Public safety called out on campus

Report of Findings
Principle: Paul M. Sweeney

New penny tax helps school projects.

Student speaks out on state tattoo age.

Basketball falls in season opener.
**CRIME LOG**

**Nov. 20**

**Intimidation**
The victim came to the CCU DPS office to report that someone had been sending them intimidating communications. This case is still being investigated.

**Nov. 20**

**Hit and run**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that on Nov. 19, 2008 the victim's vehicle was struck while parked in lot G causing damage to the vehicle. This incident is under investigation.

**Nov. 20**

**Drug law violation**
A CCU DPS officer responded to the Rivers residence area in reference to a possible marijuana plant. The plant was located growing in a small pot and was seized.

**Nov. 20**

**Burglary**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone removed personal property from a locked drawer in the victim's desk. This incident is under investigation.

**Nov. 21**

**Public Drunk**
CCU DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a fight. No fight was observed, but two subjects in the area were found to be drunk and unruly. The two subjects were arrested for being drunk in public and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Nov. 22**

**False Alarm**
A CCU DPS officer observed the subject running from the area of an activated call box and stopped the subject. The subject was identified and interviewed. The subject admitted to activating the emergency call box without a reason. The subject was issued a citation and released.

**Nov. 30**

**Burglary**
The victim came to the CCU DPS office and reported to a CCU DPS officer that his/her apartment had been entered and personal property removed while the victim was away for the holiday. This incident is still under investigation.

**Dec. 1**

**Criminal Sexual Conduct**
A CCU DPS officer received a third party report that the victim had been sexually assaulted off campus in October. The victim has not come forward and no other information is available at this time.

**CORRECTIONS**

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- In volume 46, issue 6 of *The Chanticleer*, the byline on page 11 should have read “Chris Overholt, For The Chanticleer.”
- In the same issue, on the same page, the picture of A Fine Frenzy's album was actually courtesy of the Internet.
- In the same issue, on page 10, all photos are actually courtesy of Ryan D'Allesandro.

**COVER SHOTS**

**NEWS:** Claire Arambula

**FEATURES:** Ashley Clark

**OPINION:** Ashley Clark

**SPORTS:** Garrett McGee
The Department of Public Safety audit reveals ‘dysfunction’ and need for improvement among campus police

The audit was conducted by Paul Sweeney, an alumnus of CCU, and it lasted for four months.

As the Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety has a lot of work cut out for it, following a report that found the department to be “dysfunctional” and “on the verge of implosion.”

In February, CCU delegated Paul Sweeney, a member of the University’s Alumni Board, to look into and conduct an assessment of the CCU police department. What he found in his study were numerous findings that show the department’s need for improvement.

Although the audit, which was conducted for approximately four months before being completed, shows areas which need improvement, CCU maintains that their police department is up to par, and is taking the audit “with a grain of salt,” said Anne Monk, assistant vice president of marketing communications at CCU.

"The audit wasn’t received as an assault on the department, it was received in a different light,” explained Monk. “The spirit that we view the audit with is that of an outside examination, if you will, and seeing if there is something in here that we could address, or we need to look at.”

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PGA offers opportunities at CCU

The Professional Golfers Association offers membership to business students and future pros

ELIJAH BLACK ■ Staff Writer

Students of Coastal Carolina University who study in the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration, majoring in accounting, finance, economics, management, marketing and resort tourism management, are given the guarantee of a job after graduation and the opportunity for membership with the Professional Golfers Association of America. Aspiring professionals who study within the PGA Golf Management Program at CCU can receive the benefit of having a job right after college. The program is endorsed by the PGA of America, and helps students pursue a future in the golf industry.

The PGA is a national organization that promotes educational and professional excellence among the students who are in the process of becoming members of the organization.

"There are about 200 business administration students who are in the process of becoming members of the PGA here at [CCU],” said Charles Thrash, director of the Professional Golf Management.

CCU is one of 20 universities that are accredited by the PGA of America.

PGA, continued on page 06

Inaugural Fellows work with local grade schools

The selected GK-12 Fellows teach on selected research topics

ASHLEY WILLIAMSON ■ News Editor

Six Coastal Carolina University graduate students in the Marine and Wetland Studies program have been selected as the Inaugural GK-12 Fellows to work with Horry County middle and high schools. (The "G" in GK-12 refers to graduate students.)

The partnership is part of a $2.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation that established a program pairing University graduate students and Horry County K-12 teachers in coastal science research. CCU received the grant in May 2008.

The University students and their partnering schools are:

- Meredith Penland, Carolina Forest High School
- Justin Schreer, Carolina Forest High School
- Julia Stevens, Forestbrook Middle School
- Eric Tosso, North Myrtle Beach High School
- Carrie Jones, Myrtle Beach High School
- Craig O’Connell, Loris Middle School

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**Spotlight**

**Martin receives Fulbright**

CCU professor travels to Ecuador on scholarship funding to teach

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**Research**

**CCU receives grant for offshore wind study**

The University awarded opportunity to be part of major project

The Budget and Control Board’s South Carolina Energy Office has awarded a $200,000 grant to Coastal Carolina University to study offshore wind power potential in South Carolina. That money is from a larger, $500,000 wind energy grant recently awarded to the SCE&G by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Using grant resources, CCU and North Carolina State University partners will collect data using an observation network along the South Carolina coast that measures wind, wave and tide resources. The data will be acquired using several ocean/atmospheric monitoring stations off the coast to identify optimal sites for wind energy structures based on overall energy potential and projected grid connection and foundation costs, as well as environmental and aesthetic impacts.

CCU plans to investigate areas along the South Carolina coast, stretching from the North Carolina border to the Winyah Bay area in Georgetown County.

"These are exciting times for South Carolina," said SCE&G Director John Clark. "Offshore wind is our greatest potential source for generation of large amounts of electricity from clean, green, renewable resources. Offshore wind energy farms are well-established energy sources in Europe and several states in the United States have already started ambitious wind energy projects. This collaboration with CCU and other partners gives South Carolina an opportunity to become a major player in the economic and environmental benefits of this power source of the future."

The South Carolina Energy Office, along with its partners from Sanvee Cooper, Clemson University, CCU and North Carolina State University, will use federal grant money to overcome various existing barriers for coastal clean energy development for wind, wave and tidal energy projects.

The three-year grant will also be used to understand how coastal clean energy can be effectively transmitted to users, obtain data for a pilot offshore wind project in state waters, and form the South Carolina Coastal Clean Energy Task Force to recommend a regulatory environment conducive to coastal clean energy development.

**Experience**

**Students learn field production**

CCU journalism students in O’Neill’s class work on project with Horry County Fire and Rescue

CCU Department of Marketing  For The Chanticleer

Coastal Carolina University’s Journalism Field Production class has teamed up with the local Horry County Fire and Rescue and Public Information officers to produce and film videos to help promote fire safety and awareness.

Taught by CCU journalism professor Carole O’Neill, the class is set up to teach students about the art of shooting in the field.

Field production, much different from studio production, deals with more factors such as sound, lighting, environment and many other unpredictable things that happen while shooting in the field.

"The best way to learn how to shoot something in the field is to actually do it hands on, because the more practice you have the more you will learn about some factors you have to account for when shooting in the field," said O’Neill.

The class is geared to make students more knowledgeable about shooting in the field and account for any variables that you may face. Each student is involved with the producing, shooting and editing of projects.

The first project that the students did with the HCFR was an obstacle course that the local elementary kids participated in.

The first obstacle course was set up for students to drag a dummy to safety while dressed in a fire suit.

The second was the weave and agility cones and lastly was the ground crawl, where an object had to be knocked off a cone with a water hose. The field production’s job was to set up the cameras in order to film this event for the HCFR.

The second project students were involved in was an emergency escape plan in the home.

The project took place in a model home and the students filmed the different fire escape plans that should be followed when there is a house fire.

“This drill was designed to not only show the students the correct procedures that should be taken when performing an in home fire escape plan, but to ensure that they inform their parents and make sure that they have an fire emergency escape plan for their home,” said Tod Carter, the HCFR public information officer.

Martin, who joined the CCU faculty in 2003, earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland, College Park. She teaches international relations, and she is also the director of the international and global studies minor, as well as co-adviser to the Globalist Club and the Model United Nations team.

Martin has recently been researching a new proposal by the Ecuadorian government to preserve the rainforest and refrain from drilling for oil. Her research and writing focus on globalization and its pedagogy, nongovernmental organizations and energy and environmental policy.

In January 2008 Martin was presented the 2008 Deborah Gerner Award for Innovative Teaching in International Studies.

Photo courtesy of Facebook

In addition to her teaching, Martin is happily married with two kids.

Panela Martin, associate professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to do research at the University of San Francisco in Quito, Ecuador, for one year beginning in January 2009, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Martin will conduct research on the topic: global and local dimensions of energy policy and conservation in the Amazon.

Martin is one of approximately 800 U.S. educators and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world.
AUDIT,
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she said.

In a written statement from CCU regarding the audit, the university stated, “Thorough and consistent review provides opportunities for the entire university to address some of the many challenges that face a dynamic, growing university.”

The written statement also continued to say that the university “must welcome the many voices that may provide direction, accountability and inspiration as we move forward to better serve our students and the community.”

According to Monk, when CCU received the completed audit, Weisner conducted two separate meeting sessions with the entire department. Using PowerPoint presentations, he “walked everybody through every concern and how [the department] would address each situation,” Monk stated.

CCU DPS also released a written response to the audit, which listed every concern and the department’s plan of action to address the situation.

In the CCU DPS response written by Weisner and Deputy Chief Philip Moore, the summary concluded that “this consulting process presents the Department of Public Safety with a great opportunity for improvement … This study has helped the Department’s leadership define and outline a plan for future departmental success and has allowed the Department’s leadership to make meaningful suggestions for Departmental change to the University Administration.”

“The Department of Public Safety and the campus community should be grateful to the University administration for initiating this study,” the response also read.

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from page 03
develop and teach lesson plans based on their specific research projects. They also serve as a resource for the teacher and as tutors and mentors to the students.

Patrice Hewitt, a teacher at North Myrtle Beach High who is working with Tosso, says, “I am learning new teaching methodologies. Imagine having a scientist to complement and assist in reaching students of all learning levels effectively. This experience is priceless, and I feel that all of my students will benefit as well.”

Jamie Church, a teacher at Myrtle Beach High who is working with Carrie Jones, says, “The GK-12 fellows program is going to allow me the opportunity to expand my knowledge and field experience. Carrie has already made an impact with both her ideas for instruction and her assistance in everyday classroom procedures.”

All projects focus on an aspect of coastal science, including research on sharks, blue crabs, wetland biodiversity, fungus in area beach sand and the ecology of the area’s former rice fields.

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is a lot of potential for students who take on this program.

“There are about 26,000 members in the PGA,” Thrash added. This number includes the students at CCU who are enrolled in the PGM, which totals to more than 1,300.

Even though the PGM and PGA are known among the business administration students, it may not be known to many of the other students who have undeclared majors.

The program is a possible option for those who wish to change their major or simply to find a major. Some may find this program interesting because of its benefits and its effectiveness on one’s resume.

For more information contact Thrash about PGA and/or PGM at cmthresh@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2639.
In March 2009, an increase of 1 cent in sales tax will be imposed in Horry County, due to a majority vote favoring this move on Nov. 4. This tax will fund building needs such as construction and renovation for the Horry County schools, Coastal Carolina University and Horry Georgetown Technical College. It will alleviate existing debts from the schools to build and expand facilities in a growing population.

This tax will “roll-back the property tax levied by the school district for debt service, provide a reliable revenue stream to help pay for growth and allow for more collaboration for educational programs” with the schools funded, according to the makers of the penny tax. In other words, this sales tax, as opposed to property tax, will go towards the schools.

One of the benefits imposed by this change is that 60 percent of this tax will be paid by the plethora of non-residents that visit the Grand Strand and the county throughout the year. This way, the weight will be spread through the locals and tourists to help with the school district.

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**MEDICAL**

**Influenza vaccines protect against winter**

Flu outbreak season peaks in the beginning of the year

**CORRIE LACEY** Staff Writer

As the winter season quickly approaches, time is running out to get a flu vaccine. The shot you got last year won’t fight the virus strains in circulation this flu season and because the influenza virus frequently changes, new flu protection must be administered each year. The viral infection causes millions of people to get sick every winter, but fortunately, flu vaccines provide protection.

The vaccine is generally offered between September and mid-December to allow your body adequate time to produce antibodies and build immunity. Timing and duration of influenza season varies; outbreaks can occur as early as October, however, most influenza activity peaks in January.

The flu vaccine comes in two forms: a shot and a nasal spray. The shot is administered in the arm and contains a vaccine of killed virus. Because the viruses are inactive, the shot won’t develop into the flu, but it will enable your body to develop the antibodies needed to fight off influenza viruses.

The nasal spray also prevents the

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**TRAVEL**

**Maymester offers new culture**

Ecuador travel provides language opportunity to CCU students

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**MALORY BAY** Staff Writer

When imagining the perfect vacation, if what comes to mind are thoughts filled with images of beautiful seas, unbelievable sights, spring-like temperature and historical heritages, then get ready for a life-changing opportunity.

Coastal Carolina University is adding a new destination to its Maymester offerings: Cuenca, Ecuador. Beginning in 2009, students enrolled in the program will be able to experience the tranquility and magnificence that is Ecuador.

CCU and the University of Cuenca recently signed an agreement creating an exchange program for students and faculty in both institutions. In other words, every credit received at the University of Cuenca will be transferable to any university or college in the United States.

“It’s a great opportunity to learn about a different culture. It’s not your typical ‘Spanish trip,’ which makes it unique,” said senior health promotion major, Steven Holmes.

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CONSTRUCTION

MB airport to expand

Airport expansion will affect student travel, as well as tourism industry in MB

The Myrtle Beach International Airport is increasing terminal capacity on the east side of the complex.

The airport has outgrown itself and the change will be completed in 2012; it has been in the works since 1995.

BUSINESS

World ‘entrenched’ in economic troubles

America is not alone anymore; many countries feel it

SHAWN SINES • Business Writer

The world is intently focusing its attention on the U.S. While this may seem typical, since the U.S. accounts for nearly one-fifth of the global economic output, the reasons for the extraordinary amount of attention can be categorized as simply atypical.

First, Americans have a multiracial President-elect in Barack Obama, further exemplifying the immense diversity of the nation. Second, the U.S. banking industry has undergone its most dramatic transformation since the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933, in response to the Treasury’s willingness to invest billions of dollars into the equity of banks that meet certain regulatory requirements.

To intensify these already uncertain times, Russian leaders are becoming more hostile towards the U.S. in their military actions, and continue to accept ideals that do not coincide with democratic principles.

Americans are facing one of the worst economic crises in its recent history, marked by ubiquitous home foreclosures, declining household wealth and an increase in unemployment that many economists expect to reach eight percent by spring of 2009.

According to recent data released by the European Central Bank, the euro-zone, the 15 countries that use the euro as currency, is officially mired in a recession. Germany, the largest economy in the euro-zone, has been a prominent contributor to the decline in output throughout Europe, with economic numbers representing a 0.5 percent contraction in the third quarter.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is projecting the U.S. economy to slow by 0.9 percent in 2009; coinciding with a further decline in the euro-zone and Japan of 0.5 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The fall-out of the global economic crises that were isolated in the credit markets of the U.S. has finally proven to affect the prosperity of nations abroad. The recessionary effects that have reverberated around the world are causing a difficult economic environment not seen by recent generations.

The analysis and projections of the OECD and the International Monetary Fund translate into the longest recession in Germany since 1949, when the Federal Republic was founded.

The possibility of a prolonged economic slump in the U.S. that would rival the difficulties of those felt by Depression-era Americans does not appear very likely. However, as the unemployment rate rises to approximately eight percent in the coming months, comparisons from pessimists will surely intensify.

Whether free-market capitalism can survive this crisis or not will only be resolved in time with historical data, not by predictions from the variety of media sources now including economic news on front pages.

The world is turning its attention to the U.S., only this time, the world is not merely a spectator viewing a U.S. problem from afar; it is deeply entrenched in the same troubles facing the leaders of the world’s wealthiest economy.
"Portfolios: Fall 2008" consists of two exhibitions featuring the art and design of 14 visual arts seniors of CCU. The exhibit will run through Dec. 13 in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery located in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.
FILM

‘Transporter,’ take three

The new action film hits theaters with third installment of Transporter series

Kyle Drapeau • Business Manager

Unlike the masses of teenage and college girls that have permeated theaters over the past two weeks dreaming of a world where vampires and humans can coexist with only sparkles to endanger them, this critic decided to go with something a bit more conventional: the action movie.

“Transporter 3” stars Jason Statham doing what he does best: kicking people in the face over and over again while spouting one-liners. While “Twilight” has more substance than “Transporter 3”, this week isn’t about substance, it’s about action.

Frank Martin (Statham) returns in the third installment of the Transporter series, only this time he’s forced to work by an American “environmentalist.” A bracelet is placed on his arm that will send the hero sky high if he wanders more than 75 feet from the car. His cargo? Well that’s part of the mystery isn’t it? Fans of the series will remember rule number one: never look in the package. As far as acting goes, not too much is required but in fairness, all the characters were believable, even if the action sequences were a bit over the top. Overall, this is a standard action movie and should offer positive results for both fans of the series and newcomers alike.

REcTANnAT

New Japanese food in area

Yosko Japanese Steakhouse offers students great food at affordable price

TREVOR ARROWOOD • Staff Writer

Yosko Japanese Steakhouse is one of the area’s newest hibachi restaurants to open. Located at the Food Lion Plaza on U.S. 501, Yosko offers great food at an affordable price.

The new owners gave the building that used to house, Koto Express, a facelift. New tables, Japanese artwork and a kitchen/server area that mimics the outside appearance of a Japanese building, creates a great casual dining experience.

Yosko offers great lunch specials. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. customers can order single or combination plates ranging from $6 to $10.99. Don’t worry if you miss the lunch special because Yosko’s dinner prices are equally reasonable.

I ordered a combination plate of shrimp and chicken hibachi for $10.99. Every meal comes with soup, salad, entrée and choice of ice cream. The restaurant also offers a variety of sushi and even has a Conway Roll.

Yosko takes a different approach to clear soup. Garnished with chives and mushrooms, the soup is heavier than traditional clear soup but is delicious. Before you have time to finish your soup, the salad arrives and waits for your attention. The restaurant offers Ranch, Thousand Island, blue cheese and ginger dressing. The ginger dressing is sweet but doesn’t have a pungent ginger taste. After eating the soup and salad, there’s hardly room for the entrée – the plate arrives overflowing with food.

The plate is piled with a mountain of rice and mixed sautéed vegetables, which are surrounded by a sea of chicken and shrimp. Because the owners of Yosko are from Micronesia and potatoes are served with almost every meal, they add potatoes to their dishes. A side of sweet mayo, hot sauce and mustard is served with the meal. The sweet mayo is one of the best tasting around. The consistency of the hot sauce is much like that of the sweet mayo. It’s not too hot but will definitely clear your sinuses.

After eating for about five minutes, I was already full; after 20 minutes my plate still looked like it did when the server set it down in front of me. I had enough for a midnight snack and lunch the next day, but no need to ask for a to go box – before I had time to ask, the server brought it to me and boxed up the food. Finally as a palate cleanser, ice cream. Choose from chocolate, vanilla or sherbet.

Yosko is a dine-in or take-out Japanese steakhouse. Coastal Carolina University students receive a 10 percent discount with a student ID. There is no delivery but is located close to campus and is convenient for students to access. Yosko is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Yosko Japanese Steakhouse can be reached at 843-347-3710.

ACROSS
1. Old Saint
5. Reindeer have these
6. ______ of the Jews
7. What you decorate
9. Smallest Who
11. Finals
13. Virgin
15. Peppermint candy
17. Jingle
18. Kwanzaa is a ______
19. The North
20. Red nose

DOWN
1. Christmas ballet
2. Toe decor
3. Comes on Christmas Eve
4. The wife
8. Scene
10. Stole it
12. They are wise
14. Santa’s vehicle
16. First reindeer in song

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SUDOKU

ENTERTAINMENT
Here's to the holidays

As holidays are celebrated, people are not aware of the origins of a few.

December is full of many different holidays and people are not aware of their origins.

JESSICA GREEN  Features Editor

The holiday season has arrived. With several different holidays occurring throughout the month of December, people sometimes celebrate without having knowledge of the history of these occasions. So, here's a little background.

For eight days and nights, Hanukkah is celebrated. In Hebrew, the word Hanukkah means "dedication" and the celebration is also known as "The Festival of Lights." According to History.com, the holiday "commemorates the rededication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Jews' 165 B.C.E. victory over the Hellenist Syrians."

The primary ritual of this holiday is to light a single light each night for the eight nights. The Hanukkiah, an eight-branched candelabrum, is lit and there is a ninth holder which holds the candle used to light all other candles.

Another holiday that takes place in December, Kwanzaa, is a nonreligious African-American celebration which lasts for seven days: Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

According to History.com, the professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Dr. Maulana Karenga, created the holiday back in 1966 after the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Ca.

Each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles. Then, one of seven principles is discussed. These principles were created by Karenga and range from Creativity to Self Determination.

Then there is Christmas, which is celebrated on Dec. 25. The holiday has undergone several changes in its ancient history. As stated by History.com, the middle of winter has long been a celebration of people around the world.

In the early years of Christianity, there was only one main holiday: Easter. Church officials then decided to celebrate the birth of Jesus, despite the Bible not mentioning a date for his birth. Pope Julius I chose Dec. 25.

The 19th Century is when Americans began to celebrate Christmas and reinvented it to the holiday it is today. A best selling author, Washington Irving, wrote a book that helped invent Christmas traditions.

No matter what holiday a person celebrates, let them all be joyous.
If the educational aspect of the trip is not enough, the scenery of Ecuador will certainly lure students to take advantage of this Maymester journey.

ECUADOR,
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This program is the longest of the Foreign Language Department, lasting 25 days.

CCU students will join students from the University of Cuenca in an 'intercambio' program. Pairs of students, one from the University of Cuenca and one from CCU, will spend half their time speaking English and the other half speaking Spanish.

The University of Cuenca students will help the CCU students get acquainted with the city, the university and the customs and cultures of Ecuador while they improve their English speaking skills.

While staying in Cuenca, CCU students will live with carefully selected host families who will supply a safe environment, Spanish interaction and three meals a day.

"A typical day for the students will go as follows: breakfast with their host family then Spanish 120. Afterwards, they will be given a two and a half hour break to spend as they wish. Then, they will have lunch and head back to the university for a three hour Spanish class with University of Cuenca teachers. Once class is finished, students will have the opportunity to tour the city, visit museums, etc. with their Spanish peer," said program director Maria Torres.

Born and raised in Ecuador, Torres teaches Spanish at CCU. She will be accompanied by Professor Rebecca Searle to Cuenca, where she once lived. Each weekend in Ecuador will be different and filled with excursions to natural and historic sites. The first weekend tour will be to the largest ruins in Ecuador, known as Inga Pirca.

The following weekend will be at the national park, El Cajas, one of the most popular outdoor destinations in the area filled with 200 lakes, hiking trails, trout fishing sites, horse back riding and mountains. The last excursion will be a five-day trip to the Amazon rain forest. Students will hike through the jungle, raft and visit a hot water spring town.


For information regarding the CCU Ecuador Maymester trip, e-mail Torres at mtorres@coastal.edu.

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Five ways to spend winter break

The Chanticleer offers a few helpful ideas on how to spend time away from campus

CHANTICLEER STAFF III Editorial

Only a few days left of the semester and then a month of freedom, spare time and holiday bliss. So, now you’re wondering how you’re going to spend your time. Here are five helpful ideas that will be productive while still being enjoyable, relaxing and fun...

1. Relax
In all honesty, December is not the time of the year to eat, drink and be merry. Most importantly, ‘tis the season to sleep. Catch up on all the hours you missed out on while writing that 25 page thesis or writing an insanely complicated lab report or preparing 15 minutes of material to share with the class in a foreign language! It’s all over now. Don’t stress over break. Go fishing or surfing or hit the gym! Whatever you do, keep in mind that the madness begins again in a month and you’ll appreciate the rest you allow yourself to have now.

This holiday season, make the most of every day. Don’t get lost in the shopping and commercialized world, but cherish the times you have and the people you share them with. Make lasting memories and set goals. Laugh until your stomach hurts and your face turns purple, and don’t be afraid to share the love.

From The Chanticleer to you, Happy Holidays!

2. Celebrate
There’s never a wrong time to celebrate, but now there are even more reasons to say “Cheers!” The holidays are a time to gather with friends and loved ones and share special times – no matter what religion you are or holiday you acknowledge.

3. Get a job
If you are an achiever and hate to throw off the groove of a routine, a job is a nice replacement for school when classes are out. Plus, it’s always a good idea to make a little extra money this time of year. Put in a couple extra hours a week and store the paychecks away. Or if you don’t need the money, then a job is still a good way to network and meet new people.

4. Travel
Many student have to travel one distance to go home for the holiday. Once you’re there, though, take a day trip. Or better yet, spend the month of vacation overseas in Europe or in the islands working on your tan. Don’t forget to take Mom and Dad along, too!

5. Wrap presents
With the economy being in such a terrible state, people aren’t spending money this year. That’s okay, though. Instead of buying that pricey gift, get in touch with your artsy side and paint a picture or make a collage. Remember, it’s the thought that counts.

Artists want to change the rules

In South Carolina you can serve your country and get a piercing wherever you want, yet you will still not be allowed to get a tattoo.

In the state of South Carolina you must be 21 years of age to get a tattoo; in every other state in the nation, the minimum age is 18.

Tattooing in general became legal in South Carolina only a few short years ago, but already there is a movement in the Myrtle Beach area to change the rules again.

It is understandable that you are not allowed to drink until the age of 21, because it can cause harm to the individual and others, said Bridget Rowe, a senior at CBU who agrees with tattooing. But what is the state law trying to protect you from by making the legal age for tattoos 21?

“You cannot cause harm to others by getting a tattoo. It is only the decision that you make to mark your body, the one thing you have complete say over,” said James LePree, a local tattoo artist currently doing his apprenticeship at Pitt Bull tattoo shop on Seaboard Street.

“It is hard to turn down a customer that walks in who is 18 and has no idea about South Carolina laws,” he said. “We have a lot of people who walk in that are serving our country and cannot get a tattoo because they are not 21 yet. Although we would love to help them get whatever they want, we simply have to follow protocol.”

The tattoo shops on Seaboard Street, including Pit Bull, Dr. Ink, Elite Ink, Body Ink and Karma have written a petition and are soliciting signatures of local residents who disagree with this law.

"We hope to accumulate 10,000 signatures by January. Area residents can go to any tattoo shop in the Myrtle Beach area to sign the petition," said Flo of Karma tattoo parlor.
**What is better in the winter months, sand or snow?**

**VANESSA JEMMOTT** | Staff Writer
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To be or not to be — in the sand or snow — that is the question.

I concur that to be at the beach making sand angels is a lot more fun, happier and more relaxing than being in the snow. Yes, the winter atmosphere can have all the same capabilities, but let’s face it, who doesn’t want a little warmth and relaxation away from all the long snow-shoveling winter days and loud crazy holiday nights? Have you ever felt that you may suffer from the winter blues? According to mayoclinic.com, Seasonal Affective Disorder is a cyclic seasonal condition that appears late fall or early winter and goes away during the sunnier days of spring and summer months. In rare cases, some people develop reverse SAD during the spring and summer.

Experts say that about five percent of adults in the United States suffer from this depression. Therefore, less sunlight during the day and longer colder nights can sometimes be a negative and take a toll on your festive holiday spirits. In most cases, all one really needs is a bit more sunlight during these wintery blue days.

Research shows that there are certain light bulbs to fix these depressing states; however, what’s better than going to some part of the world where you can actually obtain some natural warmth and sunlight during these cold and sometimes depressing times?

So, you may wonder whether to choose a winter vacation in the tropics or a winter vacation in the snow. Winter vacations in the tropics present many wonderful opportunities to feel happier in the sun, meet warm and friendly people, and spend some winter vacation time with your family on a nice sunny beach.

**“Winter vacations in the tropics present many wonderful opportunities to feel happier in the sun...”**

You do not necessarily have to leave the United States to experience these wonderful adventures. Southern states, such as Florida, stay nice and sunny all year warm. So, the question is would you rather make angels in the snow or angels in the sand?

Granted that the angel making activity probably began in the snow, someone was smart enough to take these brilliant angels to the sand. Why not enjoy a few warm winter days in a warm location where the sun is shining and people are rather happy at heart than stay indoors where life can seem melancholic. Heal those SAD winter blues in a sunny, sandy, cheerful environment and trade the warm hot chocolates for a few delicious healthy fruit juices or coladas.

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Meanwhile, upon perusing weather Web sites for chances of snow in the U.S., this holiday season, the results seem pretty slim for South Carolina to have a white Christmas. According to weather.about.com, there is a three percent chance for major cities in the state to have one inch of snow on Christmas Day. North Carolina has a little more of a chance, with 10 percent in some cities, while New York is most definitely going to be covered in white sheets with the majority of the state with a 70 percent chance.

Oh, well. There’s always January, but who wants to deal with snow then? While it is inevitable that there will be no snow fall for us here in the majority of the south, you can bet I will at least be “Dreaming of a White Christmas.”

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Basketball falls to the Blue Hose

The Chanticleer men's team lost a close match to Presbyterian College in the season opener.

No. 40 Jon Pack tries to block the PC shooter, but is no match for his opponent's momentum, which carried the visiting team to a win.

NICK MAMARY  Sports Editor

Offense was hard to find when the Coastal Carolina University hosted The Presbyterian College Blue Hose on Dec. 3.

CCU failed to score a basket until more than six minutes elapsed in the first half. However, both teams had trouble scoring during this time as PC took a 21-20 advantage to the locker room.

When play resumed, PC sophomore guard Josh Johnson converted on one of his five three-point field goal attempts to allow PC to lead 24-20. For the next several minutes, the teams traded baskets, and CCU built its largest lead of the game, up 47-39 with 6:20 left in regulation.

"We should have put the game away early, we had an eight-point lead, and the ball was in our court to win it," said Cliff Ellis.

CCU was outscored 7-4 in overtime, and would end up losing by a final score of 56-53.

"We felt good playing infront of our home crowd, but it's a disappointing loss," said senior guard Steve Sexton.

The Chanticleers had opportunities to force double-overtime, but three-point shots were missed by Edwards.

Following the game, CCU Head Coach Cliff Ellis said, "We should have put the game away early, we had an eight-point lead, and the ball was in our court to win it."

When asked about the team's 1-6 start junior guard Edwards said, "We let some games go, but it really just boils down to being tough."

As mentioned the loss dropped CCU to 1-6 overall, as well as 0-1 in Big South play.

PC meanwhile, improved to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in the Big South.

CCU returns to action Saturday, Dec. 13, when they host the Southern Virginia University Knights.
Chanticleer football looks to the future

With a challenging season coming to an end, the coaches and players of CCU football are optimistic

NICK MAMARY • Sports Editor

It may be hard to believe, but another football season has come and gone for Coastal Carolina University. A rash of arrests and other legal troubles plagued the team during the preceding summer, but Head Coach David Bennett’s program continued to move forward.

On the field, CCU’s 2008 season began in historic fashion as the Chanticleers traveled to Happy Valley to face The Pennsylvania State University Nittany Lions in the team’s first game against the Bowl Championship Sub-Division (formerly 1A). After losing a close game to Colgate, CCU embarked on a three-game winning streak. Following this stretch of success, the team faced mixed results.

Key losses and injuries also challenged the team.

“We’ve had some good games, and some not so good games,” said Bennett. He continued by stressing how important it was to send the team’s 15 seniors out as “winners”, despite the recent loss in the final game against Charleston Southern University.

One of the seniors, receiver Trent Usher agreed that the team had had “some ups, and downs.” However, Usher was not discouraged. He considers his favorite career moment to be going to Pennsylvania and “scoring at Penn State in front of all those people. That was an amazing time, and a good experience for the team,” he said.

“I had a couple of injuries,” Usher continued, “but overall, I wouldn’t change a moment.”

Quarterback Zach MacDowall’s view on the 2008 campaign was similar to his teammate’s.

“We have had a couple of games that we should have won, that could have changed our season,” he said.

As this season comes to an end, the preparations for 2009 will soon begin.

“We will get on the recruiting trail, and try to get these guys faster and stronger, and we will certainly be looking forward to 2009,” said an optimistic Bennett.

Regarding the future, Strength and Conditioning Coach Victor Boyd is positive.

“We have seen a lot of bright spots that will carry us into next season, as well as some things we need to work on,” said Boyd.

Going into the next season, MacDowall added to his coach’s comment, “We will just start working hard in February and March with winter conditioning and hopefully, we will have the whole team out there, and then continue to work hard over the summer,” he said.

The team’s past season was full of twists and turns, and all eyes will soon focus on the next chapter of athletes.
CCU puts up stats

The men's soccer team highlights reflect a record-breaking season

Supportive fans hold up a sign encouraging CCU midfielder No. 33 Tim Pittman, during one of the season's exciting soccer matches.

CCU ATHLETICS ■ For The Chanticleer

Editor's note: Below are highlights of the men's soccer team's fall 2008 season.

FOUR CHANTICLEERS EARN ALL-BIG SOUTH HONORS

The Chants had four players earn All-Big South honors on the season. Senior captain Kyle Russell earned his second career first-team nod, after anchoring a defensive line that allowed 11 goals in Big South play this season, while starting all 21 contests.

Forward Robert Hunter joined Russell on the first team. The junior transfer will return next season to lead the Chant offensive after finishing third in the conference in goals with 11, fourth in assists with six, and fourth in points (28).

Sophomore Ross Kelly was named to the second team after finishing fourth in the Big South in shot attempted (54) while scoring five goals on the year.

Freshman Carlos Recinos was named to the Big South All-Freshmen squad after playing in 19 games. The Houston, Texas native played his best soccer early in the season, scoring game-winning goals against Florida Atlantic on Aug. 29 and against VMI on Sept. 28.

HUNTER STRIKES AGAIN, DEFEAT UNC ASHEVILLE 1-0 TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Hunter's goal from Tim Pittman with 8:59 remaining gave the Chants the victory in the semi-final match up against the Bulldogs. CCU controlled much of the offensive pressure, but UNCA goalkeeper Lassi Hurskainen was superb, turning aside several early chances. Hunter's 10th goal of the year proved to be the difference, sending the Chants to the Big South Championship for the 11th time in program history.

RUSSELL, KELLY, HUNTER NAMED TO BIG SOUTH ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

The Chants top three players capped off their seasons with Big South All-Tournament team honors following the 4-3 loss. Russell was the heartbeat of the lineup that was responsible for shutting out Radford and Winthrop.

K. RUSSELL AS RELIABLE AS THEY COME

Russell has been a staple in the CCU defense the past four seasons, and leaves the program tied for eighth in career matches started (74) and is one of only 10 Chants in program history to play in 78 career games.

DOCKING IN DOUBLE DIGITS

With the 10-10-1 record, Head Coach Shaun Docking has eclipsed the 10-win mark for the 10th time in 11 seasons at CCU. Docking is now 135-74-15 in his 11 seasons at CCU.

SQUEAKY CLEAN

Redshirt-sophomore goalkeeper Phillip Latham proved to be a key factor in the Big South Tournament, collecting a pair of shutouts, and ending the year with a Big South leading five clean sheets. Even more interesting is the fact that in all five clean sheets. In the five victories CCU has struggled offensively, winning 1-0.

IRON CHANTS

The Chants have a trio of players in defender Russell, midfielder Matt Schroeder and forward Kelly that played in and started all 21 contests for the Chanticleers this season. The 21 matches ties them at No. 1 in program history in matches started in a season along with three players.

COASTAL CAROLINA DEFEATS VMI 3-2 IN DOUBLE-OVERTIME

CCU opened up Big South play in need of victory, and that is exactly what they got on Sept. 28, downing the Keydets 3-2 in double overtime. The Chants were trailing 2-0 with 43 minutes left to play, but tied the contest up at 2-2 on Hunter's goal in the 68th minute and a Kelly tally in the 72nd minute to tie things up at 2-2.
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