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Is it ever okay to accept a bribe?

Bribery not a problem at CCU.

Men's Basketball ends season.
**CRIME LOG**

**Jan. 15**
Theft from a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, drug law violations
CCU DPS officers responded to parking lot R in reference to a person trying to break into cars. The subject was located at the scene, identified and interviewed. The subject had stolen property and presumed drugs in his/her possession and was transported to the Horry County Detention Center pending the service of warrants. Warrants were later served on the subject at the detention center.

**Jan. 17**
Possession of false ID
CCU DPS found a false ID in an abandoned property left in Santee Hall. Attempts to locate the owner of the property were unsuccessful.

**Jan. 19**
Underage possession of liquor
CCU DPS officers responded to the Woods residence area for an alcohol violation. Upon arriving at the location, officers observed a bottle of liquor in plain sight. One occupant of the apartment took responsibility for the alcohol. All student occupants of the apartment are being referred into the campus judicial system.

**Jan. 22**
Harassment
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that they were harassed by three unknown subjects while traveling between the Wall Building and the Rivers residence area. This case is under investigation.

**Jan. 23**
Drug law and equipment violations
CCU DPS officers responded to the Gardens residence area in reference to a strange person in the area. The subject fled upon the officer’s arrival. While investigating this incident the officers discovered paraphernalia and drugs. One subject was written a citation for simple possession of marijuana and a second subject is being referred into the campus judicial system for possession of paraphernalia.

**Jan. 24**
Disorderly conduct
While investigating a disturbance call, CCU DPS officers encountered two subjects having an argument. After settling the argument and releasing the two subjects, one subject again became disorderly. The subject was repeatedly warned to go to his/her apartment but continued to disturb the peace. The subject was arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

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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 8 of *The Chanticleer*, the page numbers on the cover should have read, News 03, Features 07, Opinion 16 and Sports 19.
- In the same issue, in the article on page 5 titled, "Man commits largest fraud in U.S. history," there should be no quotation marks on either side of Financial Times.
- In the same issue, in the article on page 7 by Maegen Sweat about the cons of smoking marijuana, citing Forbus should have read, "Forbus says marijuana was once considered a mild hallucinogen, but it is now in a drug category all of its own."
- In the same issue, in the article titled "Attalaya and 'nipples'," the information about Monroe’s mother was being told by the band members.
- The photographer of the Faculty Biennial photos is Ryan D’Alessandro.

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**STUDENTS**

**Wilson takes on new role within CCU student government**

Vice president recounts the minutes of the most recent meeting

**MASON CAMPNEY**

For information, contact Mason Campney, SGA vice president of Public Relations at macampney@coastal.edu with questions or comment. SGA meetings are Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium and are open to the public.
Library now more accessible

The 10-day project ensures that standards are met and disabled students can move around with ease

Library staff, facilities personnel and the Coastal Carolina University cheerleading team worked diligently for 10 days to completely reconfigure and “in some cases rebuild” the bookshelves in Kimbel Library, said Provost Robert Sheehan.

CCU’s facilities department funded the project, which cost about $11,000.

Executive Director of the Library Dr. Barbara Burd said she noticed when she began working in May 2008 that the bookshelves, or ranges, in the library were not “ready accessible” for students in wheelchairs.

CCU took the first opportunity they had to fix this problem, and on Jan. 5, only nine days before classes resumed, workers began the project that included dismantling nearly 200,000 books and securing the ranges they are shelved on.

Another issue with the ranges was how they were set up in the library. The arrangements created a maze like fashion to maneuver around, which was a potential fire hazard.

Given these issues, President David DeCenzo suggested to the provost that the two of them travel around campus in wheelchairs to address the accessibility factor for disabled students.

Sheehan was glad such a change was made in the library to accommodate the needs of such students.

“When you make a facility accessible to individuals with disabilities, you are often times making it safer and indeed more usable to all, and that’s exactly what happened here,” he said.

Both Sheehan and Burd praised the cheerleading team, facilities personnel and library staff for hard work well done.

“It was absolutely amazing how conscientious they all were,” said Burd. “They worked so hard, and the cheerleaders just had so much spirit and energy.”

Kimbel Library is open until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 24 hours during exam week.

New recreation center to be completed in 2012

The Santee fields are located across from Santee Hall dormitories and are the projected building site for the new center

Plans for a new Student Recreation and Convocation Center are currently being circulated within departments at Coastal Carolina University. The center in question will be erected on the Santee practice fields and will be a welcomed addition to the campus. The anticipated completion date for the facility is spring 2012.

One side of the rec center will feature a sporting arena for team events and will have the capacity to seat approximately 3,500 people. The other side of the center will provide students with recreational space.

The gym will be complete with multi-purpose rooms for fitness classes, weights, a 30-ft climbing wall, locker rooms, a small juice bar or food service, a lounge and an indoor track. The large court used for competitive events will also be used as three separate courts for official training.

The plan right now is to “develop the center as one of CCU’s signature buildings,” said Dean of Students Haven Hart.

According to Hart, the campus bookstore, which is currently located in Bill Baxley Hall, will be relocated to the new center, and will continue to provide students with books, apparel, school supplies, snacks and other miscellaneous items.

Some of the design objectives, as listed by the three constructional groups – Timbes Architectural Group, Hughes Group Architects and the Garvin Design Group, who also developed the classy Strom Thurmond Center at the University of South Carolina – are to help develop a sense of identity and gateway to campus, to provide.

The location for the future center is on the Santee practice fields, which will be relocated to a nearby site.
New president Barack Obama utilizes the internet to reach out to various audiences.

**Politics**

**Standards change for campaign measures**

Obama successfully utilizes Web sites like Myspace, Facebook and YouTube for fundraising.

**DAVE WARD**

**Political Writer**

President Barack Obama campaigned on the theme of change and while America has yet to see if the new boss is the same as the old boss, it is clear the nature of presidential elections has changed forever. These changes will play a prominent role in shaping the appearance and course of future presidential campaigns.

Throughout the primary and general election, Obama seized upon the internet, in coordination with other political organizations to break all previous fundraising records.

Despite an earlier pledge to accept public financing, Obama quickly realized the potential advantage of a vast privately funded campaign war chest. Raising nearly two thirds of a billion dollars allowed the Obama campaign to outspend the McCain Campaign by as much as five-to-one in many battle ground states.

The advantage in media buys, advertising and campaign staff gave Obama a decisive advantage.

Such an advantage proved so critical no candidate from either party will use public financing again.

One of the central elements of Obama's fundraising and volunteer efforts was the internet.

By using Web sites like Facebook, YouTube and various blogs, coupled with heavy online advertisement the Obama campaign revolutionized fundraising and how a presidential campaign builds a support base. In doing so, Obama blazed the trail future campaigns will travel.

Another change brought about by this past presidential election was the end of the media as a source for objective information.

It is clearly evident to all but the most harden loyalist that the fourth estate has abdicated its responsibility to report impartial truth, and abandoned its obligation to the American people as a check upon political propaganda.

While the media has had a liberal bias for a long time, never before was it as breathtakingly apparent as in this past election.

The potential devastation to our democratic system and to the nation that this development might wrought is frightening to ponder, yet this dynamic will play a powerful role in America's political culture for years to come.

These are some of the latest factors to surface on the political landscape.

While some of these developments can be seen as novel or negative, positive or precarious, it seems clear they will provide the foundations for political discourse and elections in this nation for the foreseeable future.
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**BUSINESS**

**Internships create career opportunities**

Students who search early on are likely to land a job

The Wall Street Journal has reported an approximate rise in internship applications of 25 percent from this time last year. Due to the increased demand for positions, the students who seek potential jobs sooner will benefit more than those who wait. By taking advantage of programs provided by schools, such as Coastal Carolina University’s Career Services Department and the Wall Center for Excellence, students are provided with help when searching for the right job, from resume writing and interview advice to obtaining an internship that benefits the students’ goals.

The internship industry has become overly contested, resulting in the appearance of firms that charge thousands of dollars just to place a student in an unpaid internship. University of Dreams, an internship placement firm, charges upwards of $9,500 to help a student secure a three-week unpaid internship. Other companies take an auction-like approach to selling their internship availability. A recent month-long opening at a music production company sold for $12,000 on CharityBuzz.com.

Although these sites promise to provide the student with a beneficial internship, most companies are more willing to accept students’ applications when the initiative is taken to pursue an internship without any assistance from a third party.

Claudia Tattanelli, the CEO of a Philadelphia-based recruitment consulting firm, states, “the type of students corporate America wants are the students who can find their own internships.”

While classes are beginning for the spring semester, the most successful graduates are already in search of potential employers.
Students no longer have an excuse

Active student shares thoughts on why students should start recycling and stop making excuses not to

ELAINE URBAN
Features Editor

Many people at Coastal Carolina University just don’t recycle. Some common reasons that any person might have for not recycling are caused by cynicism.

According to “Small Changes That Make a Big Difference: The Better World Handbook,” there are ten thought traps that cynics develop that inhibit them from changing the world for the better, such as recycling.

These ten notions that people generally develop include “That’s just the way the world is,” “It’s not my responsibility,” “One person can’t make a difference,” “I can’t make enough of a difference to matter,” “This seems totally overwhelming,” “I don’t have the time or energy,” “I’m not a saint,” “I don’t know enough about the issue,” “I don’t know where to begin,” and “I’m not an activist.”

If people could just carelessly throw away their apathy and laziness instead of their trash, many aspects of the world would change for the good instead of the negative impacts the world seems to be receiving.

For every excuse someone has for not recycling, there is an even better motive to recycle. For the 10 thought traps there are 10 effects that recycling induces according to the National Recycling Coalition.

No. 1 is that recycling is beneficial to the economy because big companies require raw materials to simply make their goods.

No. 2 recycling employs 1.1 million jobs for Americans.

No. 3 the waste in landfills could be reduced instead of having waste sit in the ground for millions of years.

No. 4, by using fewer natural resources and using less energy, recycling is much, much better for the environment.

This should be enough reasons to recycle, but there are more.

Recycling saves energy, preserves landfill space, prevents global warming, reduces water pollution (has anyone ever heard of the trash vortex?), protects wildlife, and creates a new demand for recycled products, just to name a few.

Even when people are informed about recycling, sometimes an initiative is needed to take action. Luckily for CCU, there are people that are creating an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to take small steps to becoming more environmentally friendly by recycling.

Newly placed around campus by Sustainability Coordinator Marissa Mitzner are many convenient recycling receptacles. Yellow bins are available in Santee and Waccamaw Halls, drop off recycling is located by the Woods basketball court, battery recycling can be found in tall clear tubes around campus, and other recycling bins are scattered around as well. The utilities are there, ready for people to use them without making any excuses.

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Including such a building on campus will not only provide students with an elite work out atmosphere, but according to sophomore Tom Cocke, the “recplex” will create a much needed social environment for students.

Other benefits include a location for concerts and other events, easy access from all sides of campus and reconstructed outdoor fields.

The funding for the center will be provided fully by student tuition and by bonds issues through the state, said Will Garland, senior vice president of finance and administration at CCU.

In the spring of 2008, the Student Government Association passed a student taxation resolution that would create an “increase in the student fees, which would support the construction and/or renovations of a new Student Union and a new Student Recreation Center.”
While bribes are often tempting, the act is not common at CCU

BARBARA ASTRINI
Staff Writer

It sounds almost like a felony when said out loud, but bribery is almost as common among college students as, say, drinking.

Bribery is the act of illegal exchange of money or goods for services. In other words, this includes paying someone to do another person’s homework, or even selling papers. And it’s no longer a taboo – from a sample of 100 random Coastal Carolina University students, 78 admitted to being involved in the act, whether it was asking for a favor, or being offered a bribe. It doesn’t always have to be money though – bribes can range from anything from sex to a case of beer.

Nick Fischer, a 2008 graduate of CCU, admitted to participating in a bribe in the past.

“It wasn’t anything serious though,” said Fischer. “I told someone not to say something, and then I paid them $20.”

Another student, junior Nathan Dunham, said he hasn’t accepted a bribe that he can think of, but if he were in the heat of the moment, he thinks he would for sure.

Jennie Cassidy, director of Counseling Services, said that although she has never dealt with such an ordeal, its consequences vary.

“On cases that are unusual like this, we determine sanctions depending upon how serious the particular situation is,” she said. “I suppose that bribery could be pretty minor and only justify a warning. I would also suppose that bribery could be used to cause considerable malicious damage to another individual which might justify a suspension.”

But is bribery plagiarism? Some say that since it is one person’s work being passed off as someone else’s, then it is.

Under CCU’s Code of Student Conduct, under III.A.1.a.ii, “a student submitting another person’s work in place of his/her own” is considered plagiarism. But a majority surveyed said that since the work is bought, it is clearly the property of the buyer.

CCU student Amber Miller said bribing is a thing of the past for her. While she never bought an academic paper from someone else, she has dabbled in school-related bribery.

“I use to make my parents match my paycheck if I got a good grade. And in high school someone paid me not to go to a class,” she said. “Nothing too serious.”

Travis Overtoun, Coordinator of Greek Life at CCU said he couldn’t think of a time that he held something over someone to get him or her to do something that they were totally against, but he thinks that offering incentives are very helpful.

“In my mentoring individuals, I have encouraged them to do things that are completely out of their comfort zone by offering other things, but I feel like they needed to do those things to grow,” he explained.

Bribery is not going to stop as long as there are students willing to do extra work to get some money to feed their poor hungry college-kid stomachs.
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Jules shares thoughts on ‘mad world’

One-on-one interview with musician Gary Jules reveals love for books, family and surfing

CLARA ARAMBULA
Editor

m the moment when the American government finally caught up to Saddam Hussein, musician Gary Jules was running on a treadmill in London.

Ironically, one man’s demise was the start of another man’s glory days, as Jules’ hit single “Mad World” introduced him on the international stage.

Some may recognize the dark melody from the 1980s English group Tears for Fears, who were the original performers of the song. However, “Mad World” was made popular once again when Jules and long-time friend Michael Andrews performed the score for the 2001 gothic thriller film “Donnie Darko.”

“Mad World” was the statement of the world at the time,” said Jules. “It was kind of a weird time for me and the U.S. and the world.”

According to the Southern California native, music is a vehicle to get people to look at things a certain way; music helps people to “privately assess feelings about things.”

Jules began singing at a very early age.

“My mom told me I could sing before I could talk,” Jules laughed.

Growing up in Fresno, a small, relaxed surf town near San Diego, Ca. allowed the artist and his friends to have full access to the competitive music scene.

In high school, Jules and his close friend Andrews, co-performer of “Mad World,” started a band, not knowing it would be a long-term gig.

“There is big competition with Mike now,” said Jules of his friend. “It use to be competition for girls. You know, the more girls you have at shows and singing your stuff... but then you get married; it’s musical competition now,” he laughed.

Jules lives in Asheville, N.C. with his wife and 4-year-old son.

A regular day in Jules’ shoes consists of getting his son ready for school, walking with his wife or going to the gym, then writing, practicing and recording in his in-house basement studio. However, if he’s on tour, the agenda is a little different.

“If I’m on tour or in L.A., I wake up, have some coffee and then sit on the phone ALL day. Then I read on the way to a show. If I could stay home all the time, I would,” said Jules.

When he’s not on the road or working on music, Jules likes to spend time with his family.

“I play with my dude,” he said of his son.

Jules is also an avid surfer. When he’s on the coast, he paddles out every chance he gets. All-in-all, the singer is a normal guy. But telling that to the media is no use.

“I like to do my own laundry and go to the coffee shop. Being recognized by people you don’t know means you’re being watched by them, and that’s really uncomfortable,” he said.

Jules explained that people either commit to the “being famous” part of the job, or not. In his mind, it’s way more about the music and the respect for co-workers and fans than about popularity.

The humble celebrity prefers the simplicity of not being as famous as artists like Mariah Carey, and although it’s an ego boost, he does it for the love of what he does instead.

“To think that people are better because they are famous is smack down in crazy town for me. But still, I’m super grateful. I’m so lucky and I have no business complaining. I just try to actively mellow the whole thing out,” said Jules.

Jules’ lifestyle, surfing and psychology of growing up the way he did has given him a unique perspective on life. He aspires to be like Hawaii’s singer-songwriter, musician, filmmaker, Jack Johnson, so he can surf around the world and play music at night.

Jules also lives by the quote by Pope Alexander, “True wit is nature to advantage dressed, what oft was thought, but never so well expressed.”

“I just want to be happy and healthy and have time to read,” said Jules.

The former English major will be first to admit he’s a bit of a “book nerd.” Jules is also very interested in the uses of language in new and creative ways in order to “crystallize the human condition.”

Jules writes all of his music other than “Mad World.” When working on lyrics, Jules said he gets really into it, and there is something very deep and primal in the connection of the words. The writer tries to describe and understand his surroundings, while finding simple ways to convey a message in ways that people can understand him, but not use anything he says against him.

“Stay open,” said Jules. “I want my music to tell people to keep an open mind, yet to admit with full humility that it’s impossible to keep an open mind. It’s like the Great Chain of Being. People are trapped between animal instincts and angels. It’s never as true as in music. You have to admit to the animalistic ways, yet strive to be higher.”

Jules is currently in the process of recording a score for the upcoming film “Next Year Country.” His goals include getting his band, Gary Jules and the Group Rules, on the road in the South East, as well as to promote his newest album “Bird.”

The CD will be available in stores in April.

Jules’ newest album “Bird,” which will be on the shelves in April, was completely composed by the artist and is a reflection of his life and views.
Club Recruitment Day a hit

On Jan. 28, CCU clubs and organizations set up on Prince Lawn to promote campus involvement and encourage students to sign up.

Students who missed out on Club Recruitment Day can still get involved by going to www.coastal.edu/osal and researching the many opportunities that are offered at Coastal Carolina University.
Beatlemania stirs passion

Band from the '60s continues great legacy and provides hope

THOMAS DUCARY
Guest Writer

As millions around the world were fixed upon Barack Obama's inauguration, a moment in history was being written that would forever define a generation. While I watched with tearful eyes, I couldn't help but wonder, “Will this idealism last? Will it still characterize our generation when we have become the world's great leaders?” As questions such as these come to pass, so does time continually turn the wheels of history. Yet I know now that only with that passing of time will my questions be answered.

Still I wonder, “What will define our generation?”

One thing that invariably stands the test of time is music. Amidst one of the most idealistic/tumultuous eras of the twentieth century (depending on how you look at it), emerged some of the most well-loved music the world has ever heard. I'm speaking of course about the '60s. From flower-power to Vietnam, America and the rest of the world saw dramatic changes in every aspect of life, from their own culture (or counter-culture) to global affairs.

Beatlemania struck the U.S. in 1964 and as the music nears its sixth decade, the Beatles' influence has yet to fade. Before one may even consider arguing that Beatlemania has actually ever stopped, I urge you to take the opportunity to see "Abbey Road LIVE!"

If you missed Abbey Road's tribute to the Beatles here at our very own Wheelwright Auditorium, don't worry: their music isn't going anywhere for a long time, if ever. Let's be honest, when most performances are announced at Coastal Carolina University, neither the student body nor the surrounding community tend to rush the box office in record numbers. (Disclaimer: I have seen great crowds in Wheelwright before, well-deserved by all of our performers and guests.) But what I witnessed at this particular concert was a crowd that very few people have the chance to appear in front of.

Though we did not number in the millions, it was abundantly clear that we in attendance were united and actuated by a common impulse of passion, or at least of interest, for the music of the Beatles: men and women; black and white; young and old alike. Not only has the music of John, Paul, George and Ringo stood as a lasting definition of its own era, but it continues to gather new devotees to this very day.

Perhaps music such as theirs is carried on with such great admiration because it has always unified the masses, rather than discriminate and separate audiences into opposing factions. It's hard to imagine anyone who may be alienated by a song as poignant as "All You Need is Love."

Is this the music of our generation? Of course not. (Although, artists of today take note, any success in popular music since about 1964 is owed in a big part to these four weird British dudes.) However, all of this is not to say that the ideals reflected in the Beatles' music, which have indeed withstood history, are not the same as those ideals in which we believe today.

When all has been said and done, the message that will be remembered of the Beatles is that of love. Perhaps it will not be President Obama's actions over the next eight years (seriously, if Bush can get two terms...), but his universal message that will be remembered long after. Since the world was introduced to Obama in 2004, he has promoted a simple yet powerful ideal: hope. So powerful is this idea that it can be shared by absolutely anyone and everyone without discrimination. To many, hope has been restored simply by a call to cherish this ideal, and it is upon our responsibility that we may carry this on to future generations as one of our greatest legacies.

Will our generation be defined by hopeful ideals? Will we overcome our current problems and find peace and love? Again, only time will tell. As of now, time has preserved the Beatles' music and its message of love. It has also eroded away ancient barriers of hatred, allowing a young African American to rise to the highest seat of power in the world, all on the message of hope. No different than the crowd at an "Abbey Road LIVE!" concert, men and women of all ages and races cheered, applauded, even cried as Obama took his inaugural oath on Jan. 20.

I can only offer advice for the present, with the help of Obama and the Beatles: Wake up and start living in the present, love yourself and others, have hope, everything will be alright. Do NOT pass on a chance to see Abbey Road LIVE!

INFORMATION

Two upcoming shows are in Charleston on Jan. 24 and Raleigh, N.C. on Feb. 27. For more, visit AbbeyRoadLive.com.

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‘Only bad things come from bribes’

The Chanticleer Staff wrestles with the question: ‘What are your thoughts on bribery?’

I think bribery is cool. If you bribe somebody, you don’t have to do things legally and therefore life is easier. Sometimes, I try to bribe my professors. I tell them ‘You give me a good grade, and I will not write an article about how much you suck at teaching.’ Professors do not like bribes.”

- Ashley Williamson, news editor

Bribery pisses me off. It’s for weak-minded people who want to get away with doing stuff and they need to grow a pair and realize that getting someone to do something for you only makes you suck at life. Then again I’m a girl, and I bribe dudes with my good looks to buy me food and drinks.”

- Barbara Astrini, staff writer

Bribes rock my world. When a big wad of cash heads my way and the kid beside me whispers, ‘My midterm paper is due Tuesday,’ my heart starts beating, my palms start sweating and I remember I took that class last semester. I instantly get excited but then reality sets in and I realize that accepting bribes is ‘morally incorrect.’ Who knew what Mom taught me in the fifth grade would set in my junior year of college. So I declined the offer and returned the cash.”

- Corrie Lacey, copy editor

I wish I was bribed to write this editorial so I feel like have some kind of incentive to write this. In all seriousness though, if the individual really believes in what they are standing for, they probably should not be weak enough to take accept the terms. Only bad things come from bribes. Judas hung himself for being bribed to give Christ the ultimate smooch. Horrible drama shows generally revolve around some bad bribe. Silly people get bribed by dirty behavior to do things they probably wouldn’t do like when nerdy Jimmy was bribed with sexual favors by Miss Loopy Goopy. Now, Jimmy probably has gothmasipalulilalalas. Good job Jimmy. Don’t be a Jimmy.”

- Brandon Lockett, art director

I have mixed feelings about bribes. I am awful at trying to bribe someone, but it is fun to see if they will succumb to my meager attempts. In contrast, when a briber is trying to convince me to do something, it’s like talking to a rock. Once in my awkward middle school days, my friend and I were taking a harmless stroll in my neighborhood at 3 a.m. We made it about two houses down when the “po-po” halted us and insisted that he drive us back two houses because we were breaking curfew. After he refused my proposition to wash his cruiser so he wouldn’t wake up my mother, she grounded me for attempt of bribing a cop. I only bribe when the police aren’t involved.”

- Elaine Urban, features editor

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Do you think it’s okay to accept bribes?

Ilissa Brown
sophomore special education major:
"No, it is just not worth it."

John Arrants
senior resort tourism management major:
"No. If you’re a government official, you can’t represent the people if you are paid to take a bribe."

Sam Thomas
junior communication major:
"No. If you feel like you get something right, then just be patient and work hard because you will get it eventually."

Sarah Saxon
freshman management major:
"Yes. It might motivate you to do something in the future."

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Student expresses distaste for CCU’s alcohol policy and thinks Greek Life should not be singled out

JUSTIN “PUMA” STOLARSKI
Guest Writer

I am the kid who will be at CCU for six years and take classes on and off for a year and a half. I am okay with this because I took a different path. I decided to get involved with as many random clubs and organizations as possible. Among the many organizations I joined, one was a fraternity. I can, without any hesitation at all, say this was the best decision I have made. However, over the last year, terrible things have been happening to Greek Life as a whole. I would also be willing to bet that eventually many other organizations that have no Greek affiliation will be affected too.

Now, when I was a freshman and sophomore organization members would have “mixers” or “socials” in the comfort and convenience of their own residence. This is what I like to call the “glory days of Greek Life.” I understand that having a bunch of college students serving drinks to each other with no means of control is a risk and I agree needs to be addressed.

This problem was solved when the Office of Student Activities and Leadership started making all organizations register events.

Here is something to consider: when you think of the people of the Student Alumni Ambassadors, you do not worry that they are throwing raging parties at their houses. However, Greeks must be doing that (by the way CCU, way to feed the stereotype), and now by being forced to register all events for fear of being suspended, all Greeks are now only doing events at third party vendors.

No student with half a brain would have a party where underage kids are drinking and register it with the school. That’s an open invitation for CCU’s finest to get some much-deserved action because we all know writing parking tickets gets boring.

Greeks now are faced with a decision: party and risk the lack of registration, but appeal to the masses or register at a third party vendor where most of the underage kids in the organization won’t be able to drink. I don’t have much of an issue here. Yes, we are social organizations, but we do follow the law. As for loop holes, you have probably thought, “Why not just have events and not put a name with it?” Genius! I too thought of this. But OSAL has once again thought of everything.

If there are three or more people from an organization together, then it is considered an event that should be registered. I live with three of my fraternity brothers. In theory, I should be registering any time I go to sleep in my house or eat dinner with my roommates. Do you see the absurdity in this yet?

Apparently CCU found out that Greeks were still having fun even with these rules in place (I am not bashing the rule for third party vendors, it does follow the law and protects everyone in the organization). CCU decided that in a new alcohol policy the third party vendors must provide information on their staff’s training, the information on their liquor license, as well as information that is useless to anyone who isn’t part of an IRS sting operation. Well, many bars and restaurants refuse to give this information out.

As a member of an organization that works around the community and nationally for philanthropic events, I have no right to meet with friends and have a beer on a whim. Ten friends can go out and have drinks together legally according to CCU’s supreme power, but those in organizations (not just Greeks) cannot meet up without strict permission. Get a grip on life, CCU. Don’t you have better things to do than police us college kids on our right to assemble and have a drink? It must be terrible for you to see students actually having good legal fun.

Next thing you know we will have to ask permission to go to the bathroom while in our undergraduate years.
Is it ever a good idea to accept a bribe of any sort?

CORRIE LACEY
Copy Editor

A big wad of cash in exchange for a quick stamp in their passport was extremely tempting, but as the freshman crowded around me for a dash of ink in their booklets for participation credit, I knew it would be wrong. Orientation had very few good moments, but starting my summer out being bribed and getting fired didn’t sound like much fun either. So I declined the offer and walked away with my morals intact.

Although I must admit, as a college student with very little cash, bribes can be very tempting at times, but the bottom line is it’s wrong.

As we all know, in order for a well-functioning competitive market system to work, equality is essential. In order for our society to run effectively, we need competition. The familiar slogan, “may the best man win,” best describes this philosophy. However, when bribes are brought into the picture, competition no longer exists. It’s not the “best man” winning, it’s the man willing to throw morals out the window that gets what he wants.

Bribery undermines this principle of equality. By accepting bribes, you allow individuals to be favored and what little equality that’s still left in this world is lost.

Personally, my biggest issue with accepting bribes is the cost of reputation. Individuals with money and power can buy what most would consider “not sellable,” like relationships and recognition. But as one with little power and no money, accepting these corrupt practices can only ruin what little reputation I’ve worked hard to build over the past 19 years.

As Barack Obama stated in his 2009 inauguration address, “Those who claim to power through corruption and deceit... are on the wrong side of history.” I don’t know about you, but if I’m going to make history, I’d rather be on the good side.

Even on a smaller scale, such as parents bribing their children to get good grades or to behave at the grocery store, it undermines a child’s ability for self-motivation and self-discipline.

When I was a child, I wasn’t getting rolls of bills shoved in my pockets for keeping my mouth shut in church or a candy bar every time I sat still at the dinner table.

At a young age, children must decipher between right and wrong, not with bribes but by understanding why something is good and why the other is bad.

Morality and ethics are not something we can bargain with. Bribes cut corners, but what people fail to realize is that those corners are there for a reason.

Accepting bribes may seem like fare game in the beginning, but as time goes by, there will be consequences and no situation that may arise seems worth jeopardizing my character.

OPINION

Dave Ward
Political Writer

In the fast-paced globalized world of today, the rules and ethics of human relations are relative.

In order for the next generation to thrive in this brave new world we must cast off our superstitious traditions and beliefs in favor of a culturally sensitive viewpoint. This new collective understanding would embrace different standards and practices as seen throughout the world.

In the West it is still taboo to accept a well-deserved incentive, yet throughout much of the world kickbacks are as common as candy. The only way in which America can compete in the global economy is to recognize it shouldn’t be “our way or the highway.”

Pride is a fool’s fortress and ours is crumbling all around us. With growing economic uncertainty, diminishing resources and global unrest it’s every man for himself, rhetoric be damned.

While many hard working patriotic Americans wrestle over their actions ethical complications, they have lost sight of the big picture.

Do America’s corporate titans care about the moral implications of the sweatshops or child labor used to manufacture their shirts and shoes?

Does anyone think that the Harvard MBA’s question the ethical issues of producing a pair of jeans for two dollars and selling them for $200?

What about the country who allows its people to be exploited?

All around us compromises are being struck and cash is being made.

While I do not necessarily think accepting a bribe is the answer, it is still important to stand up for yourself and survive at all costs.

It’s the time for the little guy to get his piece of the action. More important is it is the time for the MAN to chill out.

The self-deluding hypocrisy of saying it’s okay when politicians, corporations or countries violate ethical principles, at the same time as castigating individuals for doing the same cannot be justified and should not be perpetuated.
Hoops
Chants improve record, 9-11

CCU men’s basketball played a hard game against Winthrop University last week and leaves the gym with a win

GREG MARTIN
Sports Writer

On Jan. 24, the Coastal Carolina University men’s basketball squad stormed the court with revenge on their minds. Last year, Winthrop University defeated CCU by one point in the Big South Conference tournament.

Joe Harris surprised everyone including Head Coach Cliff Ellis with a star buzzed into his hair. Harris didn’t take much time to prove he deserved that star. Three minutes into the first half, Harris got his 100th career block, an outstanding achievement considering he missed 20 games last year due to a broken thumb.

On offense, Anthony Breeze contributed multiple times with a quick dribble drive to the basket and on one occasion getting fouled and still scoring, resulting in a three-point play cutting Winthrop’s lead to one point.

On the following possession, Winthrop turned the ball over and Harris converted to give CCU the lead.

At this point the crowd was on its feet cheering and clapping.

“The crowd was intense,” Harris said after the game, “it gave us the boost we needed.”

The Chanticleers went into the second half up by two points. Both teams came out fired up diving on the floor after a loose ball 22 seconds into the second half.

Sweat topped spots on the court causing players to topple over each other. Knowing a single possession could change the outcome of the game, all players near the ball hit the court in a violent fashion on a loose ball, swinging and stabbing at the ball, connecting with everything and everybody.

Harris got a souvenir scar on his knee that had to be bandaged up before resuming play.

When Winthrop had thoughts and dreams of driving to the basket, CCU answered like Tony Soprano and said “forgeddaboudit.”

While every player contributes, the defense played a major part in the game.

Senior history major Paul Puccinelli said, “Anthony Breeze and Joseph Harris are tenacious beasts.”

The defense was tough, but the offense complemented nicely and at one point in the second half Steven Sexton hit a 3-pointer to put CCU up by 13.

The Chants fought hard to hold the lead and left the gym victorious 78-69, improving their record 9-11 overall and 3-5 in the Big South Conference.
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Despite success in Winthrop game, the Chanticleers could not finish the GWU game with such success.

The Chanticleers came up short in battle against Gardner-Webb University, a game that CCU players believed, for most of the time, they had in the bag.

**GREG MARTIN**
Sports Writer

Coastal Carolina University men's basketball game versus Gardner-Webb University was decided with less than 20 seconds left on clock.

The Chanticleers had strength, the Runnin' Bulldogs had height; CCU had shooting, GWU had rebounds. The game was back and forth with every aspect of basketball exercised in this contest.

In the first half, CCU opened up with a quick lay-up by Steven Sexton. The jitters seemed to be flying on both sides of the ball, because in the following 20 seconds there were three turnovers. The ball eventually ended up in the hands of Sexton, who knocked down two three-pointers back to back. Deafening echoes surrounded the court as CCU made outstanding plays on offense and defense. The crowd showed its excitement and the team fed off the fans' energy.

CCU finished the first half on top by three points. The Chants stretched the lead by eight points with 18 minutes in the second half.

A botched pass left Sexton no choice but to call timeout. Alumni and students then rose up out of their seats on all ends of the court.

With 21 seconds on the clock, Sexton caught the inbound pass but was heavily guarded, time was burning fast and in desperation, he threw up a fake and then a shot, hoping to draw the foul. In a dramatic ending, the ball flew out of bounds and GWU closed out the game with the win.

The final score 79-74, making CCU's record 9-12 overall and 3-6 in the Big South conference.

According to GoCCUSports.com, the Chants "shot 47.4 percent from the floor, going 14-of-28 in the second half. [GWU] shot 43.3 percent, including 37.9 percent (11-of-29) from behind the arc. The Bulldogs outrebounded the Chants 39-34 and had 14 offensive boards. Senior Matt Brennan (Lee's Summit, Mo./Lee's Summit North) and Breeze had two blocks apiece.

CCU had 13 turnovers, but the Bulldogs turned that into 17 points. They also had 19 second-chance points."

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