junior marketing major. “I feel residents in UP should be allowed to have alcohol if they are of age, but obviously distribution to minors should and is being watched. Being 21 comes with responsibilities,” he said.

Student events may not allow the sale, consumption or presence of alcohol if the event occurs on campus. If the event occurs off campus, clearance must be requested by the organization no less than two weeks before the event by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership. If permission is granted, only beer and/or wine may be sold at these events by a third party vendor.

While all of the policies have only the best interests of the students in mind, not everyone adheres to them, which can have disastrous results.

The Good Samaritan Policy is CCU’s way of assisting students who are dangerously intoxicated. When a student contacts a member of the Department of Public Safety or a Residence Assistant for help with an intoxicated student, neither the student making contact nor the intoxicated student will be charged with any violations, unless they continuously repeat the behavior. It should also be noted that this policy does not prevent action by local, state or federal authorities.

“I don’t drink at all, so the new policies don’t affect me,” said Katie McClure, a junior biology major. “I’m against underage drinking. We have these policies for a reason.”

Restrictions take smokers elsewhere

Kyle Drapeau  
Business Manager

Over the past few years Coastal Carolina University’s face has changed in many ways—from a massive expansion in student population to dreams of an arena that were never realized. The most recent change taken on by the university is a new smoking policy that bans smoking in all but 12 gazebos around campus.

This new initiative is in compliance with the Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990 and is intended to protect the health of CCU staff and students.

“As I looked at the map, it looks like you could go to one (a gazebo) pretty easily from everywhere,” said Jennie Cassidy, interim assistant director of Housing. “It looks hard from Counseling because the closest one is by Wheelwright [Auditorium].”

Some students agree with the new policy.

“I don’t think you should be able to smoke on campus at all. That’s how it is back home in Massachusetts,” said Marianne Long, a marine science major. “It’s illegal to smoke in any public area, which prevents people throwing cigarette butts everywhere.”

Other students are indifferent, but understand the good intentions of the new policy.

“Secondhand smoke never really bothered me, but I can see how it’s beneficial to the campus environment,” said senior Saura Stuhl. “It cuts down on littering and promotes the overall health of students as a whole.”

Whatever stance students take against or for this new policy, it will be enforced by the Department of Public Safety. According to a recent e-mail sent to all students, campus security has the authority to penalize students as they see fit.

Basically, students do not have to go home, but they’ll have to head to the nearest gazebo to smoke.
Economy crisis demands attention
Recognizing actions to make it right

Shawn Sines
Business Writer

Thus far, the year 2008 has been anything but encouraging. Americans across the country are steadily losing equity in their homes, prompting countless foreclosures. John Authers of the Financial Times reported that inflation in the U.S. is at a 17-year high, eroding the purchasing power of those same Americans struggling to remain sheltered, clothed and fed.

If the minds and consciences of many Americans are not strained enough by the ongoing household crisis, the fall of 2008 will surely provide something more to worry about – a new presidency.

Many polls conducted by news agencies, ranging from The New York Times to CNN, have shown that the main concern of the American people in the upcoming election is the economy. Undoubtedly, the actions taken by elected officials in the face of economic adversity will change the way people live on a day-to-day basis.

Recently, the drastic rise in oil prices has coincided with a sharp devaluation of the American dollar against other currencies. This leaves the average American consumer with a rather unenviable situation: the price of goods most depended upon for survival is rising at the same time that the value of the dollar in their wallet is declining.

Not only are Americans forced to buy less, but foreigners are using the recent decline in the value of the dollar to invest more in American assets. Therefore, when the economy finally does rebound, some of the most prominent companies that conduct business on American soil will be controlled by foreign nations.

As reported by The Wall Street Journal on July 14 of this year, the sale of Anheuser-Busch to the Belgian company InBev further solidifies the goal of foreign institutions as gaining access to the American consumer through direct investment.

Also, financial institutions worldwide that have already devalued their companies by billions of dollars may be vulnerable to even more trouble ahead. The trust of the American public—especially its investors—will not be restored in a matter of days, but rather in a span of months to years.

For those wishing to buy a new home in the next five years, they should be prepared not to receive the easy credit terms that may have been available a year ago. Most mortgage-loan companies are reverting back to the standard of a minimum 20 percent down payment.

More bad news: there is no special elixir to cure the woes of the economy overnight.

Measures taken by government officials will have to be mirrored by sustained attempts by the American people to finally live within their means.

Good advice to those in a younger generation would be to budget expenses daily, understand limits on credit, and make a conscious effort to begin saving at a younger age.

If people are not able to learn a lesson from the economic crises of the past year, then they will surely be faced with greater problems in the future.
Student-produced newspaper under new leadership

Raytevia Evans
For The Chanticleer

The new editorial staff of The Chanticleer Newspaper took office over the summer for the 2008-2009 school year at Coastal Carolina University.

The following students have resumed positions:
Claire Arambula is a senior at CCU and the new editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer. She is majoring in English with a minor in Spanish and is scheduled to graduate in May 2009.

Arambula is unique, intelligent, nice, patient and docile—but always stern when necessary.

Arambula has been a part of The Chanticleer staff for going on three years and has worked as the news editor for a short period of time.

As the new editor-in-chief, she plans to focus on recruiting writers and photographers for a larger and stronger staff, and also to maintain an open mind when listening to new ideas. She looks forward to making changes and bringing new and interesting stories to the CCU community.

Arambula is also a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the CCU English Honor Society.

After graduation she plans to move to Galway, Ireland to freelance for an Irish news publication.

Maegen Sweat is a junior at CCU and the new assistant editor for The Chanticleer. She is personal, outgoing and dedicated. Sweat is in her second year of writing for The Chanticleer.

As the new assistant editor, Sweat’s goals include increasing readership, altering the stereotypes surrounding the paper and encouraging students to become excited about writing. Her personal goals include becoming an effective leader, and she considers her new job to be a learning experience.

Maegen aspires to continue her editing career with The Chanticleer next year as a senior.

Brandon Lockett is originally from Aiken. He is a senior graphic design major and the new art director for The Chanticleer.

Lockett is scheduled to graduate in May 2009. He plans to then explore the graphic design world and possibly pursue a doctorate in archeology upon graduating.

Lockett is patient, humorously cynical, extremely artistically inclined and diligent when it comes to his art work.

Besides working for The Chanticleer, Lockett is also a member of the Ashes2Art program, an archeological digital reconstruction project in the arts department, as well as a part of the College of Fine Arts Student Advisory Council.

This year, he plans to provide a publication that is visually stimulating in order to bring change and interest to The Chanticleer. He looks forward to working with Arambula, the editor-in-chief, and other eager staff members as well.

Kyle ‘Butters’ Drapeau is a senior at CCU majoring in English with minors in journalism and communication. Originally from Camden, Drapeau is the new business manager for The Chanticleer.

Butters is the comic relief in the office of The Chanticleer. Under pressure, he keeps the staff members laughing and has a tendency to keep the editor-in-chief on her toes.

As business manager, Butters will be in charge of selling advertisements for both The Chanticleer and Tempo, the student-produced features magazine of CCU. Butters is also a part Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The new section editors for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows:

Ashley Williamson is a senior communication major, with a journalism minor at CCU and the news editor for The Chanticleer.

Elaine Urban is a sophomore marine science major from Ocean City, Md. She is the new features editor.

Nick Mamary is a sophomore at CCU, and the new sports editor for The Chanticleer.

Colin Buxton is a junior biology major and the new viewpoints editor.

University puts a stop to booze-cruise

Ashley Williamson
News Editor

Coastal Carolina University has decided to end the weekend shuttle service that transported students to and from Broadway at the Beach.

The “drunk bus,” which once ran Friday and Saturday nights until 3 a.m., has been discontinued due to students’ lack of responsibility and appreciation for the service.

Student Body President Trevor Arrowood said that several students brought alcohol on the bus, showing disrespect to the drivers and even getting into physical altercations. “The university thought the best solution to the problem was to cancel the service,” he said.

Alternatives for the service are currently under negotiation with the Student Government Association and a “safe ride program” for students is currently being developed. Ideas for the plan are being discussed amongst SGA and university officials, according to Haven Hart in the Department of Student Affairs.

Many students are enraged about the transportation service temporarily being discontinued and feel as if it is going to cause more students to get behind the wheel while intoxicated.

“It’s stupid,” says Scott Tomko, a university graduate who frequently utilized the bus service. “Kids aren’t going to just stop drinking. They’re still going to get drunk, and then they’re going to get in their cars and drive home.”

The safety of students continues to be the No. 1 concern for CCU administration and faculty. Although right now final decisions have not been made regarding alternative solutions, Hart is certain it will be sooner than later that the installment of another service will be made.
CCU pays tribute to founding fathers

Claire Arambula
Editor-in-chief

Approximately 53 students enrolled for the entering class the year that Coastal Carolina Junior College was established. It was Sept. 20, 1954, and on that night in Conway High School, the dream became a reality.

The vision of Thurman W. Anderson, an innovative Horry County superintendent of the time, was soon spread among local citizens. According to CCU history professor Roy Talbert Jr., in his book, "Coastal Carolina University: The First 50 Years," Anderson’s right hand man was Joseph Kenyon East, who was at the time a county principle and later the creator of South Carolina's first kindergarten class. Pre-grade school was not the only education that East invested in.

After years of rejection, complications, false hopes and perseverance, Anderson and East surprisingly attained their goal. After being turned down by almost every school in the state, it was their last effort in contacting the College of Charleston that the sweet taste of success was attained.

The College of Charleston sponsored the early stages of Coastal and provided the young institution with approval, funds, supplies and even Coastal’s first faculty members: Edward J. and Margaret K. Woodhouse of Chapel Hill, N.C.

In 1958, when the College of Charleston withdrew their support of the junior college, the University of South Carolina became interested in closely working with Coastal as it progressed.

In the fall of 1963, Coastal Carolina experienced a semester on its own campus. This initiated a growth spurt that would lead to the junior college being established as Coastal Carolina University, an independent public institution and the grandiose structure it is today.

The success and tremendous progress that CCU has undergone – from its first building on campus, the Edward M. Singleton Building to the creation of the University’s mascot, the Chanticleer (by former English professor Callie Maddox), to the start of Coastal’s first newspaper publication in 1963 - can be attributed to none but the founding fathers of the institute, almost 60 years ago.

According to Deborah Conner, associate vice president of University Relations at CCU, the student and faculty body dedicates one day in September to “celebrate the founding vision,” that is Founders’ Day.

This year’s celebration, scheduled to be held on Monday, Sept. 22, will entail more than ever before. Conner stated that university officials are hastily trying to find people who were a part of the 1954 class so they can be honored.

Cenzo was inaugurated, this year will contain three parts:

- At 4:30 p.m. CCU will dedicate and rename the current building University Hall to Bill Baxley Hall, in honor of Colonel William J. Baxley Jr. who has worked at CCU for almost 30 years and has been named dean emeritus of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration.

- At 5 p.m. there will be a reception in Spadoni Park for all in attendance.

- At 7 p.m. the final event, a formal academic convocation, will take place in Wheelwright Auditorium to recognize the class of 1954, who will receive special honorary medallions. CCU will also be honoring three special guests.

Founders’ Day is open to the student and faculty body as well as to the public.

“I had no idea of even thinking about or dreaming about [Coastal] being a university someday,” said East, the last surviving founder of CCU. “Nothing in my recent years has brought joy or reclamation to me like returning to Coastal can.”

Student attendance at CCU’s Founder’s Day is crucial and according to Student Body President Trevor Arrowood, each campus organization will have a representative present at the ceremony.

“The SGA (Student Government Association) executive board and senators will definitely be there, and everyone is encouraged to go,” said Arrowood.

“Student turnout has not been great,” said Monk of past ceremonies, despite the grave importance of the day. “Founders Day shows our commitment to a proud tradition. It is a time to recognize the instrumental roles of our founders. “You all have gone way beyond what we ever dreamed of,” said East. “Just goes to show what you can do with what you have.”
C-Store now offers more to students

Ashley Williamson
News Editor

The University Place C-Store renovation is finally complete and the convenience store officially re-opened for business Aug. 16.

The store, which is located in the University Place Mail Center, offers the bare necessities for students living in the area. This includes various items such as school supplies, over the counter medicines and a surplus of grocery items.

A deli has also been set up in the store. This is a great alternative for students who do not feel like going across S.C. 544 to campus to eat at The Commons or CINO Grille.

"It makes it much easier to get something to eat without driving all the way to campus," said freshman Austin Browder, a transfer student to the university.

The newly-built deli is similar to those in the campus dining facilities. Students can choose from a selection of meats, cheeses and freshly baked bread for their sub. Wraps are also available.

Jesse Schopf, the retail outlet manager of the store, says that he feels putting the deli in the C-Store will help business. "Students are used to coming in for a drink or bag of chips, and now with the deli they can also get themselves a fresh sandwich to go along with it," he said.

Changes to the C-Store are not only physical. Besides the new deli, the convenience store is now accepting meal plans, declining balance and CINO cash as a way to pay for one of two combo specials: a 6-inch sub with a fountain drink and a bag of chips, or one of the store's fresh garden salads and a fountain drink. However, store will also continue to accept credit and debit cards and cash.

One other change is not settling well with tobacco users who once frequented the store.

"I used to stop there before class to get cigarettes and now I have to stand in line at the gas station instead," commented University Place resident Kyle Kirch about the discontinuation of the sale of tobacco products.

Several other students have also made verbal complaints to the workers at the store, but new university policies have gone into effect that prohibit the sale of tobacco at the store.

Jon Wright, a senior who works at the convenient store, says he understands students' frustration, but feels that the university is just trying to promote good health and make a point against destructive decisions.

The UP C-Store is open seven days a week; hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CCU athlete faces assault charges

Ashley Williamson
News Editor

Freshman William Chandler, wide receiver for Coastal Carolina University's football team, was arrested Wednesday and charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The Sun News reports that according to an arrest warrant, Chandler, 18, forced the victim to have sexual intercourse with him without the woman's consent.

Chandler was arrested and later booked at J. Reuben Long Detention Center at 3:49 a.m., according to the detention center's Web site. He was released Wednesday afternoon after posting a $10,000 bond.

Chandler is suspended from the University and football team temporarily until "a final determination of Chandler's status as a student" is made through both the legal and campus judicial systems, The Sun News also reported.

Students on campus are shocked by the accusations.

"It's crazy to know someone from our school is involved in such a crazy situation," junior Michael O'Connor said. "Hopefully everything will work itself out for both parties involved."
**EVENT CALENDAR**

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**SEPTEMBER CONCERTS**

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Shows nightly, including Act II, The Bill Krauss Show, Paul Grimshaw Trio, The Necessary Band, Stringwood, Black Label, Tim Clark Band, Goggle Pizano and Mark & The Marauders

**HOUSE OF BLUES**
- 01 Jesse McCartney
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- - The Loved Ones
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- 27 Nelly

**COASTAL ALE HOUSE**
- 3, 10, 17 and 24, 7 p.m.
- Arlin Strader Trio
Charleston band crosses music genres

Brandon Wolf
For the Chanticleer

Hailing from Charleston, Slow Runner hits us with another sparkling gem of an album titled “Mermaids.” To fill some of you in briefly, Slow Runner is a four-piece band that was formed around year 2003 by singer/songwriter Michael Flynn. The group delivers an eclectic sound that crosses several genres.

Released earlier this year, “Mermaids” is the group’s third full-length album. Each track on “Mermaids” envelops a listener calmly like smoke in an empty bar. With wholesome reverb on strings and background vocals, bright enchanting melodies and Flynn’s signature touch of simplistic yet engaging lyrics, the album is nothing short of brilliant. Slow Runner’s music has appeared on television programs such as “Grey’s Anatomy” and “One Tree Hill,” so go check them out before they’re “too big” for anyone to like!

Slow Runner, Mermaids

MOVIES

Film of the Week

‘Why so serious?’ proves to be box office hit

Brandon Lockett
Art Director

Acclaimed director of phenomenal films such as “Memento” and “The Prestige,” Christopher Nolan has achieved great success in producing the sequel to the blockbuster hit, “Batman Begins.”

With award-nominated actors as Michael Caine, Christian Bale and Heath Ledger, the “Dark Knight” captivated the darkness and mystique that Batman’s creator, Bob Kane, initiated in the Detective Comics series in the late 1930s.

In his role as the Joker, the late Ledger performed exquisitely as the manic mass murderer, causing one to shiver with his obsessive lip licking and memorable tagline, “Why so serious?”

With box office numbers rising to almost $500 million, “The Dark Knight” is a non-stop action ride leaving viewers breath-taken.

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New Student Convocation well-received by freshmen

Maegen Sweat
Assistant Editor

The Coastal Carolina University freshman class of 2012 has had a lot going on these past few weeks. From moving in and saying goodbyes to figuring out new college schedules, freshmen have not had any free time.

Of course, there is also Orientation Week, a period of four days, which consists of lectures, presentations and speakers designated to help new students learn more about their surroundings and the upcoming year.

Of all of these panels and speeches, the New Student Convocation is one of the most important and formal presentations.

Each year at the convocation, incoming freshmen and students are formally introduced to the elite of CCU. They are welcomed by University President David DeCenzo, Provost Robert Sheehan, student leaders and dozens of cap and gown clad faculty members.

To some students it may be just another seminar they have to attend, but to most it is the official welcoming to their new roles as students of CCU.

"It was a good welcoming," said freshman Andrew Gonzales who also stated that it was one of the better aspects of Orientation Week.

"Be patient, kind and foster each other's academic and social growth," said Arrowood.

"The convocation benefits first-year students because it introduces them to the ceremonial aspects of the university and it formally welcomes them into the Coastal Carolina University community of scholars. I think it is the most important ceremony of Welcome Week," explains Rice.

Student Body President Trevor Arrowood also agrees that the convocation is vital to new students. After the convocation Arrowood stated, "There were over 1700 kids there, and that's the biggest class we've ever had. Everyone was dressed up; it was their official welcome."

In his speech Arrowood advised students to take good care of each other.

"Be patient, kind and foster each other's academic and social growth," he said.

Cassandra Beard, another freshman, said she really enjoyed the speech given by Arrowood.

"I also thought it was pretty cool to see all the teachers at once," she added.

In the end, not only does the convocation end the grueling seminars of Orientation Week, it also introduces the students to the family of CCU and is their official start to freshman year.

Now it's time to bring on the classes!

St. T.A.R.

Marianne Long
For The Chanticleer

Students Taking Active Responsibility (S.T.A.R.) is the student community service organization on campus, and they are looking for volunteers!

S.T.A.R. works with different national organizations such as the Make A Wish Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society, the Red Cross and many others. The student organization works both on campus and in the Horry Georgetown area to help community members, animals and the environment.

S.T.A.R.'s first event will be a blood drive for the American Red Cross set to take place on Aug. 27. The blood mobile will be parked out in front of the Wall Building from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and all donations are greatly appreciated.

For information on becoming a member of S.T.A.R. or participating in any events, please attend meetings on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Lib Jackson Student Center Room 208. If unable to attend meetings, contact the organization at ccustar@yahoo.com.
CCU counselor examines mass-killer: Transitioning to a healthy lifestyle

Jonathan Glass
For The Chanticleer

The designated smoking areas on Coastal Carolina University’s campus (effective July 2008) have made it even more difficult for smokers to freely shorten the length and quality of their lives (as well as the rest of ours via second-hand smoke).

Most people already know that smoking has been linked to cancer, lung diseases, heart attacks, strokes and blood vessel diseases. In addition, it smells foul, causes bad breath, stains teeth and results in premature wrinkling of the skin.

Tobacco use is responsible for more than half a million deaths a year. In addition, secondhand smoking has been linked to thousands of deaths each year. Perhaps this will present an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to embark on a program of smoking cessation.

People who initiate smoking rarely imagine they will become addicted to nicotine, a drug found naturally in tobacco. However, often the repetitive behavior of ingesting this drug results in a physical and psychological addiction or habit. This habit is often difficult to break due to its profound physiological and psychological effects.

It should be noted that the addiction to nicotine is in no way a reflection of personal weakness, a deficit of character or a depletion of will power. Often, in fact, people who become addicted to tobacco are sensitive, intelligent, reasonable and of broad character. However, repeated use of tobacco leads to tolerance to the drug, which ultimately leads to an increase in smoking over time.

Cravings and withdrawal symptoms may occur within a few hours of the decision to stop smoking. These may include dizziness, depression, anxiety, irritability, sleep disturbances, trouble concentrating, restlessness, headaches, tiredness and increased appetite.

The benefits of quitting are multifold and include decreased expenses. In addition, doing so may result in improved taste and smell and increases in social desirability.

Of course, it is often hard to do, but it is not impossible.

A wide range of counseling services and cessation programs are available. For example, one may go “cold turkey” (quit all at once) or decrease the amount of cigarettes and/or smoking times gradually. Generally, this decision is related to one’s history, use and degree of addiction.

The best way to quit is often a combination of medicine and personal support. Medication solutions may include nicotine replacement therapies (gums, lozenges, patches, sprays, inhalants) that are available both over-the-counter and by prescription. These substitutes reduce the smoker’s withdrawal symptoms and often increase the likelihood of success. Also, prescription medications, such as Bupropion (Zyban), may decrease the likelihood of psychological “breakdown” — often the precursor to relapse. Varenicline (Chantix), a newer medication, lessens the pleasurable effects of smoking and reduces symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.

One must recognize that none of these treatments act as a “magic bullet” eliminating all pain and discomfort.

Hypnosis, acupuncture, homeopathic aids and herbal supplements are additional ways to stop smoking. However, these methods are limited in their research based support.

Personal support is available in the form of support groups, educational programs and the American Cancer Society’s “Quitlines” (telephone-based help to stop smoking).

The American Cancer Society has identified four elements related to quitting successfully. These include:

- making the decision to quit
- setting a quit date and choosing a quit plan
- dealing with withdrawal and staying quit (maintenance)

It is recommended that one explores and clarifies his or her (1) reasons for quitting and (2) benefits which may result. In fact, one program (Freshstart) suggests that you literally write this plan down and carry it with you.

Also, the following suggestions are relevant:

- drink lots of water and juices
- engage in deep breathing
- avoid situations where the urge to smoke is strong
- avoid alcohol
- exercise

- keep active

Fortunately, the cravings generally last no more than 20 minutes. Therefore, delaying may assist in overcoming obstacles to success.

Although weight gain is often a concern to those quitting, it should be noted that the gain is typically minimal (often less than 10 pounds).

Individuals are encouraged to enlist the support of their family, friends and significant others with regard to obtaining support and encouragement. Spiritual practices, such as prayer and meditation, may be helpful as well.

If someone is finding it difficult to make the transition to healthy living and a tobacco-free lifestyle, help is available.

For more information contact Counseling Services at 349-2385. Prescription medication assistance can be discussed with a health provider in Student Health Services at 349-6543.

The South Carolina Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW) is free and available 7 days a week.

In addition, FREE classes are available at the Conway Medical Center; call 347-1515.

Cops bond with students at cookout

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Assistant Editor

Hamburgers and hot dogs, college freshmen and cops. Sounds like they go together quite nice!

Coastal Carolina University held a “COPS Cookout,” sponsored by the Department of Public Safety on campus Sunday during Orientation Week.

Held at The Commons, the event was described by Chief of Police Greg Weisner as a “community outreach for students.”

“We really just want the students to meet us and feel comfortable around us. We want to let them know we aren’t just here to get them in trouble — we really want to help them succeed,” he said.

The cookout was a hit on the otherwise gloomy day; the line of incoming freshmen was out the door and all the way to the parking lot. After a long day of orientation lectures, and the first meeting of their First Year Experience class, the students were ready to mingle and grab a free meal.

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Several students hung around the security vehicles on display and chatted with different members of public safety, introducing themselves and getting to know the officers. Others hung around the picnic tables, eagerly sharing the news of their day and the upcoming class schedules. Still some asked where they could find the stamps to put in their passport books so they could go back to their dorm.

“Orientation has been pretty good. It’s something I got to do for school,” said one freshman student.

Another student, Steven Lehoux, added that the event was optional for his class; however, “If you don’t go you get a zero,” he added. “We will probably go to Five Guys later for some pizza.”

Overall, the cookout was a success. CCU’s Police Department will be working with students all year long at football games, in the dorms, Quail Creek and elsewhere on campus.

“We might as well get to know them now, and help them make good decisions,” chuckled Weisner.

Security vehicles were displayed for freshmen students to explore.

Photo by Brandon Lockett
Coastal reverses negative Greek Life stereotypes

Becca Filler
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Many times Greek fraternities and sororities are publicized in a negative manner, whether they are partying like “animals” or haz ing potential brothers and sisters. Recent films and television shows may be misleading as to what Greek Life is really about.

“Before I met most of my Greek friends, I thought Greek Life was just a way to buy friends. Now I feel it’s an organization established to meet new people and network,” says Sarah Sylvest er, a junior psychology major.

Coastal Carolina University’s 16 recognized fraternities and sororities, branching from the Interfraternity council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Panhellenic Association, set a commendable example of how a student can benefit from Greek Life while enjoying their college career. This year CCU will be celebrating 30 years of Greek Life.

Winner of 2008 Big Read essay contest shares words

Brooke Donaldson
2008 Big Read Essay Winner

Since completing “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier,” by Ishmael Beah, I have learned several things about this world that I knew nothing about beforehand. It is a shame to categorize Ishmael as a ‘lucky one’ yet that is the best description of his life in comparison to his family and hundreds of others. This story tells of a young man who is deprived of his childhood, his home, his family and everything else that is dear to him with the exception of his life. Ishmael is one who survived the war as a child soldier.

Humanity describes the connection and relationship between all human beings. In a time of war the connections are not as broad or strong as they should be and soldiers only really have relations with those fighting for the same things they are. This book shows that the notion of humanity is somewhat a lost concept. Not only because humans are killing each other without remorse of guilt but because the rest of the world is uninvol ved in efforts designed to, if at the least, save the child soldiers (with the exception of NGOs and other organizations). Ishmael is not only critiquing humanity based in Sierra Leone but all of the world.

This story critiques humanity by showing and describing how easily a person whether child or not, can be brainwashed and programmed to kill. When the lieutenant made a passionate speech for recruiting soldiers he was effective and persuasive. “They have lost everything that makes them human. They don’t deserve to live. That is why we must kill every single one of them. Think of it as destroying a great evil. It is the highest service you can perform for your country.” The lieutenant pulled out his pistol and fired two shots into the air. People began shouting, “We must kill them all. We must make sure they never walk this earth again.” All of us hated the rebels, and we were more than determined to stop them from capturing the village.” (Beah, 108). This quote relays how when the morale was boosted it was easier for people to see the need for killing the rebels and for getting revenge. These passionate speeches were used as one of the brainwashing mechanism (along with drugs) so that it was easier for others to justify taking a life. It is horrific to imagine that people are able to exploit children to such an extent. This is the major critique that Ishmael Beah offers about humanity; the idea of humanity is somewhat of a lost cause as long as there is fighting in the world.

Global social responsibility is a very subtle message in “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier.” Ishmael does not spend much of the book talking about what other countries need to do to improve global awareness. However, from the prologue, it is brought to the attention of the reader that in New York City in 1998 students thought that war, fighting, killing, and violence was “cool.” Global social responsibility applies to this book because without reading and educating oneself about these issues one is not being a proactive global citizen.

Global social responsibility can only be achieved by educating those who glorify the idea of holding an AK-47 an RPG and using them against another person.

Global social responsibility is achieved in this book on some level because some take action to rescue the child soldiers, to rehabilitate them, and to find them new families and new lives. Those people such as Esther and Leslie dedicated their lives to helping boys like Ishmael Beah. “In the morning I would feel one of the staff members wrap a blanket around me saying, ‘This isn’t your fault, you know. It really isn’t. You’ll get through this.’ He would then pull me up and walk me back to the hall,” (Beah, 151). However, the war carries on for quite some time before any NGOs become involved in relief efforts.

Whether it is 1991 or 2008 global social responsibility should be a top priority for everyone. By being a responsible and worldly citizen the idea of humanity and brotherhood can be achieved. Unfortunately, it seems that whether or not one tries to be a responsible citizen in today’s world, battles against genocide, war, oppression and violence are endless.

New recycling approach a box-breaking event

Marissa Mitzner
For The Chanticleer

The new students who moved into the residence halls on Saturday, Aug. 16, may have noticed something that Coastal Carolina University has never done before: cardboard recycling!

This year the Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative, with help from Residence Life, organized a campus-wide cardboard recycling event for all residence halls, including University Place. During the planning stages there was a lot of hope, as well as skepticism. CCU is not known for its recycling habits, so whether it could be done or not rested upon the cooperative effort of all residence halls, including University Place.

If students are interested in volunteering at other recycling events or want more information regarding recycling on campus, contact Marissa Mitzner, Sustainability Coordinator, at mmitznierz@coastal.edu or 349-2389.
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- Saturday, Sept. 27 at North Carolina A&T, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 4 vs. Liberty* 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 11 at VMI*, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 vs. North Carolina Central, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 25 vs. Stony Brook*, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 8 at Gardner-Webb*, 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 15 at Presbyterian, 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. Charleston Southern*, 6 p.m.

All times are Eastern and are subject to change.
* Denotes Big South Conference Game

'Decorated athlete' goes for gold

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Coastal Carolina University track and field alumna and volunteer assistant coach, Amber Campbell, competed in the 2008 summer Olympics in Beijing for her hammer throw.

27-year-old Campbell graduated from CCU in 2004 as a five-time NCAA All-American in the hammer and weight throw, as well as a 16-time Big South Champion.

"Amber was the most decorated athlete," said head track and field coach Alan Connie. "She won a bronze medal as a senior and was inches short of making the Olympic team [in 2004]. She used that as tremendous fuel to bring her to greater heights," continued Connie.

Campbell established herself as the No. 1 hammer thrower during her time at CCU. According to the CCU Athletic Department, after her collegiate career Campbell won the 2007 and 2008 USA Indoor Championship, the 2007 Penn Relays and was the 2005 and 2006 USA Indoor runner-up.

On July 22, the City of Myrtle Beach signed a proclamation declaring Aug. 8, 2008 the official "Amber Campbell Day." The city wanted to applaud Campbell on her amazing career and wish her well in her Olympic competition.

According to goccusports.com, "Campbell achieved a mark of 67.86 meters on her first throw and then faulted on her final two throws, trying to reach the top 12 to advance to the finals, with the final qualifier reaching 69.36 meters. However, in her first Olympic games, she did end up as the top American finisher in the 50 competitor field, as teammate Loree Smith finished 39th at 63.60 meters and Jessica Cosby did not achieve a mark."

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Lady Chants expected to take ‘no prisoners’

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The Coastal Carolina University ladies’ volleyball team looks to have a dominant season this fall, hoping to bounce back from a 15-17 (6-6 Conference) record last year. The Lady Chanticleers will be taking no prisoners this season.

“We’re a lot more experienced this year,” said junior middle blocker Jill Nyhof. “We’re older and more mature as a team.”

The Chants have a tough road ahead of them before glory can be attained. With tournaments at both Virginia Tech and Wichita State, they will face stiff competition in the likes of Ohio State and Virginia Tech. Unfortunately for the Chants, Winthrop and Liberty as they usually have pretty stacked teams.

The Chanticleers have several options to combat the opposition. With returning players and a new freshmen class, things seem to be looking up.

Nyhof said, “The freshmen look good; we have a strong incoming group and they should definitely see some playing time this season.”

Add that to the mix of last season standouts Cheles Kimes, Megan Bickford and Meagan Trac-

ey, and that is a recipe for success. With the loss of graduating seniors Nakia Thompson and Devon West, it should be fun to see how the team gels together under the new senior leadership.

“In the past we have had so much potential and never been able to put it all together and capitalize. This year our goal is to use all the potential we have; we just want to go out there and do it. The [volley-

ball] program keeps getting stronger as the University grows. Coastal has this uniqueness about it that draws people here,” said Nyhof.

Look for the Chanticleers to come out strong this season and have a good run for the Big South Championship. CCU will host the Chanticleer Invitational on Sept. 12 and 13. The ladies start conference play on Sept. 26 at home against Radford.
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