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In volume 46, issue 2 of The Commons Courtyard CPB Magician Justin Kredible 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wall Auditorium

**TUESDAY 4**

Election Process in the USA 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wall Auditorium and CINO Grille Main Dining Room

Men's Soccer Clinic 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Soccer Field

Election Watch 2008 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Edwards Recital Hall

**WEDNESDAY 5**

CPB Wild Card "Mousepad" 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Student Center Deck

Men's Soccer vs. Winthrop 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Soccer Field

**THURSDAY 6**

T-Shirt Tie Dye 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prince Lawn

Teal Wave Brass Reception 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Edwards Recital Hall

PopArt, The Musical 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wheelwright Auditorium

**FRIDAY 7**

'Night Commute' Rally 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Brooks Stadium

Showtime at the Zetapollo 7:20 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wall Building, Room 116A

**SATURDAY 8**

CPB Decorate Your Own Mug 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The Commons Courtyard

**SUNDAY 9**

First Baptist Church West MB 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wall Auditorium and Wall Building, Room 109

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**CRIME LOG**

**Oct. 21**

**Liquor law violations**

While working off campus, a CCU DPS officer observed three subjects at a bar. One subject bought and transferred alcohol to another subject. The subject who bought the alcohol was charged with transfer of alcohol to an underage person, the other two subjects were charged with underage possession of alcohol.

**Oct. 23**

**Motor vehicle accident, leaving the scene of an accident, underage possession of alcohol**

CCU DPS security officers heard a motor vehicle accident occur near The Rivers residence halls and called for a Law Enforcement Officer. The subject made contact with a parked vehicle and continued without stopping. The subject vehicle was stopped by CCU DPS and the accident was investigated. It was discovered during the investigation that the driver of the vehicle was in possession of alcohol. The driver was given citations for leaving the scene of an accident, underage possession of alcohol and was transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Oct. 24**

**Larceny**

The complainant reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone removed golf course property from holes four and five without permission. This case is under investigation.

**Oct. 25**

**Littering**

The complainant requested a CCU DPS officer investigate a report of littering on Juniper Dr. The officer observed some litter in the yard and in the road near the particular residence. Contact was made with a person at the residence who agreed to get the area cleaned up.

**Oct. 27**

**Larceny, wire fraud**

The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that his/her credit card was taken and used by an unauthorized person. This case is still under investigation.

**Oct. 28**

**Possession of paraphernalia**

A CCU DPS officer responded to The Rivers residence area in reference to the smell of marijuana. An advertised resident reportedly used a pipe that contained marijuana. The officer responded to the scene of an arrest on Oct. 28.

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**CORRECTIONS**

The Chanticleer is committed to accuracy. Please contact the editor to report mistakes at chanticleer@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2330. In volume 46, issue 2 of The Chanticleer, Amber White's opinion page 17 was cut off. The last sentence should have read, "Thank God, I have mine."

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chanticleer would like to announce to Coastal Carolina University the newest member of the newspaper's editorial staff, Jessica Green. Green will assume the position of viewpoints editor. She is a senior English major with a minor in journalism at CCU, and her projected graduation date is December 2009.

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**In Memory of CCU Senior**

Coastal Carolina University received notice on Monday, Oct. 27 that Christina L. Vaccaro, senior, education major, had passed away a few days earlier. The exact cause of death is still not known at this time, but Vaccaro had been ill. A viewing was held for Vaccaro on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Lee Funeral Home in Little River/North Myrtle Beach. The funeral mass was held on Friday, Oct. 31 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in North Myrtle Beach. A guest book may be signed at MyrtleBeachOnline.com.

For more information about Vaccaro or her family, contact Jackie Deda, in Student Affairs, at jdeda@coastal.edu.

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Cover photos: Top left: Claire Arambula, Top right: courtesy of Chris Donevant-Haines, Bottom left: Brandon Lockett, Bottom right: courtesy of John Martin
Closing park leaves many jobless in MB

Ashley Williamson
News Editor

Since Hard Rock Park filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy on Sept. 24, more than 1,000 employees lost their jobs - some without even a week’s notice - and many of those who were laid off are college students.

Brandon Conti, an alumna of Coastal Carolina University, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in resort tourism management with a minor in marketing this past May. Conti began working at the park as a paid intern during his last semester at CCU. When he graduated, he earned his job as a “viper,” a marketing position in which he “did all kinds of things,” said Conti.

Winston, the Hard Rock Park’s mascot, is a British punk-rock Bulldog, and one of the park’s marketing techniques for promotion was his running for president.

“The marketing department] would dress up in secret service outfits, in all black with earpieces on, and we would bring Winston to Broadway at the Beach,” said Conti. “We brought him in the park, we brought him to the airport, we brought him to the beach; we brought him everywhere.”

The marketing team also gave out more than 7,000 season passes to workers in the food-service industry. However, this wasn’t enough to save the fate of the park that everybody seemed to know was doomed from the beginning.

Rachel Swindler, a junior musical theatre major, remembers shortly after she began working there, rumors began flying throughout the park that things weren’t looking good for the season.

“I was told it might last through October, but it probably wouldn’t, so I pretty much knew that I’d be laid off from the beginning,” Swindler said.

Swindler landed a job in the entertainment area of the park, working three different positions from day to day. The different positions included karaoke max, in which she would be dressed in a red jumpsuit with black fishnet tights and black high boots.

Swindler would sing and engage the crowd waiting in line for the Max RPM ride at the park.

“I really liked Karaoke Max the best, because I got to sing. I like to entertain people, and that was the one [job] where I could actually entertain, so I loved going down there and getting people involved,” she said.

Swindler also worked as one of the goofy 70s girls who walked around the park, interacting with the guests and generally just “making people happy,” she explained.

Being a palace guard was her other position - basically just guarding the gates of the British Invasion area of the park greeting people.

Employees lost jobs when Hard Rock Park officials announced that they were shutting down.

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Weed Plead: buyers beware of smoking dangers

Ashley Williamson
Letter From the News Editor

School officials are highly concerned about a recent situation that has been brought to their attention regarding the distribution of marijuana on or around campus.

Jennie Cassidy, Interim Dean of Students, was recently informed by the Conway Police Department that there is indeed marijuana being sold that is laced with hallucinogenic substances.

As someone who has several friends who smoke marijuana, I want to send out a heartfelt warning to all of you who are also taking part in this highly popular extra-curricular activity.

While the University and The Chanticleer do not condone the use of the illegal substance, we are aware that it is extremely common, and thousands of students are using it on a regular basis.

What I am asking of you all is to be careful right now. With the marijuana being laced with unknown hallucinogens, somebody who has been smoking for years could get a hold of the wrong bag.

Because the chemical it is being laced with is odorless, these students have no idea what they are about to smoke and could ultimately end up much higher than anticipated - even hospitalized if the hallucinogenic substance has a large enough quantity to cause one to begin “tripping,” without expectation.

I can’t tell you what to do. If you want to smoke weed, then what you do in your private time is your business.

But just be careful. We all know of the guys who walk through college neighborhoods asking anybody they come across if “they need any of that green.” This is not who you should be buying your weed from, people.

If you insist on buying marijuana, be smart about it. Stick to someone you’ve known for a long amount of time, and make sure you trust that person not to be selling you something that could potentially put you in the hospital.

Respectfully yours,
Ashley Williamson
News Editor
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According to DPS, having people comply with the new smoking policy proves not to be a problem.

**Citations not yet issued**

**Ashleey Williamson**  
News Editor

Despite rumors of smoking citations being issued for smoking outside of designated gazebos, not one ticket has been issued for violations, say officials at Coastal Carolina University.

Effective Aug. 1, CCU implemented a new smoking policy in conformity with the 1990 South Carolina Indoor Air Act.

The policy is the result of a Student Government Association motion, which includes the prohibition of smoking anywhere outside of one of 12 designated gazebos throughout campus.

Although disciplinary action is anticipated for refusal to comply, Deputy Chief Phillip Moore with the Department of Public Safety said officers would rather cordially direct students to the closest gazebo before writing them a citation of any kind.

“They’re not the ‘smoking police,’” says Moore.

“Anytime an officer does have to ask a student to move to a gazebo, [the students] are always compliant,” he said.

Chief of Police Greg Weisner is extremely satisfied with the staff, faculty and students’ willingness to conform.

Weisner states, “Even though we didn’t write [the policy], we have been asked to enforce it. So, when I say to an individual, ‘Hey, we’ve got a new smoking policy and would you mind stepping over there to that gazebo to smoke,’ it’s never a problem,” he says. “It’s just been that easy.”

The new policy has affected people the hardest he says, at football games.

Tailgaters in Brooks Stadium have nowhere to smoke because there are no smoking gazebos in the stadium. The closest smoking gazebo is located behind the campus’ police department, which isn’t more than a seven minute walk.

Since the policy went into effect, the cigarette ashtrays and butt urns were removed from the buildings, which caused some fear for maintenance of non-complying student’s throwing their butts on the ground.

Sandy Williams, director of facilities planning and management, says that it is, in fact, the opposite.

“More than it being scattered around campus, we’re finding that most of the trash is mainly concentrated around the gazebos,” she says.

That further illustrates the fact that the University’s population is doing a great job of complying with the new policy.

The air is now fresher for someone when walking out of a building, and the grounds on campus are looking better, too.

**Sanders named to board**

**Jason Kullman**  
For The Chanticleer

On Nov. 1, Dr. Sara Sanders, Keams Palmetto professor of English at Coastal Carolina University, will begin a three-year term on The South Carolina Humanities Council board of directors.

The South Carolina Humanities Council is in its 35th year and has 22 members who award nearly $250,000 in grants annually for public programs.

“I’m very, very excited for this opportunity,” Sanders said.

Sanders said she hopes to increase the amount of donors and involvement of South Carolina universities and their faculty to the council, as well as add the humanities to medicine.

Sanders said that even if someone cannot be cured they can be healed. Biology is the important factor physically in medicine, but it’s not the whole story. Sanders is open to any other new ideas, admitting that she is interested in everything.

Students are excited about Sanders’ opportunity.

Beth Lebeau, a senior English major at CCU, said Sanders is good for the position because “she is so energetic, nice and approachable that she’ll infect the rest into getting something done.”

Sanders said she looks forward to this opportunity to help expand the public’s understanding of their origins, language and minds through the council.

She hopes that she can get people to feel ownership in the council and to donate anything even just a dollar. If the council can reach more people, Sanders said, it will be able to have a million dollar budget, something it has yet to accomplish.

**Seven more parking spaces taken away**

**Janelle Setzer**  
For The Chanticleer

Faculty and staff of Coastal Carolina University have lost seven parking spots this semester, which are located in the Prince parking lot.

The seven spots are now reserved for people with “high-level meetings here on campus” said Chief of Public Safety Greg Weisner.

“If the state government comes to campus for a meeting, they are going to need a place to park and that’s what the spots were designed for.”

In the past, when the high-level meetings would take place, Public Safety would need to come off student spots in order to accommodate people coming to campus.

This is the first semester of utilizing the reserved spots and as of right now, it is “still too early to tell how effective these spots are,” Weisner said.

“The reserved parking spots were originally in a faculty/staff parking lot and the university just reassigned these spots,” Weisner said.

Public Safety has sent an e-mail to all faculty and staff concerning these spots stressing that if anybody parks there who does not have a special permit will be towed. So far, Weisner said, only four or five students have parked in the reserved spots.

Weisner acknowledged that “student spots are a premium” and the administration is doing what they can about the parking issue.

In the new overflow lot, there is a new sidewalk going from the lot onto campus. Also, on University Boulevard there is increased lighting and emergency call boxes are going to be installed in the new lot.
Future looking bright for American economy

The markets are finally proving their resiliency. After the worst weekly decline in the stock market since the Great Depression, the light at the end of the tunnel may have finally become visible.

Unfortunately, free market capitalism is not responsible for the recent resurgence in equities, but rather our increasingly ubiquitous federal government. Providing regulation to ensure that investors are not deceived by company practices is a welcome aspect of our financial system; however, enabling the federal government to assume ownership of our most prominent financial institutions is a dream taken straight from Marx’s Communist Manifesto.

The government is promising to avoid any role within the institutions other than to provide the necessary capital to keep them afloat. The new plan calls for an overall investment of $250 billion to purchase equity stakes of financial institutions; with the largest amount, $125 billion, reserved for preferred stock purchases of the nine largest banks - including the likes of Citigroup, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson gave the executives of the banks little choice other than to accept the offer of equity share purchases; even against protest from Wells Fargo Chairman Richard Kovacevich, who adamantly denied that his bank was facing the same troubles as some of his New York-based counterparts.

Undoubtedly, the new plan raises concerns about the ultimate intention of the U.S. government considering its role within our mainstream economy. There is no more important sector to the vitality of the overall economy than our banking sector. Now, the government has a relatively large stake in the companies that American citizens rely on for continuous prosperity.

However, the government has been quick to state that they are prohibited from voting rights within the companies they choose to inject capital; an important difference between the purchase of common and preferred shares of equity.

By attempting to resolve one question on the status of American capitalism, the government may have created new worries by relinquishing control over any aspect of a particular company that is now the responsibility of American taxpayers.

Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate, voices some of the concerns consistent with the recent actions of the U.S. government.

“As we pour money in, they can pour money right out. We don’t have a veto,” said Stiglitz.

Therefore, the question still remains whether the newly infused capital will ensure that companies will act responsibly to avoid a similar situation in the future.

The terms of the $250 billion deal encourage the firms that will receive federal aid to repurchase the shares of equity as soon as possible. If the institutions are able to do this effectively, our banking industry will continue to be based upon the fundamental guideline of capitalism – private ownership.

While this recent action may provide the much-needed, and anticipated, support from our government in these rather volatile times, one can only ponder the uncertainties that may lie ahead if people continually look to our government to provide stability in the economy, and not to the market participants themselves.

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Working full-time and making $14 an hour, the 20-year-old entertainer said she made a ridiculous amount of money for having such an easy and enjoyable job. “Everything I make, I split in half, and I put a lot of money in savings,” she said.

Swindler has other jobs in Myrtle Beach to fall back on when her bank account is running low, including working at a resort and promotional modeling jobs.

Not everybody is lucky enough to have a job on the “back burner,” the way Swindler does, though.

Christina Stanley, a former attractions unit supervisor, still has not found another job since she was laid off in mid-September.

Stanley said she received a call randomly one day informing her that she needed to return her uniform and sign a termination paper.

“I felt like the park went about the process in the wrong way,” said Stanley. “I wish they would have given us a heads up that we would not be returning to work the next weekend.”

Although she still hasn’t found another job, Stanley is using her time now to focus on classes instead of worrying about it, being that she is eligible for re-hire in 2009.

“I would love to have my job back, I just hope that they get the quirks worked out of the system for next year,” she said.

Swindler and Conti both sentiment Stanley’s statements, and said they would love to go back to the park when - and if - it re-opens in April 2009 as planned.

“I really liked working for the park, and it just sucks that it went down this way,” said Conti, who is currently waiting tables at Outback Steakhouse until he begins back at the park in January as anticipated (the marketing department is typically re-hired months in advance of the park’s opening).

Conti is also still serving as chief financial officer of Red Flag Clothing, the apparel line he began with former CCU student and Real World: Hollywood’s Dave Sky.

Hard Rock Park officials have said the park will re-open in April 2009, but an exact date has not yet been confirmed.

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Members of S.T.A.R. prepare for the annual Homecoming parade on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Amber White and Damian Hollar were crowned at the bonfire Thursday.

Festivities in lieu of Homecoming include many student organizations and clubs.

CCU students go all out when it comes to Homecoming; some even paint their bodies.
Students' use of marijuana is becoming more publicized and many young people feel it should be legalized.

Marijuana use on the rise

Maegen Sweat
Assistant Editor

Marijuana is the most popular illicit drug in America, according to the marijuana addiction treatment Web site, www.marijuanaaddictiontreatment.org.

According to statistics, 39.8 percent of the U.S. population has tried marijuana at least once. With more people trying and using marijuana, is the drug now becoming a trend among college students or just becoming more socially acceptable?

According to Coastal Carolina University's Chief of Police Greg Weisner, there does appear to be an increase in the trend of students using marijuana; however, CCU Department of Public Safety has also increased enforcement.

"Nationally, it [marijuana] seems to be the drug of choice for folks that are using illegal substances. It's not uncommon for officers to find evidence that marijuana use is going on in a lot of the cars they stop. There might be seeds or rolling papers, even though they may not find the actual drug," said Weisner.

When asked if marijuana was easier for students to obtain than alcohol, Weisner stated that either way, both are illegal.

"If you are underage and buying alcohol, you have to worry about how you go about violating the law, whether it be a false ID or to ask someone to make the purchase for you. If you're buying [marijuana] as a student, it's illegal for the student to buy just as it is for any other citizen. [Students] are on the same playing field as everybody else," continued Weisner.

Weisner said that no matter the age, drug dealers do not care who they are selling it to.

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FOR THE RECORD:

According to Schneider, because marijuana is illegal, the first priority of the officers is to make sure that the drug is not being sold. Therefore, they are finding as many non-marijuana related things as they can. He said that aside from the drug, there is usually another reason for the traffic stop.

For example, when the police find a car with marijuana in it, they will check for anything illegal going on in the car, even though they may not find the actual drug. Usually, there will be some evidence of drug use, such as a drug paraphernalia, smoking device, or rolled joint in the car.

The officers will then search the car for any other illegal substances.

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Elaine Urban
Features Editor

Coastal Carolina University professors Dr. Phil Schneider of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and Dr. Dan Abel, of the Department of Marine Science, recently gave a Tea and Ethics Presentation titled, "Environmental Ethics: If Trees and Polar Bears Could Talk."

In their discussion, the professors referred to the term "holism." This is the theory that the parts and wholes cannot exist and cannot be understood except in their relation to the whole.

"Many people in the world today seem to have forgotten the meaning of holism or were just always ignorant to its significance."

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SoHo sushi bar is local ‘get away’

Barb Astrini
Staff Writer

 Completely different from any tourist trap in Myrtle Beach, SoHo is the metropolitan alternative to a sushi night. The chic and laid back atmosphere is a huge factor in itself – the dark lighting, contemporary furniture, electronic house music and the small space really takes the customer out of the typical Yamato’s with its obnoxious chefs and screaming kids and into the namesake neighborhood of New York City.

This tourist gem serves some of the best sushi on the Grand Strand. Prices range from the $4 and $5 dishes, up to $13 for the special.. Recommended rolls are the spicy crab and Philadelphia for the ones till getting into the sushi, and for the experienced eater, try the Rainbow Roll (Cali roll wrapped with avocado and different kids of sashimi).

Besides the raw fish delicacies, SoHo’s menu provides plenty of options for the squeamish. Appetizers vary from hummus (chickpea spread) and shumai (crabmeat dumpling) to baby back ribs and spring rolls.

Entrees include skewers, tempura and hibachi, along with filet, chicken and other platters. Most all of them are served with either the soup of the day, tofu-rich miso or a salad. Do not skip out on that part either.

The bar is the most happening part of the restaurant. Serving a number of drink specials and Japanese beer, this is the most requested area, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. The bar becomes packed with tons of locals and frequenters, and it is the demanded pre-party spot. Drink specials include the mango mojito, the SoHo cosmopolitan and the strawberry lemonade.

SoHo has everything a local needs to get “away,” and it is the one place that won’t be dead on the weekends in the drab off-season.

SoHo’s menu offers an array of items ranging from heavy hibachi dinners to lean sushi cuisine.

Brown plays inspirational role in hit film ‘The Express’

Josh Brown
Staff Writer

Actor Rob Brown is the football hero in the movie “The Express.”

Brown plays the role of Ernie Davis, a young football running back, growing up in the late 40s. Besides having a great offens and defense, Brown’s character is likeable because of his winning attitude.

“The Express” takes place in Syracuse, N.Y. Jim Brown, played by Darrin Henson, a professional football player, says some meaningful words to Davis at the start of the movie. Those words make Davis play on the football team for Syracuse University.

Davis talks with the coach of the SU football team, Ben Schwartzwalder, played by Dennis Quaid, and tells him that he wants to join the team.

When Davis begins his first practice on the field, Schwartzwalder thinks that his moves are similar to a high school football player – they are so bad! The coach runs him and pushes him until he becomes the best player in college football of the early 60s.

At the end of the movie, Coach Schwartzwalder becomes desperate for winning and pushes every single player until they know everything about football. After practicing a long time, the team plays the games, including the national championship.

In addition to the pressure of the game, Davis feels the heat of racism, family turmoil, love, death, political transition and sickness. This story, based on truth, tells the inspiring tale of a hero and honors the man that once accomplished what Brown’s character does.

I rate this movie to be one of the best. This is not your ordinary football movie, and I recommend that everyone goes out and sees “The Express.”

Six students answer the response

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MISSION: DEFINITION

Six students are asked to define an unusual word. Given is the real definition and the responses to what these students think the word might mean.

SYNECDOCHE
/si-NExK-duh-kee/noun (n)
a figure of speech in which a part is used for the whole or the whole for a part, the special for the general or the general for the special, as in ten sail for ten ships or a Croesus for a rich man.

Name: Dana McNamara
Year: Junior
Major: Communication
Answer: A place in some foreign country

Name: Kevin Gilbert
Year: Senior
Major: Finance
Answer: A specialty drink for rednecks, made out of moonshine, sweet tea and a straw.

Name: Marianne Long
Year: Junior
Major: Marine science
Answer: A fish that looks like a key.

Name: Enzo Ursino
Year: Senior
Major: Finance
Answer: An African monkey

Name: Kyle Haskins
Year: Freshman
Major: Computer Science
Answer: A drink that old British white folk drink.

Name: Sara Ison
Year: Freshman
Major: Marine science
Answer: A piece of medical equipment.

MUSIC

'New Kids' have grown up

Amber White
Staff Writer

Could New Kids On The Block be on a come back to the music industry?

NKOTB opened the doors for boy bands like N'Sync and Backstreet Boys. Welcome back Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg and Danny Wood to the world of music.

NKOTB's first hit album was in 1994 and they were once the hottest boy band in America. Now they are five grown men reclaiming their title after nearly a decade and a half of being away.

NKOTB sold more than 70 million copies in the late 80s and early 90s making a large impact on the culture. NKOTB will be hitting the road for a tour. The band's latest album, "The Block," was released on Sept. 2 of this year, and takes on a whole new style. The album reached the No. 2 spot on the Billboard 200. You might be familiar with the band's hit single, "Summertime."

NKOTB has been working in Los Angeles studio preparing for the upcoming tour that started Oct. 24, 2008 in Chicago, Ill. in the All State Arena and will finish up at Dusseldorf, Germany on Feb. 5, 2009 in Philipshalle. NKOTB will tour with Natasha Bedingfield and Lady Gaga.

NKOTB plans to bring back all of the old favorites and introduce some of the new songs that will be on the new album.

The members of NKOTB are now grown men, but their audience has evolved too – consisting of people between the ages of 22-30. Regardless of all the changes, the band is still as vibrant as the first time they hit the stage.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Kellog's apple cereal
6. Edible marine crustacean
7. One that kills
11. Left after
12. Candy now and
13. The Vampire Slayer
14. Jackson Student Center
16. First U.S. motor company
19. It's Britney
21. Japanese style food
22. Upsilon
23. Class registration tool

DOWN
1. 49th U.S. State
2. Last role of Heath
3. Skirt worn by men
4. Themed restaurant
5. Artistic ability
8. Gives two thumbs up
9. Audrey
10. Breakfast at
15. Spanish for beach
16. Confident belief
17. Medieval clown
18. A stupid person
20. You must be my lucky

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Policies compete

**Dave Ward**
Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This article presents the different policies and political views that presidential candidates Obama and\nMcCain stand for.*

**Sen. Barack Obama**

**Economy:** Obama supports the $700 billion Wall Street bailout package. He advocates a series of reforms directed at\nfinancial institutions, while supporting an increase in federal insurance for money\nbailout package. He advocated an income-based federal subsidy for individuals who don't have\nemployed-provided insurance or qualify for government plans like Medicaid. With\nregard to employer-based programs and contribution toward health care cost, Obama\nspoke of “making work pay” tax credit of up to $500 per person, or $1,000 per working family. He advocated to\nallow low-income families to receive up to a 50 percent credit for child care expenses. This\nwould provide tax relief to middle class Americans as well as providing welfare\npayments to the 40 percent of working Americans who do not pay any income tax.

In addition, Obama advocates an increase in taxes on any family making $250,000 a year.

**Iraq and Afghanistan:** Obama stood against the surge in Iraq, arguing this would\ncreate more violence. Moreover, he has argued for the immediate withdraw of American forces from Iraq regardless of circumstances on the ground. In Afghanistan, he advocates an increase in the number of troops, while standing for a more aggressive military policy towards Pakistan.

**Sen. John McCain**

**Economy:** McCain supported the $700 billion Wall Street bailout package. He advocates reform of the financial sector arguing that existing regulations should be updated to reflect the economic landscape of the 21st century. He also advocates creating a top-level commission to examine the causes of the financial crises along with streamlining and strengthening the federal agencies charged with regulating those economic sectors. McCain called for the creation of a Mortgage and Financial Institutions Trust to help companies avoid bankruptcy. He proposes ending the taxation of unemployment insurance benefits for the next two years.

**Energy:** McCain has called for the suspension of the 18.4-cent-a-gallon federal gas tax and 24.4-cent-a-gallon diesel tax.

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certain group. They think it makes them fit in better, and then they just keep doing it,” said Lupitz.

Lupitz said it’s also harder to have a relationship, whether it be a friend or significant other, with someone who has conflicting beliefs.

“If you don’t [use marijuana], you’re usually straightedge. If you do, you’re considered a pothead and you do every other drug on the planet. People have different assumptions about people who smoke weed,” said Lupitz.

Lupitz thinks that “weed” is safer than alcohol because she has never heard of anyone smoking a joint and getting into fights.

“Alcohol on the other hand, you can overdose; you can die [from over intoxication]. The behavioral changes are more extreme,” she explained.

Volunteer Services Coordinator of CCU, Deana Lewis, said she thinks there is just an increased rate of enforcement on campus.

“If it’s a piece of a joint, the officer could come in and take the marijuana cigarette into evidence and write the student a ticket for possession of marijuana. It’s very similar to getting a ticket for running a stop sign, they actually use the same ticket to charge that student for simple possession,” said Weisner.

“However, if an officer goes in and there is 15 baggies in the room with marijuana, that’s obvious they are ready for distribution, so the officer gives a higher charge and makes a custodial arrest,” said Lewis.

Senior Sean Clemmensen thinks the media plays a big role in the recent uprise of marijuana. “They are publicizing when people get caught, so it seems like more people, but they are just talking more about it. I still think it’s the same amount of people doing it,” said Clemmensen.

“For what happens to students who are caught in possession of marijuana, Weisner said two things can happen.

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Weisner added that at some point in students’ lives, they aren’t going to be in college anymore. “They [students] are going to be going into the workforce, possibly into politics or public office,” explained Weisner.

“Getting that ticket for marijuana seems like a minor thing, but it counts as an arrest on your record. I don’t know if everybody understands that.”

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He argues for the abolition of restrictions on U.S. companies from offshore oil exploration. McCain has called for the construction of 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030 with the goal of eventually constructing 100 plants. This would commit $2 billion annually to the research and development of clean coal technology. McCain has advocated the creation of a market for alternatives, such as wind, hydro and solar power and would work to create a system of tax credits to strengthen such industries.

Health Care: McCain opposes federally mandated health care coverage provided by the government. He supports health care tax dividends for low-income Americans, updating record keeping to electronic format and encouraging small business to work together in order to negotiate more favorable insurance rates and benefits. McCain advocates a federal tax credit for every family in the amount of $2,500 for individuals and $5,000 for families. This would increase awareness of existing children’s health insurance programs while expanding the scope and number of community health centers.

Taxes: McCain has advocated to keep the current rates on dividends and capital gains at current levels, and maintain the current income and investment tax rates. This would double the child deduction from $3,500 to $7,000 and permanently repeal the alternative minimum tax, as well as reduce the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent. This would prohibit new cellular telephone taxes and ban taxes on the internet.

Iraq and Afghanistan: McCain was the leading proponent of the surge strategy in Iraq and stated that the withdrawal of American forces would be directly connected to conditions in the country and the recommendations of commanders on the ground. He has also called for an increase of troops into Afghanistan, stressing the tactics established by the surge.
Relax, Dude, it’s our American ‘pot’ culture

Claire Arambula
Editor

Weed, pot, ganja, Mary Jane, grass, reefer, herb, green, roach, nug – we’re all familiar with the terminology. But being one that has never smoked a thing in my life, I don’t think I am qualified to decide whether or not marijuana should be legalized. Regardless of this minor detail, however, I think that people are too quick to frown upon the culture that surrounds the stoner.

Think about it. Surfing, “Sublime,” skate parks, hippies, Bob Marley! This stuff is great and at least some part of each of these things deals with smoking. The best part is that the message that each of these conveys is the same. The message is relaxation, “chill-ness,” free spiritedness – the simple life.

What’s so bad about that?

I feel like people who smoke are trying to attain a piece of that simplicity like someone else would through any other means.

C’mon. It’s not like adults are completely numb to the idea of weed. Many professors at this school grew up in the 60s and 70s, didn’t they? Our generation is not much different than those previously, and we kids still embrace the ideals of our parents.

Take this example to heart. Prominent political figure Sen. Barack Obama openly admitted to “inhaling frequently” as a kid. Don’t believe me? YouTube it and you’ll see. Obama acknowledges reality and is honest when it comes to what we are up to.

So, with that said, what exactly is the big deal?

Millions of people all over the world char their lungs daily with cigarettes, damage their livers with alcohol and pollute their minds with spirit-crushing, mind-numbing reality shows. So, why can’t we all just chill out?!

In conclusion, no, smoking may not be for me, but for those who indulge around the clock, I say we cut them some slack. After all, they’re the ones who seem to have the right idea in this life.

Take it with a grain of salt and just agree that Marley says it best – “Herb is the healing of a nation.”

Illustration by Brandon Lockett

Some of America’s most prominent figures condone the smoking of weed.

BE HEARD

Should marijuana be legalized?

Danielle Karei: freshman biology major: “Yes, because they use it for medicinal purposes, so it obviously does more good than harm.”

Andy Lesh: freshman marine science major: “I don’t think it should be completely legalized, but I believe it should be decriminalized.”

Jaci Hockenberry: freshman elementary education major: “Yes, if they could put restrictions on it and control the way people use it.”

D.J. Delgado: freshman economics major: “Yes, with the proper age requirements set up like alcohol, I think it would be just fine.”

POLI-PINIONS

Americans face crunch-time decisions

David Ward
Staff Writer

The future direction of America stands at a crossroads, and on Nov. 4, the American people will decide which road will be taken. It remains to be seen whether the American people will succumb to the allure of government as caretaker, or if they remain rooted in the values that have shaped the American experience.

The vision of change espoused by Obama represents a radical departure from traditional American values; the American dream would transform into the American promise. This new American ethos would embrace the notion of equality of results, while abandoning the long held belief in the equality of opportunity. No longer would Americans be understood as rugged individualists driven by their innovative spirit, but rather sensitive socialites satisfied with government entitlement.

While Obama endeavors to purchase the American electorate with government handouts, McCain seeks to restore the people’s faith in our government and in ourselves.

While others rejoiced in the decadence of free love, McCain fought in foreign lands, enduring the cruelty of imprisonment – believing in country first. He is always seeking to right what is wrong, to reform what is corrupt, to strengthen what is true and to fortify Americans’ faith in the righteousness of our cause. McCain thinks as our first president, that “government is a handy servant, but a dangerous master.”

We stand at a turning point in history. The stakes are nothing less than the survival of our way of life. Prosperity at home and strength abroad won’t be achieved by government bureaucracy or a weak foreign policy. Trust in ourselves and the nobility of our ideals, and we’ll again be a “shining city upon a hill.”
**VIEWPOINTS**

**CHANCEY SHOWDOWN**

Should marijuana be legalized?

**ASHLEY WILLIAMSON**
News Editor

When I recently conducted a census of 200 Coastal Carolina University students on their opinion of whether or not marijuana should be legalized, 85 percent answered “yes” and 15 percent answered “no”.

If I had the additional answer option of “Hell, yes!” the statistics would alter dramatically, and a simple “yes” would have come in at second place.

That’s because there is nothing wrong with sitting back, relaxing and making a joint, and the majority of students I surveyed agree wholeheartedly with that statement.

Sadly, in this wonderful country of ours, it is illegal for me to sit on my front porch while smoking a joint, but completely acceptable for me to down a fifth of vodka, which would probably kill me if I ever attempted.

During my poll, I asked a particular individual the simple yes or no question of whether or not marijuana should be legalized, and this person answered, “Most definitely not, because then people would abuse it.”

I immediately asked in return if alcohol should be made illegal, as it is abused all the time, and the reply was, “No way!”

Please catch my sarcasm when I say, this was the most intellectual conversation I’ve ever had with a human being in my life.

So, this person’s point was: let’s keep alcohol, which in 2005, according to a government study, was linked to 75,000 U.S. deaths a year legal, but continue to persecute individuals who smoke marijuana: a drug that has absolutely no record of causing overdoses and fatalities, unless linked with uses of other drugs and or alcohol at the same time.

People, open your minds. Marijuana is the least of the worries anybody should have when it comes to the “War on Drugs” in this country. Sure, sure, it’s a “gateway drug.” I hear that all the time, but please, save it.

Everybody who starts smoking weed is not going to turn into a meth addict. It’s called self-discipline; knowing what your body can handle without turning into a dependent drug addict.

Terri Clark, an award-winning country singer, released a song titled “I Think the World Needs a Drink,” in which she explains how because we’re at war, and there’s “too much tension between Miss Liberty and the Eiffel Tower,” we should all meet up for one “big happy hour.”

Yes, Misses Clark, let’s all get wasted, and when we remember why we’re all at war and the massive riots and alcohol-induced rages occur, followed by several fatal car accidents, just remember my words.

I think the world needs a joint. We should all meet up for one big happy session: forget about the war, focus on the positives, laugh, eat and fall asleep.

**JESSICA GREEN**
Viewpoints Editor

When asked to argue against legalizing marijuana, I did not really know if I could. I really do not care if they legalize it or not. People are going to smoke it regardless so why waste precious energy on arguing for it to be legalized.

Just smoke it if you want, but don’t throw fits because it is not legal.

Now, let’s get to the reasons of why it should not be legalized. This drug is a stepping stone to other drugs such as heroin, cocaine or other harder drugs.

This “harmless” drug may get someone high for a little while, but then they start searching for an even bigger high that comes from other drugs. Before anyone starts arguing that they have smoked marijuana for several years and have never tried anything else, that might be the case for them, but it may not be the case for others.

Therefore, it may lead to the usage of harder drugs by people, more so if it’s legal.

And what about secondhand smoke?

No amount of smoking gasebos on campus could counter the smoke from cigarettes and marijuana.

I hate walking through a cloud of cigarette smoke and, if this drug were legalized, I would have to walk through clouds of this smoke too. The health damage to society is already high with cigarettes out there and people want to add marijuana to that list. Innocent people would then be exposed to all these potentially dangerous smoke clouds.

Another reason is that the people arrested for drug-related crimes are taken off the streets. A majority of those people are likely to commit more serious crimes. If these people are willing to break the law to sell something illegal, albeit “harmless”, then they are willing to break other laws as well.

They are unable to wreak any havoc on others if they’re off the street. When you make something legal, that increases the chance that it will land in the hands of children. Yes, alcohol and cigarettes are legal. They’re harmful to children as well. Marijuana, however, can greatly harm the developing bodies of youth.

Teenagers often times are not able to handle drugs responsibly. Why keep legalizing all these harmful substances? Marijuana just adds yet another harmful thing legalized falling into the hands of those that should not have it.

So, wherever you stand on the argument, just take heed to both sides of the argument.
Chanticleers lose in Homecoming match

Nick Mamary
Sports Editor

"Turnovers on Special Teams" -- that was the story for Coastal Carolina University as the Chants fell to Stony Brook University on Oct. 25.

Fans appeared for CCU's Homecoming Game, and the contest began on a fumbled kick-off by CCU wide receiver Kenny Jones. SBU recovered the ball, and capitalized on the mistake with a 6-yard touchdown run by running back Conte Quinnio.

On the ensuing drive, a 56-yard pass from CCU quarterback Zach MacDowall to wide receiver Trent Usher set up a 1-yard touchdown run for the quarterback. CCU entered the half leading 13-7 after MacDowall hit wide receiver Marquel Willis for a 30-yard touchdown pass, the signal caller's second score of the game.

After falling behind, due in part to three fumbles, CCU had one last chance as safety Brandon Autry forced a fumble in the CCU end zone, which gave the home team possession in the final minutes of the game, trailing 28-24.

Running back Arthur Sitton caught a pass and, while attempting to gain extra yards, fumbled the ball. This was the fourth fumble by CCU and sealed a 28-24 victory for SBU.

Following the game, Coach David Bennett remarked, "We had chances to win the game, we just didn't do it."

"On forcing the fumble in the end zone, Autry said, "That was big to give the offense the ball back with another chance to score, but unfortunately you have mishaps, and this was one of them."

"We knew Stony Brook was a good team, but we should have won this game," said MacDowall. CCU outgained their opponent 505 yards to 372. As a result, SBU improved to 3-5 overall, and 2-1 in Big South play.

This is SBU's first season in the conference, as the team completes its transition from Division II football. Meanwhile, CCU fell 4-5 overall, and 0-3 in the Big South.
CCU soccer teams lead in Big South Conference

Amanda Kelley
For The Chanticleer

The Chanticleer women’s soccer team (10-5) had a successful outing last week as the ladies defeated Virginia Military Institute 1-0 in a rain-soaked game last Friday. The girls are 6-2 in the Big South Conference after the victory over the Keydets.

While the game was tied at zero, the lady Chants led the shot clock with a total of 17 shots on goal to VMI’s six shots. Amy Haggard minded the goal for CCU and recorded four saves in her fourth shutdown game this season.

Ashleigh Gunning was assisted by seniors Emily McColl and Heather Haupt in the drive to the goal where a shot to the left corner of the goal put the Chanticleers in the lead with just 12 minutes left in the game.

The ladies are currently first in the conference with Big South Tournament play beginning next Thursday.

Also moving forward with the season, the CCU men’s soccer team traveled to Radford, Va. and took a 1-1 draw against the Highlanders two Sundays ago. The men (6-7-1) have now played five games that entered overtime and Sunday’s tie was the first game the men did not win in extra frame situations.

The men placed the first goal on the scoreboard in the 16th minute with a shot by Robert Hunter, but Radford countered two minutes later to tie the game at 1.

The game entered double overtime after remaining scoreless in the first extra ten minutes. The Chants seasoned in overtime play were, for the first time, unable to produce a game-winning goal.

In the 110 minutes played, goalkeeper Phillip Latham had one save and one goal allowed. Offensively, the game was evenly matched in both shot count and score with 10 shots for each team.

CCU nearly broke the tie game with a shot just a little high in the 96th minute.

The men begin Big South Tournament play Nov. 13 and are currently second in the conference.
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