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CONSTRUCTION

I-73 creates new jobs

With unemployment numbers at an all-time low, road jobs will help improve economy.

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

It is estimated that the proposed construction of Interstate 73 will have an economic impact of over $800 million in the Myrtle Beach area, according to a study conducted by the BB&T Center for Economic and Community Development at Coastal Carolina University.

The project itself was originated in 1982, when Congress signed a bill requiring a highway to connect Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 17. This will benefit citizens by

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CAMPUΣ

Greeks lose Overton

In his transition within offices at CCU, Overton is optimistic about new career opportunities

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

Former Coordinator of Greek Life Travis Overton has been named director of judicial affairs and off-campus student services at Coastal Carolina University. Overton will work with Jennie Cassidy, interim assistant dean of students, to hear judicial cases and develop programs for commuter students. His official appointment will begin in June 2009.

According to Overton, Dean of Students Haven Hart offered him the position after changes were made within the judicial department and Overton had a chance to sit in as a judicial officer. He thinks the new position will fit well with his interests and long-term career goals.

Overton’s new duties will include acting as a full-time judicial officer, developing programs and services for the commuting student population, while working to reinforce the importance of student responsibility and accountability for all students in order to be proactive and educate the campus about the Code of Student Conduct.

Upon arriving at CCU in 2007, Overton has been a very active member of the Greek community and has bittersweet feelings about leaving.

“The Greek community has been through a tremendous amount of growth since fall 2007. I am sad to

OVERTON

OVERTON leaves behind his career as Greek Life coordinator and moves forward in a new office.

LOCAL

Hard Rock Park revamps, plans for a kickin’ summer

After park was bought out, plans are underway to bring the park back from the dead

AMELLIA DIEMER
Staff Writer

The Hard Rock Park is set to reopen by Memorial Day. On Feb. 17, Hard Rock Park was sold to FPI MB Entertainment for $25 million and plans to be rockin’ back in May.

The Hard Rock Park opened its gates last April with high hopes of being the latest and greatest attraction in Myrtle Beach. The music-themed park was supposed to appeal to people across the nation, bringing Myrtle Beach a more profitable summer, but the rockin’ park didn’t last long and claimed bankruptcy in September.

Many say admission - at $50 a person - is just not worth the money. The park was up for sale and three possible buyers surfaced.

Richard Hair, the general manager for the Myrtle Beach Pavilion and Hershey’s Theme Park, Mark Lazarus owner of Wild Water n’ Wheels in Surfside and FPI MB Entertainment, a company that’s very experienced in the attraction industry, were all interested in buying. The bid was $25 million for the park and all possible buyers planned on revamping the “Hard Rock” theme before the summer kicks off.

These changes include adding more rides, price evaluation and making the whole park in general more family-friendly.

Some locals wonder if people will even return to the park seeing how it is so far away from the beach.

Most tourists who visit Myrtle Beach tend to save their money

HARD ROCK PARK
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New plans for the park should help increase entertainment and attraction among locals and tourists in the Myrtle Beach area.
**CRIME LOG**

**Feb. 17**
Unlawful electronic communications
The victim reported by telephone to a CCU DPS officer that he/she received threatening communications from a CCU e-mail address. The victim also told the officer that he/she would be filing an incident report in his/her home county. This incident is under investigation.

**Feb. 19**
Assault
The victim entered the Rivers residence area and was stopped by a security officer because he/she was bleeding. A CCU DPS police officer was called. The victim reported to the CCU DPS officers that he/she was involved in an altercation off campus at Nesbitt's Saloon. The victim requested and was transported to the Conway Medical Center. The victim did not want to pursue criminal charges.

**Feb. 20**
Vandalism
The president of the Carolina Pines Home Owner's Association reported to a CCU DPS officer that people the HOA president believes may be students have repeatedly vandalized the fence belonging to Carolina Pines. The HOA has requested increased patrol in the area.

**Feb. 23**
Burglary
CCU DPS officers responded to Waites Island in reference to a burglary report. The complainant reported that there was damage to the front door of the residence and that he/she had not noticed anything missing.

**Feb. 24**
Possession of paraphernalia
A CCU DPS officer responded to the Rivers residence area in reference to paraphernalia found by residence life staff during a health and safety check. The evidence was seized and entered into evidence. This incident is being referred to the Campus Judicial System.

**Feb. 24**
Larceny
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone unknown removed the victim's laptop computer without his/her permission. This incident is under investigation.

**New organization recognized on campus by Student Government**

SGA vice president recounts the minutes of the most recent meeting opportunities.

SGA also recommended an outside hosting solution for student e-mail accounts.

This was presented to students on a university committee by Information Technology Services prior to the writing of the legislation.

This legislation was in support of the presented outside hosting solution, citing access problems that have affected students throughout the semester.

**MAISON CAMPNEY**
SGA Contributor

The Student Government Association Senate recognized Rotoract as an organization on Coastal Carolina University's campus at the Feb. 23 campus meeting.

This club is a branch of Rotary International, and will give students more leadership and community service opportunities.

For information, contact Mason Campney, SGA vice president of Public Relations at mcampne@coastal.edu with questions or comment. SGA meetings are Mondays at 3 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium and are open to the public.
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leave the program at the point of growth, but I am very excited about pursuing opportunities in other areas of the University,” said Overton. According to the Tennessee native, this is a great time for a Greek adviser to join the University and work with the student leadership and chapter advisors to guide the Greek community.

Mike Taylor, CCU alumnus and student coordinator of Greek Life, shared his experience in working with Overton. “Since Travis has arrived at Coastal there have been a lot of changes. Although most do not understand that the changes are for the improvement of Greek Life, these changes were necessary,” Taylor explained. “There have been decisions made that we all didn’t agree with, but once we voiced our opinions and they were heard, there was at least an attempt by Travis to make the necessary steps to meet in the middle,” he said.

Jessie Mehlfelt, CCUPA Greek member and CCU student feels that Overton’s move is a positive thing for him. “I’m really happy for him, if he’s happy,” she said. “He propelled us in the right direction and it will take someone new and really good to keep it up. We’ll definitely miss him.”

Overton said that Greek Life at CCU has the ability to be one of the strongest in the nation. “As a University, we are positioned for tremendous growth and I expect great things for this community. It has truly been a great experience to work with the great students that are members of the fraternities and sororities,” he concluded.

“This new position is just another stepping stone in order for Travis to reach his final career goal,” said Taylor. “I look forward to finishing the year strong and wish him the best of luck. I hope that whoever replaces him has the same passion and drive as Travis has had over the past two years.”

Effective immediately, a search is being conducted to replace Overton in the Greek Life position.

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for Family Kingdom and attractions around the downtown area. The location of the theme park is off U.S. Highway 501.

Several Coastal Carolina University students agree that returning to the park for employment or just for fun is simply not worth their time unless big changes are made. Freshman Patrick Karetas aid, “I would only go back if the admission price was lowered. I’ve only been to the par’ once, but for the price and the number of rides, it’s not worth it.”

The park was half finished when it opened and a good portion of the rides never worked when it was.

Students think that it’s just not possible to revamp everything and be open by the holiday.

Ryan Smith, a 21-year-old local, worked as a stage-technician for the Roadies Stunt Show in the park. Smith said that he enjoyed his job and would return to work at the park if things were handled differently. “The previous management did not know how to treat people; both guests and employees,” he said.

Lazarus and Hair, the others who bid $25 million, were too late on the bid and out of luck. The judge decided on the first bid for the 140-acre plot of land. FPI wants to keep the name if the Hard Rock Company agrees. More information containing news about what is to be done with Hard Rock Park is to come.

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making these roads more accessible. According to Don Schunk, author of this report, as well as a research economist for the BB&T Center “I-73 has the potential to play a critical role in the economic development of the Myrtle Beach area, the Pee Dee region and the entire state.”

In addition, 7,718 jobs are expected to be created with the arrival of this road.

Unemployment, which currently makes up more than 10 percent of South Carolina, is projected to lower to six percent. This study also demonstrates that more than $277 million in Household Income could arise as a result of the construction.

The construction of the interstate has encountered some “speed bumps.” The site www.gribblesnation.com reports that to show that the state is still deciding on the eventual route of I-73, the Department of Transportation removed all Future I-73 signs.”
RELAX

Day-cation: high rollers feast in The Common

The Market Common is located in the former and improved Myrtle Beach Air Force Base

BK ASTRINI
Staff Writer

When Broadway at the Beach grows tired and the seediness of the South seeps in the typical tourist locations, the best escape to class and relaxation is 14 miles from Coastal Carolina University, towards the beach. The former Air Force Base is the closest thing Myrtle Beach has to a legitimate park, and is juxtaposed with a high-end shopping and dining complex, The Market Common.

The Air Force Base area contains mass amounts of green land surrounding several lakes, perfect for a run, a bike ride and taking the dogs out. More inland are several baseball fields and running space for other sports. As the weather gets nicer (although in a slow and unpredictable way), this area holds a plethora of fairs and events, such as last year’s Third Eye Blind concert.

Across the street is the brand new and fresh The Market Common, with its trendy boutiques, like Anthropology, and alternative dining. The Market Common is not the place to shop when one is broke and living off of canned tuna - save it for the mall. But within the area, a few shops are actually affordable, like Random, selling vintage and hipster wear with prices under $20. The store also sells plenty of local art and starting in March, will be home to many artworks from CCU’s Graphic Design students. For the students with extra cash, The Common holds shops like Fossil, Izzi B., Victoria’s Secret and Banana Republic.

The Market Common hosts P.F. Chang’s, known for its “gourmet” Chinese grub for pretty doable prices. An enormous portion of fried rice starts at $7.50 and the meaty entrees range from $9.95. A couple of stores down is the beer Mecca, Gordon Biersch Brewery, introducing their handcrafted brews such as the Marzen Lager and the Schwarzbier. For the sweet palate, a Cold Stone Ice Creamery is next to the state-of-the-art Grand 14 Cinemas, near Jugo Juice’s fresh smoothies.

The Old Air Force Base and The Market Common are roughly 20 minutes from campus. Take U.S. 501 South and merge on S.C. 17 Business toward Surfside, then turn left on Farrow Pkwy. and go straight until the complex is in sight.

LEGISLATION

S.C. waits on abortions

New law will call for a waiting-time increase before performing procedure

MAEGEN SWEAT
Assistant Editor

The South Carolina House of Representatives voted Feb. 24 by a vote of 87 to 24 in favor of increasing the waiting time from one hour to 24 hours after a woman has an ultrasound before she is allowed to have an abortion.

According to documents on the South Carolina State House Web site, www.scstatehouse.gov, the bill is to amend section 44-41-330 of the code of laws of South Carolina so that a woman is required to be informed of the exact procedure involved, and after she receives certain written materials from a doctor.

LAW

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HISTORY

‘Black History is American History’

Black History Month is celebrated worldwide, yet dismissed by some

JESSICA GREEN
Opinions Editor

osa Parks sat so Martin could walk. Martin walked so Obama could run. Obama ran so our children could fly.” there may be discrepancy on who the quote was said by first, but the statement has been on t-shirts, coffee mugs, buttons and the like.

Regardless, the quote speaks of hope and a great future for younger generations. It also has several iconic African-Americans that are being celebrated during Black History Month.

Black History Month is celebrated in most countries worldwide in the month of February while in the U.K. it is celebrated in October. The remembrance of key African-American figures and moments throughout history started in 1926 as “Negro History Week.”

Many critics and journalists think Black History Month should be discontinued. According to an interview on the news show “60 Minutes,” African-American actor Morgan Freeman, with a bit of sassy anger to his voice, said he finds Black History Month “ridiculous” and does not like the entire history of African-Americans “relegated to one month.” He also stated that, “Black History is American History.”

Regardless of the negative things people have against the month, Black History is still celebrated across the country with various speeches, presentations and discussion forums on college campuses, libraries, etc.
Love Your Body Day is celebrated on Prince Lawn to help promote good health

Love Your Body Day was designed to teach students how to appreciate their bodies and promote self-awareness through exercise, healthy eating and a healthy mindset. Students enjoyed various raffles and giveaways on Prince Lawn.

PHOTOS BY RYAN D’ALESSANDRO
FILM

Vampires ‘suck’ on the big screen

Despite success in print, “Twilight” disappoints in theaters

ALYSSA FREY
Guest Writer

Why has “Twilight” become every girl’s Bible? Ask any girl from the age range of 15 to 25 and one name would come out of her mouth – ‘Edward Cullen.’ But besides the gorgeous, perfect man author Stephanie Meyer describes in Twilight, what else has sucked in millions of readers? Some might say it’s the love shown between Bella Swan (a human) and Cullen (a blood sucking vampire). Others like the action packed endings in “Twilight” and its three sequels, “New Moon,” “Eclipse” and “Breaking Dawn.”

When first hearing that “Twilight” is about a teenage girl who risks everything when she falls in love with a vampire, many are turned off. However, author Meyer manages to weave together a beautiful story with love, conflict and action.

Unfortunately, the remake of the popular book on to the big screen was not as impressive, sometime receiving one to two stars out of five. Director Catherine Hardwicke, who has also directed the popular movie “Thirteen,” put a very quirky and weird view on the movie. The production value of “Twilight” was noticeably poor and many fans’ favorite parts of the book skipped over. For a movie that runs 122 minutes, there was not one scene I truly enjoyed.

None of the actors and actresses ruined the movie, but none of them had a knockout performance either. Kristen Stewart, who is best known for her outstanding performance in “Into the Wild,” gives off the impression that she is bored with her role in “Twilight” as main character Swan.

While Robert Pattinson, who plays the heartthrob vampire, Cullen, shows, in many scenes of the movie, that he is not an experienced actor.

As someone who has read “Twilight” and its three sequels, I was truly disappointed by the outcome of the movie. However, as strange as it may seem, I encourage someone who reads “Twilight” to go see the movie.

The sequel “New Moon” has already been signed up for production and with more money, a new director and a promise from Meyer to keep this movie closer to the book, “New Moon” is expected to be very good. When going to the movie “Twilight,” you might walk out of the theater thinking you’ve wasted $7; however, going to this movie could give you an insight to the characters you will see in “New Moon” and Meyer’s other two sequels.

RESTAURANT

High Hammock worth high prices

The “low country” restaurant a perfect choice for dinner

CARRIE NYBERG
Guest Writer

Imagine walking into a softly lit atmosphere, delicious aromas and light music surprising your senses; already you know you’ve made a good choice for dinner.

High Hammock is the newest addition to the Maverick Southern Kitchen Restaurants. You might already be familiar with S.N.O.B, High Cotton, Post House or Charleston Cooks, all located in Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

The High Hammock boasts a “low country” menu, ranging from shrimp and grits to rack of lamb, plus an extensive wine list.

I began with the appetizer of the day, a seafood croquette; of salmon, tuna, grouper and swordfish blended with a delicate mix of spices and deep fried, then paired with fried okra and a spicy salsa. For dinner, I chose the grilled Southern medley, a grilled chicken breast, zucchini, eggplant, tomato, fried goat cheese croutons, finished with a Pecorino Romano sauce and paired with a glass of crisp Villa Sorono Pinot Grigio.

Top it off with a cappuccino or an after-dinner cocktail. Even if you don’t order dessert, expect a short bread cookie and a bit of nut brownie, presented on a small plate once you have finished your meal.

Reservations are not yet required and the intimate “hide away” atmosphere is perfect for a romantic evening with a few close friends in one of the private areas or a date for two.

The High Hammock is located at 10880 Ocean Hwy, 21 in Pawleys Island. The prices range from mid-level to high, but it is well worth every penny!

For a 7x7 Sudoku puzzle, see page 19

SUDOKU

ACROSS
1. Everyone needs this
6. Where abortions are performed
7. Stage at nine weeks
9. Takes nine months
12. You have a choice
14. Buckle up it's the
16. The morning after
17. Needs to occur for pregnancy

DOWN
2. Issue in this paper
3. The act of conceiving
4. Just live your
5. Song: “_ Got Back”
8. The act of “doing it”
10. You can see your baby
11. A young human
12. Abortion is murder
13. Don’t drop the
15. If it’s not illegal, it’s

Compiled by MAEGEN SWEAT, answers on page 19

Crossword puzzle courtesy of dailysudoku.com, answers on page 19
Nominations for Coastal Carolina University Professor of the Year, Adviser of the Year and First-Year Experience Adviser of the Year will be accepted beginning March 2 at 8 a.m. and will last until March 14 at 4 p.m.

Students can vote online at www.coastal.edu/students/vote.

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bill is officially passed, it will have to go to the state Senate for approval.

According to information posted on the Feminist Majority Foundation Web site, www.feminist.org, "Supporters have argued that such a monumental decision as having an abortion requires a waiting period, while critics have cited the fact that a 24-hour waiting period is restrictive and potentially costly to women who live in rural areas and who would have to pay extra for transportation and medical visits."

As of now, there are only three abortion clinics in South Carolina, which are located Columbia, Greenville and Charleston.

While the amendment is not 100 percent in effect; several Coastal Carolina University students have strong opinions on the matter.

"When people get pregnant, they are initially scared, so 24 hours gives them time to think about the decisions, so they don't act on impulse and make a decision they might regret later," said Evans.

Senior communication major Alison Evans thinks the wait is a good idea.

“When people get pregnant, they are initially scared, so 24 hours gives them time to think about the decisions, so they don’t act on impulse and make a decision they might regret later,” said Evans.

Christa Russell, a junior English major thinks it depends on the situation.

“If you weren’t forced to have sex, say you were with your boyfriend, then I think the wait is a good thing. However, if you were raped, you shouldn’t have to wait because it’s not like it’s something you did."

According to statehealthfacts.org, South Carolina reported 6,716 abortions in 2005.

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CLLAII'E ARAMBULA
EDITOR

I wish I would have taken my parents’ advice and gone to college. That can’t really be my fault though. I mean, I thought that’s what I was trying to do when I decided to come to Coastal Carolina University. They are very sneaky here, though.

See, this is not what people talk about when they advise you to get the full “college experience.”

This is day care or nursery school or a playgroup and we are being babysat. I am surprised we didn’t receive diapers at orientation and we don’t have naptime during classes (oh wait, some of us do).

It’s getting ridiculous. I feel like if CCU admin wants us students to act maturely, obey the law and not disrupt neighborhoods, then students should be treated accordingly.

So, for the convenience of the rest of the student body, the Ten Commandments of CCU have been constructed for all of you to follow, so to prevent you guys getting in any trouble.

Here they are:

I. Thou shalt not cheer at football games.
II. Thou shalt not tailgate freely.
III. Thou shalt not read the newspaper.
IV. Thou shall not socialize without registration.
V. Thou shall not have fun off-campus either.

VI. Thou shall not converse on the student radio station.
VII. Thou shall not refer to drugs in print.
VIII. Thou shall not park on campus.
IX. Thou shall not listen to rap music.
X. Thou shall not enjoy your time at CCU.

Really, CCU, grow up and we will.
Laziness seems to be predominant in the southern region of the country and Biblical values lost.

**OPINION**

The sun is no excuse for the ‘grits-eating’ South

Southern satisfaction in idleness has one student fired up

BRANDON LOCKETT

Art Director

I could ramble incessantly about abortion, and make some preposterous statement regarding why babies should be allowed to live or eradicated, but I’m not. Instead, I’m going to discuss the good ol’ South. I feel like I gave it a pretty bad name last week jeering at everything from the accent to political views.

Here’s a fun fact: I’m actually from the South. I have lived here all my life. Born in Savannah, Ga., raised in Hilton Head Island, and grew up in Aiken. My spite for it is not heavily based on the buttered fried food or the endless rambling about the true winner of the war between the states like it is some kind of conspiracy. I honestly have just one major dislike: laziness.

Regardless of whether this dirty little habit lingers in every alleyway, converting the most hard-working individual into a lifeless body that has absorbed into their couch, solely surviving off of potato chips and Twinkies, it seems most prevalent in the South.

I’ve been to a few places outside of Old Dixie, and I honestly have not seen such satisfaction in idleness as I see here. Is it the sun? Does the heat cause brain cells to be eliminated and bodies to lay lifeless to grill on sands like a mass-marketed hot dog commercial? I don’t think so.

I think it’s a learned behavior. One person realized it was easier to get things done as quickly and sloppily as possible. When Possum Brown got away with doing a slack job and still got paid the same, Billy Jay became angry and decided he would also try to get away with it. He succeeded, and the Domino effect hit everyone.

This historical laziness needs to end. There is no excuse for it anymore. Air conditioning and refrigerated water allows people to work in cool environments. There simply is no excuse.

What’s even more ironic is the South has a reputation of being heavily religious and it would probably not hurt to say prominently Southern Baptist.

Now, for the literal believer in the Bible, it should be pointed out that Adam was to produce food with “the sweat of his brow.” It’s slightly humorous that this little part seems to be massively forgotten.

Just to note, there are actually a lot of hard working people here. I’ve seen them. They wreck themselves day in and day out to cover other people’s slack because that is their nature.

These people get a bad name because of a reputation. Just as our University is attempting to eliminate CCU’s reputation of being a drinking school, we should eliminate this reputation of laziness.

For once in my life, before I die, I wouldn’t mind thinking that someone might say, “Man, the South is full of dummys, but they work their grits-eating boots off.” Well, maybe not in those exact words, but something like that. Let’s make it happen. I know we can.

**OPINION**

The Green Niche: the mountains won’t grow back

The removal of mountaintops destroys more than nature, human life expectancy dwindles.

ELAINE URBAN

Features Editor

Speaker and mountain expert Dave Cooper revealed many shocking and sad truths in his Celebration of Inquiry session “Mountaintop Removal: Stories from Appalachia” at Coastal Carolina University in February. He explained how large coal companies have been sabotaging pristine mountains in West Virginia by explosively removing coal.

In the good old days, coal miners were digging in tunnels with only a lantern and a pick. Now four million pounds of explosives are used to remove coal from the tops of mountains leaving a plateau looking feature.

Since there are only two to 10 foot layers of coal and the mountain top is not entirely composed of it, it leaves much sediment and debris for the coal companies to dispose of. Excess sediment of mountain tops is dumped in between two ruined mountains.

This process is detrimental to the environment and the locals of West Virginia’s mountains. Trees are harmed along with many animals’ homes. The sediment also contaminates many fresh water streams that run between the mountains ruining the hydrology.

The soil becomes so compacted that trees are unable to be replanted causing the coal companies to plant an invasive Chinese grass on the flat top. The grass is inedible for animals and the lack of trees results in flash flooding. The polluted stream water is the only source of water for the West Virginians.

Tap water in surrounding homes appears dirty and is undrinkable.

Associate Professor of marine science Daniel Abel said, “How sad that we are willing to destroy stunningly magnificent Appalachian Mountains, indeed a whole way-of-life, so we can have unlimited energy to power big, inefficient houses or big-screen TVs that we leave on all day.”

There is hope though. Larry Gibson, an Appalachian local, possesses great concern for the mountains and explained in a video that they have been shrinking and are nowhere near as beautiful as they were when he was a boy. In attempts to preserve the mountains’ splendor, he refuses to sell his 50 acres for the millions of dollars coal companies are offering him, regardless of the threats of people, like hanging his dog.

So far, 470 mountains have been blown up and the life expectancy of West Virginian women has dropped to a mere 71 years of age.

CCU Sustainability Coordinator Marietta Mitchell said, “Everyday we are destroying our mountains, which will not grow back. It is important to limit our energy usage in order to protect these mountains and our environment.”

The fact that people are even still using coal-fired power plants blows my mind when human carbon dioxide emissions are such a huge issue. There are many other harmless forms of energy that are at our disposal which include wind, water and solar. It is sad that the need for big companies to make money and the ignorance and apathy of people are the reasons for the destruction of earth’s structures.

To learn more, the CCU Sustainability Initiative will show the movie “Coal in America – Burning Our Future” in April.
Students should be aware of the ‘good,’ ‘bad’ and the ugly in who he or she sleeps with

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

You are understanding adults and you get the pros and cons of exercising sexual energy. But I’ve been thinking: what do Coastal Carolina University students prefer? Do CCU students prefer sex within the relationship or casual sex? Of course, such a question is personal, but mixed feelings are sent to both male and female students.

Another issue is the idea of men dating just to have someone to have sex with. Does he love you suddenly within a semester? You should question a guy’s affection if he has dated a lady for only one semester.

I don’t know if this is going on among CCU students, but the ladies of CCU need to understand that some of the guys that talk to them daily may have a hidden agenda. Not all guys are like that, but beware of those kinds of “snakes,” Ladies.

To the guys who look for casual sex, leave the good ladies alone. Some men who are into casual sex like to look for the good ladies, and “word” to the “fellaz,” have your casual sex with the ladies who like the casual sex.

Save your “game” for the women that are “down” for the one night stand. If you are looking to stop your “ballin’,” then you should look for the good woman.

Men, keep your eyes open, too. The good lady wants the bad boy to change, but it takes work and the bad lady uses the good guy. You can’t say it isn’t true because you see it everyday inside and out of CCU. These are the guys that rarely have sex, or won’t until they are in a relationship.

Just like the idea to the bad boy, it should go the same for the bad girls as well. Look for the bad boys who like the “back-naked” sex (well, the decent guys probably wouldn’t mind it either). If you are going to have casual sex, explain the circumstances first.

The mixed feelings that you go through in the situations you all put yourselves in, for example, having casual sex while you want a relationship, but the other doesn’t. It’s better that you come to an understanding before you even have sex.

You should have conversation and clarity in a relationship. When you mess up by juggling a relationship and an open relationship, you must tell the truth.

Couples should clarify relationship boundaries before pursuing sexual interaction so each person involved is comfortable and no one gets hurt.
Abortion Smortion: what’s crackin’ among students?

BK ASTRINI
Staff Writer

Let’s start with the fact that I’m a selfish, cold-blooded and evil person with a black hole for a heart. Religion and fairy tales also bore me. Now that that’s out of the way, abortion is the saving grace of America’s economy, wellbeing and self-worth.

Consider the fact that it costs anywhere from $200,000 to $500,000 to raise a child to age 17. Although that is a high price, it seems like a viable way to put money back into the economy, but also consider the fact that 75 percent of abortions are done because the parent cannot afford to raise the child. Guess who’s paying for the kid? The heartbeat of America: the taxpayers.

It costs $11,000 per year to put one child through public school. Add public transportation, health clinics, day care and little league baseball, and that’s a chunk of our sales tax money. That’s money we could be saving to buy a pack of gum instead. Would you choose a child over bad breath? Didn’t think so.

Abortion is the fuel that keeps the capitalist engine running. An abortion costs anywhere from $450 to $850 in South Carolina, and only 13 percent of them are covered by health insurance. A common side effect is post-partum depression, and costing $150 per weekly session of therapy, an abortion patient spends about $8000 per year. America makes money with abortions. If you love America, you will want it to have money.

Let’s face it, there are too many people in the world anyway.

In the U.S., 1 million abortions are performed every year. This means that there would be six million more 22 to 28-year-olds trying to get your job when you graduate. If abortions didn’t happen, we’d have approximately 1,500 more people at Coastal Carolina University competing for that parking spot outside of the Wall Building, along with longer lines at CINO Grille and a shortage of laptops at the library.

Superfluous amounts of kids are also influencing entertainment and in a terrible way. TLC’s prime-time reality show, “17 Kids and Counting,” glorifies parents who get knocked up a lot, and this family of conservatives get all sorts of perks for not wearing a rubber. That is a terrible moral standard. Why isn’t there a reality TV show about me for not getting pregnant?

What about the infamous “Octomom”? Did you know that Jen Aniston and John Mayer got back together? Probably not, because the evil baby-loving media has been hammering its viewers with coverage of a psychotic woman who managed to birth eight kids in one sitting. Boring.

Forget the stigma that having an abortion is selfish. It’s selfish to not have one. Abortion is selfish to not have an abortion, if not un-American.

In an economic crisis with decreasing educational space, you are doing the country a favor by doing it. Most importantly, we as citizens cannot allow “Octomom” to be the staple of American culture, so do something for your nation.

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

To The Girls at Coastal Carolina University:

I am going to tell you right now what I think you should do about that little detail called “the condom broke and now I’m knocked up.” Nowadays, abstinence is rarely practiced, and when an unplanned pregnancy occurs, abortion is the big question. But here’s what I have to say to you about that...

I could tell you that since life begins at conception, you are a murderer if you go through with an abortion. And if that is the case, then you are no better off than Charlie Manson and probably deserve the same fate as him. But let’s not be extreme.

I could tell you that an abortion is bad for your health and can cause serious medical problems down the road like Pelvic Inflammatory Disease. Not only that, but when you actually do want children, there is an increased chance that something is going to go wrong. Okay, so abortions are physically bad for you... so is smoking. Let’s move on.

I could tell you that babies have fingerprints too, just like Juno found out. Did you know that at a mere 12 weeks your baby has ears and eyelids and fingerprints too? Yes, fingerprints - an identity. Knowing that information often creates a maternal attachment to the baby in question, and according to www.afterabortion.org, women who have abortions often have terrible anxiety later in life.

I could tell you that adoption is the better option. Unlike the situation in China, there is no such thing as an unwanted child in America. People are always looking to adopt, and even if you have to look into rejuvenation or cosmetic surgery to tighten the京东武装 you up, at least you gave someone the gift of life and helped to make someone else’s dream of parenting come true.

So now the important reasons why you should refrain from abortion:

- If you think a fetus deserves death because it has no mental capacity and does not own up to “personhood” just yet, then maybe you might say the same for people with mental problems, or heck, 50 percent of CCU’s campus.
- If your parents aborted you, you wouldn’t be alive. What do you value more than your own life?
- Clearly, an unborn baby is helpless. If killing a helpless being is okay with you, then you probably agree with Michael Vick’s dog-killing fetish, and in that case, you don’t deserve to be a parent anyway you sick freak.
- Why is it that if a minor commits a heinous crime, the Death Penalty is a cruel and unusual punishment, and the criminal is actually deemed too young to be killed, but a baby is not too young? A bit contradicting, no?
- How can you be pro-choice and refuse the person-in-question a choice?
- Dr. Seuss thinks that a “person is a person no matter how small.”
- If your argument is that an unborn baby is not a person because he/she is not viable and cannot live without mama’s support, then the same could be said for you useless, spoiled college students who depend on mommy’s and daddy’s bank account for survival. Go get a job, Zombies. Choose life.
The Chanticleer baseball team opened the 2009 season with a 16-3 win over Southern Illinois University Feb. 20 on the opening day of the Caravelle Resort Tournament in Conway. CCU improved to 21-12 in season openers as the Chants pounded out 21 hits on the day.

The Chants struck first in the first. With one out in the inning, sophomore Rico Noel singled up the middle. He went to second on a single from senior David Anderson, stole third and scored on a sacrifice fly from junior Jose Iglesias.

The Salukis came back in the second to tie the game at one on a sacrifice fly from Chris Murphy that scored Mark Kelly, but CCU would answer in a big way in the bottom of the second, scoring six unearned runs.

Junior Adam Rice singled to open the frame. He was erased on a double play ball, but the inning was kept alive as freshman Dan Bowman reached on a throwing error by Michael Stalter. The Chants made SIU pay for the error. Senior Tyler Bortnick singled Bowman to third and sophomore Scott Woodward scored him with a single. Noel brought home two runs on a double to left and Anderson reached on a throwing error. Iglesias then sent a towering shot to left field for his first home run of the season, making it 7-1 Chants.

Woodward would make it 8-1 in the third as his double scored Rice. CCU added another run in the fourth on a sacrifice fly from Rice that scored Anderson. CCU brought home four runs in the fifth. Bowman doubled to open the inning. He would be thrown out at third on a single to left from Bortnick, but Bortnick would reach second. Bortnick went to third on a Woodward single and scored on a Noel single. Anderson brought home Noel with a groundout and Iglesias ripped his second home run of the game, making it 13-1.

Andersen and redshirt junior Chance Gilmore both homered in the seventh to put the Chants up 16-1. The Salukis scored single runs in the eighth and ninth innings.

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CCU falls in Kickin' Chicken Classic

The Chanticleers take two losses to Western Carolina, 10-9, and Virginia Tech, 6-0, in season opener in February

Despite the scoreboards, the CCU softball team put up impressive individual stats.

CCU Athletics
For The Chanticleer

The Coastal Carolina University softball team dropped a pair of games in the final day of the 2009 Kickin' Chicken Classic, 10-9 in game one to Western Carolina and 6-0 to the Virginia Tech Hokies in game two. Game one saw the Chanticleers churn out a season-highs with nine runs and 14 hits, but a seventh-inning Catamount rally dashed CCU's hopes of picking up their second victory of the season.

In game one, CCU scored three runs in both the first and second innings to jump out to a 6-2 lead heading into the second inning. Junior pitcher Ashley Frederick would surrender four runs to the Catamounts in four innings of work. Working on a pitch count, Frederick gave way to Katelin Edwards in the fifth. Edwards inherited a 7-4 lead, which quickly dissolved.

“Birnbaum singled to left to drive in Ballard, giving CCU the 9-8 lead.”

The first batter Edwards faced in the fifth, Kari Burnside, homered to right field to cut the lead to 7-5. With the bases loaded, Mallory Fowler was hit by a pitch to push across another run to make it a one run ball game. The next batter, Danielle Reese, hit a two-run, bases loaded single to push across two more runs to give Western Carolina the 8-7 lead heading into the sixth inning. CCU would answer back in the bottom of the sixth, as Kelsey Riffel and Mecaella Ballard singled to lead off the innings. The pair would move up a base on a Catamount fielding miscue to put runners on second and third with no outs. Sarah Maples would ground out to short to score Riffel, tying the game up at 8-8. The next batter, Brittany Birmbaum singled to left to drive in Ballard, giving CCU the 9-8 lead.

The Chants were unable to hold onto the one-run lead, as Chelsea Schaffer beat out an infield single, and moved to second

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Bennett helps to jumpstart program of character

Head Coach Bennett shares on the early stages of CCU football

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Seven years ago, the mission to bring arguably America's favorite sport to Coastal Carolina University was accomplished. Ironically, the face of the program almost never surfaced.

"Back in 2001, Head Coach David Bennett was coaching football at Catawba College. "Being in the Pee Dee area, you always heard that Coastal was going to start football, but they never did," explained Bennett.

Bennett's first thoughts were actually to schedule a game against the "1-AA starter program."

However, CCU had other plans when the school spoke to Bennett about taking a similar position at CCU to the one he had at the time.

Bennett's first thoughts on the job offer were, "yeah, right, it would take a long time to get it going there, so I wasn't really taking it seriously," he said.

After seeing the future plans for facilities, Bennett changed his mind, and would be named the first head coach of CCU's football program. For years, coaches such as Fisher DeBerry, Duke Brown and former CCU Athletic Director Buddy Sasser would meet to discuss the inception of this program.

"Looking back on it, we had some pretty good success kind of quickly, had a winning season year one, then 10 wins, nine wins and a Conference Championship," said the coach. The Chanticleers won three Big South titles in their first three years of existence.

Bennett admitted, "As a Head Coach I wanted just to build it slowly, but didn't think about what would happen in four years, when we lost all those guys." The coach felt that the program is still attempting to reach that level again.

When asked about specific goals for the future, Bennett said, "That's our mission, to get back on top of the Big South Conference, one day we would love to win the National Championship and do it the right way. I don't know how many Conference Championships we'll win here, we won three in the first four years, but I want these guys to be men of character; good husbands and good fathers one day."
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as Chase Sanford drove in Stalter with a bases-loaded walk in the eighth and Tony Lepore brought in John Brennan on a groundout in the ninth.

The story on the mound was CCU freshman Anthony Meo. He went six innings in his collegiate debut, striking out six and allowing just two hits and one earned run while striking out eight.

The two teams matched back up on Feb. 22, with CCU making it a doubleheader by playing James Madison at 3:30 p.m.

CCU earned a split on the final day of the Caravelle Resort Tournament. The Chanticleers defeated 19th-ranked Kentucky 14-5 in game one, but fell to James Madison 8-6 in the nightcap.

The now 18th-ranked CCU baseball team scored six runs in the final two innings to come-from-behind and beat top-ranked North Carolina 7-3 Feb. 24 in Chapel Hill, N.C. It was the second straight regular-season win over the Tar Heels for the Chanticleers and their first-ever win over the top-ranked opponent.

In other baseball news, CCU redshirt-junior, Fleet has been named New Balance Pitcher of the Week for games played the opening weekend of the 2009 season.

Fleet earned a huge win for the Chanticleers, allowing just three hits and one run while striking out six and allowing no walks in a 4-1 victory over No. 19 Kentucky on Feb. 21. Fleet retired the first seven batters and allowed just one extra-base hit in holding the Wildcats to a .136 batting average. Fleet’s line last week: 1-0, 1.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R/ER, 0 BB, 6 SO.

For current news on the Chanticleer baseball team, visit www.goccusports.com.

The Chants play The Citadel on March 4 at home at 4 p.m.

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of the three batters he faced in the ninth. Clint Tilford took the loss for UK, giving up just four hits and three runs, though only one was earned. Tyler Henry was solid in relief for the Wildcats, going 4.2 innings and giving up just two hits and one earned run while striking out eight.

Redshirt sophomore Jim Birmingham and freshman T.J. Swank pitched the final three innings and had a strike out apiece.

Each CCU starter had a hit, with Woodward, Noel and Anderson having three apiece in the top of the lineup. Iglesias drove in five runs while he joined Gilmore, Rice, Bortnick and Bowman with two hits apiece.

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on a passed ball. Reese then struck again, hitting a double to right field to drive in Schaffer and knot the game up at 9-9.

Both Ballard and Riffel had three hits in the game, while Maples drove in three runs in the loss.

Frederick allowed four hits and four runs in her four innings of work, and struck out seven batters. Edwards takes the loss to fall to 1-6 on the season, as she surrendered six runs, three earned, in three innings of work. Katie King earned the win for Western Carolina, and Lauren Ross picked up her first save of the season in the victory.

Edwards started game two against the Hokies, and held Virginia Tech scoreless for the first two frames. The big blow game in the third inning, as Cherise Mariconda hit a two-run dinger over the left field fence to give the Hokies the 2-0 lead.

With the Hokies up 3-0 in the fifth, Mariconda hit another two-run blast to extend Virginia Tech’s lead to 5-0. Virginia Tech would add another run in the sixth to run the game to the final score of 6-0.

CCU could only generate three hits in the contest after the offensive explosion earlier in the day. Ballard had a pair of hits, while sophomore Michelle Evans had the other.

Hokie pitcher Kenzie Roark had a solid outing, throwing a complete game shutout and striking out six. Chanticleers to improve to 3-7 on the season.

Edwards fanned four Virginia Tech batters in the complete game, but falls to 1-7 on the season. She allowed nine hits and five earned runs in the loss.

**TIMEOUT**

What are your thoughts on the steroid use of A-Rod?

J.T. Sanders
Junior communication major
"I thought he was some nice ass dude, but I guess everybody’s doing it, so it’s not that big of a deal."

Eric Schmidt
Freshman resort tourism management major
"It doesn’t really hurt his image, because at least he is coming forward with it."

Matt Vogle
Freshman finance and accounting major
"I don’t really follow baseball, but I think it hurt him because he’s losing sponsors."

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