Northerners have annoying accents too

I would just like to say that me and a lot of other people I know were completely “pissed off” about the article this week about southerners being lazy. I would just like to say if you feel that way then you should write an article opposing the North as well. Maybe you should move there if you really feel that southerners are “dumb and lazy.” Half of the students who go to Coastal are from the South and I took MAJOR offense to this article. You don’t write any articles about how annoying the Northern accent is, etc. so why would you even put an article like that in the newspaper?

-RACHEAL MISHOE

EDITOR’S RESPONSE:
That's why it's called an opinion. You don’t have to necessarily agree.

On abortion: ‘God help your children because they’ll need it with parents like you’

It’s tax season once again. When considering taxes, I reflect upon my money going towards funding the military, building new schools nationwide and programs such as Social Security.

Apparently, we are putting price tags on human lives now and breaking down penny-for-penny how much tax money it takes to put a child through the public school education system. The problem at stake is responsibility.

Your neighbor next door gets knocked up; it’s all right though, as she can just get an abortion. An abortion can cost up to $850, apparently a helpful addition to the heartbeat of American tax dollars.

I question whether most people have any value of life whatsoever. Sure, you can say it’s not a human yet, but to encourage people to abort instead of adoption to fund America’s economy is simply disgraceful. If America really needs tax dollars that bad, I am willing to pay more to the government if it means a future life will be saved.

Abort a baby because you don’t want to wait as long at the CINO Grille? Yeah, good plan, try something called patience.

Apparently an American is also defined as one that has an abortion because it proves that they are not selfish. Interesting because I along with many others would be willing to pay more tax money if it meant we ended abortion. However, that would mean that America truly did rely on abortions to backbone our country.

Do not generalize, do not assume, do not classify what an American does. Use a condom.

Finally, for all those selfish, cold-blooded and evil people out there, God help your children because they’ll need it with parents like you.

- Robert Mulvey

EDITOR’S RESPONSE:
I agree, but I sure wouldn’t want to pay more tax money for anything.

Angry, opinionated student lashes out on CCU administration, student body president

There is nothing about Coastal Carolina University that provides students with “the college experience.” In fact, I too wish I had taken the advice of my parents and actually gone to a real college.

Here at CCU, our administration has “great ideas”; ones that look great on paper, or so they claim. I am still convinced that these ideas never get passed the paper they are written on. They come up with great new policies that continue to dumb us down and try to send us back to middle school. I would not be surprised if somewhere in their grand plan someone has suggested a curfew for those that live on campus. Lights out by 10 p.m. children!

Only at CCU would the administration be excited about a new trailer that was going to provide office space. Last time I checked, a trailer did not constitute anything more than an idiot’s solution to a problem. Only at CCU would the university president say “I am trying to find somewhere to pour a giant concrete slab with a metal frame so that we can have a controlled environment on campus for activities.” I wonder how long it took him to come up with that idea. Just like everything here, let’s find the most basic, cheapest and pointless idea and do it.

If we were a real college, maybe our student body president would be more than a puppet on a string and actually possess the ability to think for himself. Last time I checked, the student body president was supposed to be a liaison between the students and the administration, not the translator for them letting the students know what ass-backwards new rules they have to follow this week and then wholeheartedly throw his support behind them.

Last time I checked, if the student body president was going to write an article in the school newspaper or be interviewed for an article, it would be intelligent and serve a real purpose unlike those done by our current president. It would not carry the same level of stupidity as if it were coming from the guy sitting in the last row of the classroom obviously still drunk from the night before, oh wait, that was the president.

These are just my thoughts on what would happen at a real college. I have no doubt that the administration could give us plenty of reasons why CCU is a great school. However, until they realize that their idea of a great school that provides “the college experience” is little more than a babysitting service where the blind lead the blind, there is little hope for change anytime in the future.

- Chris Laine

EDITOR’S RESPONSE:
Sounds familiar... Admin must have Arrowood on some pretty long puppet strings if he’s drunk in class.
**Upcoming Soulja Boy concert cancelled by Board of Trustees**

Due to conflicting dates with holiday contract broken with rap artist; students question

**AMBER WHITE**
Staff Writer

For the first time, Coastal Carolina University planned to host an R & B concert featuring Soulja Boy on April 10 of this semester. The concert was cancelled, not on behalf of Soulja Boy’s management, but from the CCU Board of Trustees.

After months of planning by the Coastal Productions Board, the concert was cancelled because of Good Friday and the fear students wouldn’t show for the concert.

Students, on the other hand, feel differently.

“I would’ve loved to have gone to the concert regardless of the date,” said Majera Bowens, freshman biology major. “I was looking forward to seeing [Soulja Boy], but now I’ll look forward to seeing someone else perform,” she said.

The concert was to help encourage students to get more involved on campus since participation has declined at CPB events.

Rebecca Filler, showcase coordinator of CPB, said, “It’s sad because we were in the last stages of getting this concert finalized and it was cancelled. This might be the one chance we could’ve had a concert here on campus.”

Although CPB has broken a lot of contacts by canceling this concert, CCU’s campus will still enjoy a live concert that is appealing to the student body.

**Dorman makes attempt to impeach Arrowwood**

SGA VP enacts legislation to remove student body president from office; outcome still pending

**CLAIRE ARAMBULA**
Editor

Student Body Executive Vice President Caitlin Dorman recently proposed the impeachment of Coastal Carolina University’s Student Body President Trevor Arrowwood, on the grounds that “The President has not been fulfilling duties as Student Body President,” as listed on Act #S091L legislation.

The legislation was presented to the Student Government Association meeting on March 2.

According to the bill, Arrowwood’s lacking duties include not attending Student Life Committee meetings, sporadic attendance at other committee meetings and Faculty Senate, not delegating duties in an appropriate manner to committees and subcommittees, failure to fulfill office hours and meeting times with students and multiple time conflicts with other non-SGA commitments.

The atmosphere in the room became very uncomfortable as personal issues were laid out.

“I thought someone was joking with me,” said Arrowood a few days after the incident. “As far as I knew, she [Dorman] and I were cool.”

Arrowood thinks it is more
**CRIME LOG**

**Feb. 27**
**Intimidation**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that a person had been making threatening statements about the victim. This incident is under investigation.

**Feb. 28**
**Noise Violation**
While on patrol a CCU DPS officer observed loud noise on Juniper Lane. The officer located and advised a resident of the property to quiet the noise more than once. After several warnings the subject was issued a citation for violation of the noise ordinance and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Feb. 28**
**Underage possession of alcohol**
A CCU DPS officer observed several subjects on a balcony in the Woods yelling loudly. When the officer approached the subjects, he discovered an open bottle of liquor. One of the subjects was given a citation for underage possession of liquor and released.

**March 1**
**Identity theft**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone used his/her name to open a telephone account. This incident is under investigation.

**March 1**
**Fight**
On Feb. 27, CCU DPS officers responded to a possible fight reported in the Woods. The victim did not want a report at that time. On March 1, the officers returned to get statements from people present at the first incident who did want a report. Statements were taken and the witnesses were advised on follow-up procedures.

**March 2**
**Harassment, impersonation**
A CCU DPS officer was approached by the complainant and a victim who reported that the subject had approached several middle school students at various CCU athletic events and requested personal information from the students. The subject was located, identified and interviewed. The subject was then found to be in possession of another person’s CCU student ID which was seized. The subject was removed from the event and was considered trespassing on-campus.

**UPDATE**

**SGA opens additional senate seats for campus clubs, organizations**

SGA VP of public relations recounts the minutes of the most recent meeting

- **MASON CAMPNEY**
  SGA Contributor

The Student Government Association approved a new version of their constitution to be put to student body vote, on March 2nd. The SGA made multiple changes including opening up more senate seats for each college, and offering a seat to every club and organization on campus. The constitution will be voted on by the student body at the same time as the SGA elections March 10 and 11.

The SGA also passed a resolution recommending that students have a voice in selecting the commencement speaker. There was concern that past commencement speakers have had little to no connection to undergraduate students, and that students had no opinion in the selection process, prompting the legislation.

The Wrestling Club was reactivated as an active club during this meeting, and will be able to continue competition. Also, the SGA passed a resolution permitting the Checks and Balances Committee of the SGA Finance Board to have money returned to the SGA balance from clubs who did not spend their allocated funds during the year. This was done for club accountability, and also so that funds can be reallocated to other organizations that may request funds before the end of this year.

**INFORMATION**

For information, contact Mason Campney, SGA vice president of Public Relations at macampne@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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Kerch explained.

Anna Griffith, a junior communication major described the scene a bit differently.

“I didn’t see anyone push over a telephone pole or anything, but I heard it happened. There were just people outside chanting and then ten cops drove up and started yelling. That’s when I figured it was time for me to leave,” said Griffith.

Kerch went on to describe the arrival of the enrage police and the conduct of the drivers.

“I hadn’t been drinking at all that night,” said Kerch. “The cops were really aggressive and dragged my roommate out in a headlock. It was pandemonium.”

According to Jennie Cassidy, interim dean of students, the Department of Student Affairs will handle the cases according to each offense as a standard procedure listed in the CCU Alcohol Sanction.

SGA, from page 03

about personal issues among the SGA board members than anything else and would have handled the situation differently to prevent the new problems that have arisen within the organization.

According to CCU Provost Robert Sheehan, the broader picture of concern is with society in general because people seem to jump to litigation before a conversation has been held.

“Where did we lose the ability to sit down and problem solve?” asked Sheehan. The provost said there is no reason to take someone by surprise in a formal setting before the matter has been discussed.

“I definitely think there is a lack of communication,” said Dorman. “between us and administration, which we are going to work on. But Trevor and I communicate in office to make sure stuff is getting done.”

At an executive board meeting at 7:30 a.m. on March 5 involving only advisers and executive officers of SGA, it was recommended that Dorman drop the impeachment case. However, in the minutes taken by Executive Secretary Jerri Matherson it is stated that “a final decision will not be made until the next senate meeting which will be on Monday.”

According to the minutes, the senators wanted proof before making a final decision.

Dorman doesn’t think there is much question with many of the senators, they are just afraid to stand up.

“I think it’s a misconception that people thought it was solely me who wrote it [the legislation] – on a power trip,” said Dorman. “I just want to see the Trevor that I saw at the beginning of the semester.”

Dorman said she and Arrowood have a professional relationship, but not one outside of SGA.

“The sole purpose of whole thing is I want him to do his job. By no means do I want to be president. I want him to realize he needs to uphold standards for all of us,” she said.

In response to the content on the loose-leaf impeachment hand-out, Arrowood admitted to missing two Student Life Committee meetings, and as for the Faculty Senate meetings, he stated, “I have Gary Carson’s class on Wednesdays and I sent the vice president of public relations to go in place of me. I’m not sure what other sporadic meetings are being referred to, since I go to the ones I’m supposed to.”

As for delegating duties, the president said his job is to make sure students are on the committees, and delegating duties in those committees is up to the chair of that committee, not him.

Section four of the impeachment legislation says that the president does not keep his office hours.

In response he said, “My office hours are early morning while some executive officers’ are late at night. I find it hard to understand how someone can monitor my hours when everyone’s hours are different, and if I miss hours, I come in on Friday, my day off.

“I made commitment to myself to graduate college. In order to do this, I have to complete my senior thesis for my communication major and that’s a lot of work. I think school comes before SGA, regardless.”

The to the people who claim Arrowood is not doing his job, he said, “Come talk to me or come to a senate meeting and see what issues I bring before the SGA Senate and what I try to do to help make improvements at this university.”

SGA will vote on this legislation on March 9 at 3 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium; all students are invited to attend.

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HONOR

Walker named outstanding new teacher at CCU

MAEGEN SWEAT
Assistant Editor

Coastal Carolina University Professor Deborah Walker was recently honored with the Dwight L. Frenshley Outstanding New Teacher Award from the Southern States Communication Association, a nonprofit organization.

According to the SSCA Web site, www.scca.net, the purpose of the organization is to promote the study, criticism, research, teaching and application of the artistic, humanistic and scientific principles of communication.

According to Walker, the communication professional organizations are organized much like the court system: national or federal, regional or district, state and local.

"The Southern States Communication Association is the southern district branch that covers activities for much of the South," said Walker.

Patricia Amason, vice president and convention planner of the SSCA and a professor of communication at the University of Arkansas, says the Outstanding New Teacher Award recipient is decided upon by a panel of reviewers, and the award is given to the best nominee.

Walker said she learned of her award by e-mail from the chair of the awards ceremony of SSCA. She will be given the award at the annual convention in Norfolk, Va.

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INFORMATION

Forum answers concerns

Officers answer what students were afraid to ask in a recent public forum

CORRIE LACEY
News Editor

"I’ve had a friend charged with a DUI on a bicycle." President of Coastal Carolina University’s Student Government Association Trevor Arrowood’s comment received the biggest laugh at the Linda B. Floyd and South Carolina College Personnel Association Joint Campus Safety Conference on Feb. 26 at Kingston Plantation.

Approximately 30 students, faculty and staff attended the student forum, “Everything you wanted to know from law enforcement but were afraid to ask,” featuring a panel of law enforcement officers from surrounding areas including Attorney Michael Sullivan, Chief Police Officer of Horry County Paul Butler and Lt. Jilleian Sessions Stackhouse. Chief Greg Weisser, director of public safety at CCU, was also present.

Many issues were discussed in the “judgment-free” setting including sex offenders, fake IDs, speeding, underage drinking, designated drivers, new DUI laws, businesses distributing to minors, seat belt laws, date rape, hookahs and drug paraphernalia, curfew laws, marijuana and police officer codes for entering residencies.

After asking the panel, "How important do you feel a DD [designated driver] is?" Arrowood recounted being charged with underage consumption when he arrived at a party for the sole purpose of being the designated driver for a friend. Butler took a long pause and explained that Horry County has led the state in DUI-related fatalities with 63 percent of vehicle related deaths occurring due to drinking and driving. Butler said police busting parties and writing tickets has helped decrease that rate.

Haven Hart, interim associate vice president and dean of students, asked the panel to explain what they felt their biggest issues were with college students. Stackhouse said she felt that not taking accountability for their actions was a major problem among college students.

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HEALTH

Infection Concerns

Staph Infection: not to be mistaken for a pimple

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Hidden among students and on surfaces of skin are microscopic forms of life, known as Methicillin-Resistant Staph Infection, which often leads to skin infections.

During the beginning stages of growth, the bacteria looks like a pimple, or other form of abrasion. The medical staff at Coastal Carolina University takes a hands-on approach when it comes to the handling of this matter.

According to Cesar Ross, director of Student Health Services, he and the nurse practitioners meet residence assistants’ attempt to educate incoming students about this illness.

“We talk a lot about MRSA, how it’s transmitted, how to protect yourself,” Ross said.

According to Nurse Practitioner Jill Michael, "A lot of times people will think they’ve had an insect bite or an infected pimple and that is something we take seriously and presumptively.”

As soon as the symptoms are detected, treatment is disbursed. Michael said that this is usually a 10-day cycle of antibiotics. If the bacteria continue, the infected area is then drained.

The chances of acquiring these bacteria can increase with a lack of cleanliness. The best way of prevention is to maintain good hygiene by showering regularly, using protection during sex and not sharing items like razors.

For more information about MRSA, contact CCU Student Health Services at 843-349-6543.
Chicken gear offered locally

Area retailers are now able to sell Chanticleer gear; popular places and prices listed

**BK ASTRINI**
Assistant Art Director

Chicken shirts, chicken koozies, chicken stickers, chicken, chicken, chicken. With the growing need for Chanticleer merchandise, Coastal Carolina University has opened the coop to other shops in the Conway and Myrtle Beach area. T-shirts start at $11.95 and hoodies at $36.95, but there's a wider variety of products, styles and prices across the Grand Strand.

Ace Bookstore (U.S. Highway 544) – This is one of the most viable options, although not with a lot of change in price. Koozies are the best deal at $2. T-shirts start at $14.95 and come in several different colors and styles. Hoodies and windbreakers go from $41.95, and hats are $12.95 and up.

Wal-Mart (Conway) – It may have close to the cheapest garments, but a total lack of variety. A black CCU hoodie is $27.83 and a black t-shirt with gray long sleeves costs $11.83.

Finish Line (Coastal Grand Mall) – Although it only has one option, this gray CCU hoodie costs a measly $14.99, the cheapest of the bunch.

Quail Creek (University Circle) – The clothes start getting more upscale at this point, with hand-stitched t-shirts at $25, thermals at $37.99, hoodies at $53.99, and teal sweaters with the logo stitched at $55.99.

Haberdashery (downtown Conway) – This high-end boutique is the go-to shop for Chants formal wear, with Pennington & Bailes black slacks covered with stitched Chanticleer logo ($135), teal sweaters ($75), black or white polos ($40), and teal and bronze ties ($48). Her Dashery in (downtown Conway) – This is the lady version of Haberdashery, conveniently located next door. The Pennington & Bailes black skirt and the capris are similar to the men’s slacks, with the Chanticleer logo patterned throughout it, and costs $105 and $135 respectively. It also sells the white polo in women's size, at $38.

Bed, Bath & Beyond (Coastal Grand Mall) – The beyond part of the store sells CCU tumblers – small ones are $11.99 and large are $13.99.

Lids (Coastal Grand Mall) – Among Florida Gators hats and personalized baseball caps are CCU’s own Chants logo'd caps, starting at $15. These are black or white and feature the school letters and/or logo.

Grady’s Jewelers (downtown Conway) – The Chanticleer looks graceful printed on sterling silver and 14K gold pendants, watches, and earrings (prices range from $26 to $92). Grady’s also has credit card holders and money clips for $32 and up, and for $6 there’s a screen-printed label of Chauncey.

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"If you want to play an adult, you need to take those responsibilities," said Stackhouse.

Sullivan agreed. "I get the question in court 'Why are you doing this to me?' and I say, 'This is my job.' They just don't want to face the repercussions of their actions," Sullivan said.

Butler felt that DUIs and underage drinking were the biggest issues with college students. "It gets pretty gory," he said. Butler also explained that penalties for underage drinking can include the loss of scholarships, a six-month suspension of the driver’s license and a fine of up to $800.

He also noted that the "08 blood alcohol level rule does not apply to underage drivers."

Sullivan told his experience with underage drinking. "During senior week pictures of underage drinkers were taken and posted in the Sun News. So we went to the hotel room the next day and handed out citations," Sullivan said. The panel officers said they are cracking down during senior and bike weeks.

"If someone’s not wearing a helmet, I’m going to write them a ticket. If they get back on their bike and drive off, I will write another ticket just to prove my point," Sullivan said.

Following is a list of other little-understood aspects of South Carolina law enforcements:

- South Carolina is an "absolute state," which means a driver going 1 mph over the speed limit can get a speeding ticket.
- As of Feb 28, a new city ordinance requires motorcyclists to wear helmets and eye protection.
- People sharing prescription drugs can be charged with distribution.
- There is no video surveillance at intersections in Myrtle Beach.
- Police officers have front and rear radar on their vehicles.
- Anyone caught urinating in public could be forced to register as a sex offender.
- Possession of even 1 gram of crack cocaine is punishable by up to 18 years in prison.
- People who do not comply with a DUI can have their license suspended for 180 days.
- Drivers and passengers not wearing seatbelts correctly are breaking the law and can receive tickets.
- Horry County’s "Ride Along" program lets any interested citizen ride in the back of a patrol car for a night to observe the work of a police officer.

For more information on Myrtle Beach laws visit www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com.

"Being recognized as the most effective teacher in the southern United States this year, I think, is a validating recognition for me, but it also recognizes our school and program," said Walker. CCU Professor and Communication Department Chair Steven Madden, Ph.D., thinks Walker’s work ethic is certainly more than well deserving of an award.

"She has a clear intersection between theory and the lives of her students. They can easily see how the topic area relates to them, and this is partially the mark of a good teacher," said Madden.

Madden also added that the project work Walker’s students participate in not only meet the needs of the class, but supply community organizations with a wealth of information and help which they would normally not be able to afford.

Senior communication major Chris Overholt also spoke highly of his former professor. "I think she’s definitely deserving of the award. She always has the ability to come to class in a peppy, cheery mood and keeps a positive atmosphere in the classroom. One thing I like about her is her concern for students outside of school," said Overholt.

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.

2008 winners

Barbara Norvell
Professor of the Year

Brianne Parker
First-Year Experience Adviser

Deborah C. Walker
Distinguished Adviser of the Year
what the chicken found on the other side of the road

DOWNTOWN MB: NEWLY HIP

BK ASTRINI
Assistant Art Director

This area holds a bad stigma, due to the old broken down buildings and roaming vagrants in the past, but the City of Myrtle Beach cleaned it up and now Downtown Myrtle has more flair than ever. Palm trees and colorful new structures reminiscent of Charleston spring up every week, and it’s packed with specialty shops and food venues different from the tourist attractions of the beach.

In the main block that branches off from U.S. Highway 501 and heads towards Ocean Boulevard on Broadway Street, is the Sun City Café, reminiscent of a New York East Village eatery. Prices are doable ($10 – up for dinner entrees), the food is New American and carry a variety of vegetarian plates (along with plenty of meats for the carnivores of the world). A few doors down is Café M, a deli known for its kosher products.

The same block holds out-of-the-ordinary stores such as head shop Kilgor Trouts, hipster-furniture Palmetto Studios, Corsair Comics, The Bridal House of Charleston and Eclectic Corner Thrift Shop.

Crazy J’s Bar and Grill is at the very corner of the block facing the beach, but nobody can miss what truly gives downtown its flavor: Time Out and The Rainbow House, two of Myrtle Beach’s best gay clubs (ironically juxtaposed to a Christian Fellowship house).

The nightlife continues in the area at Club There, one of the very few clubs that stay open past “curfew” and has some of the best electronic music at the beach.

Broadway Street stretches behind the block, and it begins with Fresh Brewed Coffee House and ends at Verde e Amarelo Brazilian Imports. Fresh Brewed is a donation-based coffee shop that occasionally hosts live acoustic music. Next to it is the famous Mrs. Fish, a deliciously local alternative to the likes of Giant Crab. Further down is the high-end Black Thai restaurant and McTailor’s, a boutique doubled with alterations. Past the Army Store is the famous Tavrne, a bar that could easily belong on Bleeker and McDougal. The menu itself varies from pizza and salads to sandwiches, and there’s nothing above $7, and to make itself even more hip, Open Mic Nights happen every Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. Broadway Café is an adorably cozy and whimsical restaurant open for breakfast and lunch, and is the perfect place to eat after a day at Victoria Diane’s Spa (and for the guys, there’s He’s Not Here).

The newly reformed downtown Myrtle Beach is still on the works, but it’s the freshest option for an afternoon in the area. It’s a 15-minute drive from campus, turning right on U.S. 501 and going straight down until reaching the last light near the beach (both left and right at the light arrive at the downtown area).
Response on ‘Watchmen’ questionable

Students may be disappointed after viewing hyped-up film

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

Movie-viewers have been hearing it all week: view the midnight show of the movie “Watchmen.” Since Street Fighter Legend of Chun-Li was a disappointment to moviegoers, “Watchmen” must take the responsibility to revitalize the expectations of the public.

Is the hype of “Watchmen” too much? The trailers of “Watchmen,” which viewers see on TV, enhance the hype with computer graphic scenes, explosions, sinister visuals and voice clips of the characters of the film.

The hype is definitely here at Coastal Carolina University. Will the student moviegoers change their tunes after seeing the actual film? The expectations of this film are high, because the most of the viewers who go to see “Watchmen” are already fans of DC Comics.

“Watchmen” is a limited 12-issue series that was created by writer Alan Moore, artist Dave Gibbons and colorist John Higgins. This particular 12-issue DC Comic series was published in 1986 and 1987.

Although “Watchmen” has been delayed, it may be a disappointment because of the change for writers. The original writer of “Watchmen,” Alan Moore, declined to write the screenplay for the film. Does this rejection hurt the plot? The viewers are going to have to wait and see.
Chanticleer does a double-take on stand-outs

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Once El Zarape is tasted, El Patio will never be view the same again

Claire Arambula
EDITOR

Chances are only the local surfers at Coastal Carolina University will know what I am about to refer to in this review, but for those of you who have never heard of El Zarape, listen up.

I kid you not – best fish tacos I’ve ever tasted in my life. Well, not the best; the best ones were in a fishing town on the Mexican coast, but El Zarape’s are a close second.

The authentic Mexican restaurant is located at Carolina Beach, near Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, but well worth the drive.

The nostalgic building is decorated with bold colors and ethnic hangings; it took me back across the border.

The menu offers the common and traditional foods one would find at most Mexican eateries, at average prices of $7 per plate, and chips and salsa are, of course, served before the meal.

These perfectly-proportioned, soft shell, white fish tacos are served two to a plate and are dressed with lettuce, tomatoes, beans or whatever the customer prefers. While it did not seem like a filling dish when placed in front of me, I was content the remainder of the day.

El Zarape is a mandatory stop for locals of the surfing community when they make the almost two-hour drive to the beach town in search of sizable swell.

But you don’t have to be a surfer to cherish the few precious moments El Zarape provides its guests, and trust me; you’ll never look at El Patio the same again.

Photo by Claire Arambula

El Zarape is an authentic restaurant located in a beach town just shy of two hours away.

Music
'Davy' good for rainy day
Coconut Records’ release proves to be ‘decent music’

Amanda Kraft
Guest Contributor

The latest Coconut Records album “Davy” is short and sweet. Since its release on Jan. 20, the 10-track album has received decent reviews.

PitchforkMedia.com puts it best:
“Compared with other Hollywood actors moonlighting as musicians, say Jared Leto or Juliette Lewis, Jason Schwartzman enjoys a fair amount of indie audience and critical goodwill. And unlike Scarlett Johansson or Zooey Deschanel, it’s not in part cuz he’s pretty. Unlike most of his thespian peers, Schwartzman has played in bands longer than he’s acted in films.”

Schwartzman’s debut Coconut Records album, “Nighttiming” (2007), is admittedly more upbeat, more like his former band “Phantom Planet” and able to please most any listener of Death Cab For Cutie, the Shins or ELO. Although Schwartzman continues to produce music in the same style, he has discovered his true calling for the delightfully melancholy melodies that only highlight the first, slightly longer record.

“Davy” is less than 30 minutes long, but manages to conquer the modified, Beatlesque indie rock we came to love in the 1990s, a sound perfected by bands such as Weezer and artist like Matthew Sweet.

“Saint Jerome” does its best impression of Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band, while “Courtyard” and “Microphone” both appear to tip a metaphorical 40-ounce to many fans of the late singer/songwriter Elliot Smith. Lyrically, “Wondering Around,” the second half of “I Am Young” and “Wires” would probably make these fans most proud of Smith’s influence.

Schwartzman proves he can produce decent music with thoughtful lyrics and frame of mind. In my semi-biased opinion, Coconut Records’ “Davy” is a great album to travel with, bicycle to or for lounging around with on a rainy summer day.

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Boys should’ve kept T.O., ego and all

I'm no expert when it comes to football or sports in general, but thanks to a good friend, I have come to love the Dallas Cowboys over the past few years. Call it bandwagon, call it what you want, but I am a fan of America's Team.

So the big buzz at ESPN is that the Cowboys released wide receiver Terrell Owens and left him looking for his fourth NFL team. Jerry Jones, the owner of the team, finally gave him the shaft and is paying the athlete $9 million to hit the road.

For those of you who don't know, T.O. is notorious for his bad attitude and monster ego, so much so that it's his No. 1 downfall and the reason he got booted from the Cowboys. But on the other hand, T.O. has the talent and stats to back his ego up. In his career, Owens has had 951 receptions, 14,122 yards and 139 touchdowns. He is freakishly good.

Untouchable.

Yes, the Boys have Roy Williams, but he is no T.O. and won’t build the offense the Cowboys are in need of.

Sure, T.O. is selfish. Yes, he is cocky and gets pissed when Romo doesn't toss him the ball enough, but at least he wants it! At least he is in it to win. Bottom line, T.O. is a great athlete and puts numbers on the board. I personally think that’s more important at the professional level of play than “good chemistry” with Romo. Are we dating here or trying to win a Super Bowl?

Personally, I think the major problem is not with T.O. Rather, the problem is with Romo’s inconsistency and all the celebrity drama he brings onto the field. Or better yet, the problem is Head Coach Wade Phillips who shakes his head and looks like he might cry when the Cowboys make a bad play like a dad at a little league game watching his son run the wrong way with the ball.

In 2008, the Cowboys finished their season against the Philadelphia Eagles who they lost to with an embarrassing score of 44-6. And what did Phillips do? He shook his head.

The Cowboys need a coach that will demand excellence, respect and performance. Of course T.O. seemed to be cancerous to the team, Phillips never put him in his place. The coach has no backbone and if he doesn’t, then the team doesn’t.

Nice is not going to win the Super Bowl. Wade Phillips has never led a team to the Super Bowl; he doesn’t know what victory tastes like.

Dallas needs a coach that knows what he wants and has the balls to go after it full force.

Losing a first ballot hall of fame receiver is never going to help your team. But maybe now Romo will be man enough to get his team back in shape. Look for Dallas to pick up a big name next season. They’ll have to.

Despite T.O. being labeled a crybaby and a pain to work with, he is, dare I say, the best wide receiver in the game right now.

Good call, Dallas. Here’s to yet another failing season.
The Green Niche: save the plastic for credit cards and surgery

With the ocean becoming more and more polluted with trash, sea animals are dying; CCU students should keep beach clean.

ELAINE URBAN
Features Editor

Blue skies, smooth beaches and the surging and retreating of the ocean waves; not all colleges have the luxury of a beach like Coastal Carolina University students possess, but do beachgoers treat the beach with the utmost respect it deserves?

Imagine one of those perfect beach days; floating around in the ocean, getting a crispy tan, sand between toes and an ice-cold bottle of water waiting on a towel, but when it comes time to leave, many people forget that that empty bottle should leave too.

According to www.greenpeace.org, “Around 100 million tons of plastic are produced each year of which about 10 percent ends up in the sea.”

Eighty percent of the plastic found in the ocean is contributed from land and that careless beach bum is guilty of partaking in the act of ocean pollution, the “Trash Vortex.”

Due to the inertial Coriolis effect, wind and currents swirl around creating a whirlpool kind of effect in the ocean forming gigantic gyres.

Objects ranging from plastic bags to car tires are drawn into the ocean lair of the gyre where they are stuck forever only to be broken down into smaller fragments at a torturing slow pace.

With the force of the gyres and the “slobbishness” of people combined, that “Trash Vortex” eventually conglomerated.

One of the five major ocean gyres, the North Pacific Sub Tropical Gyre, is where this enormous collection of plastic can be found spanning the size of Texas times two. That is a ridiculously disgusting amount of trash!

Innocent sea birds swoop down towards the trash mistaking it for prey while sea turtles and marine mammals think that they are getting a nice snack, but sadly they are slowly killing themselves with bellies full of indigestible plastic meals.

Greenpeace.org also says, “It has been estimated that over a million sea-birds and 100 thousand marine mammals and sea turtles are killed each year by ingestion of plastics or entanglement.” Sad.

People trying to reverse this catastrophe to the environment are doing major cleaning in the ocean and other bodies of water, but it is difficult to keep up with because the “Trash Vortex” still remains. By simply tidying up the beach before leaving, it reduces the chance of their being a giant mess in the end.
Alcohol reports outnumber student participation rates

Students should get involved in one of the many campus organizations before they are gone too

AMBER WHITE
Staff Writer

As an orientation assistant the passed two summers, I've always tried to remind the incoming freshmen to get involved and find a particular interest and use it to join a club or organization.

I try to encourage them to get involved because society today is no longer what you know, but who you know. By linking yourself to different organizations, it leaves doors open for you to meet new people.

Coastal Carolina University has more than 100 different clubs and organizations that students can get involved with. Some of these include Coastal Productions Board, The Chanticleer Newspaper, Tempo Magazine, Students Taking Active Responsibility and the Student Government Association. These are the big names on campus, but why are they lacking the participation that, in the past, students fought to obtain leadership roles in?

For the passed three years that I've been here at CCU, I've watched the campus involvement in organizations go from being the main attraction, to watching our football stands lose fans before the game comes to a close. Now the campus' student media is posting information - practically begging - to get more people involved.

What has happen to our campus involvement?

I believe that students have lost the drive to participate in a university that has so many new rules and regulations that it's almost a pain to enjoy a drink before a baseball game.

Even the thought of parking on campus brings the fear of being towed, so why should students come on campus other than for classes?

Sometimes I feel lost at a university that I used to know so well because there is always some new rule that I and 90 percent of the student body aren't even aware of.

Could it be that our faculty doesn't really know what we need as students and are contributing to drive of the students declining? I believe it has. Because of all the negativity that has been drawn to CCU over the past year, students have lost the Chanticleer pride.

It saddens me that the school has more drunken reports then number of people attending movie night for the CPB. I am aware that there are consequences to our actions, but students don’t have to go too far to lose privileges that have drawn many students to this university.

Will CCU Faculty loosen the reigns on the student body to 'allow it to go back to the Rowdy Rooster?'

Or will it continue down this path with more rules and policies that will prevent students from enjoying their college experience and allow them to venture outside of their dorm rooms or apartments once again?

EDITOR'S PICKS

Weekly media recommendations range from books to movies to songs to YouTube videos for quick and easy access

1. “MNF's DUMBEST PLAY EVER BY A ROOKIE!”
2. “LAUGHING BABY”
3. “RED AND KITTY TALK ABOUT SEX”
4. “FRAMING HANLEY - LOLLIPOP”
5. “WILLARD WIGAN MICRO SCULPTOR”

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2. “MILK”
3. “FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL”
4. “SHAUN OF THE DEAD”
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1. TAYLOR SWIFT - “YOU WON'T CALL”
2. WEEZER - “ISLAND IN THE SUN”
3. IMOGEN HEP - “GOODNIGHT AND GO”
4. THE SHINS - “WHEN I GOOSESTEP”
5. ALL TIME LOW - “DEAR MARIA”
How do you holster your gun?

Chauncey Showdown

How’s it hanging? There probably won’t be much of that if a great pair of boxer-briefs supports everything.

As a chick, I have to prefer a man in undergarments that hug tightly, because what is there to hide?

If a man gets to the point that I am seeing him in his underwear, being coy about what’s in there is completely pointless. Plus they help viewers appreciate an elusive male asset: the booty, hidden underneath all those baggy pants.

In a guy’s point of view, boxer-briefs are better because they keep everything together and tidy.

On those hot summer days, there is nothing worse than having “the boys” stuck to the side of the leg. And there is much less of that “having to adjust” thing every couple of minutes or so.

Plus, there is none of that awkward bunching up like boxers do when wearing slacks.

Boxer-briefs are the perfect middle ground between boring, unflattering boxers, and constricting briefs. But no matter what – forget the tightly-whities.

Let’s face it, underwear is constricting. We all know as soon as we get home from a stressful day of classes and work, the first thing we do is strip down and get comfortable. Okay, maybe not all of us, but it's a thought, right?

The truth is, the people of '60s were right in their bra-burning antics in order to “free themselves” of the harsh prim-and-proper ways of the cultures before them. Not only were they freeing themselves from strict moral limitations of the past, they were freeing themselves from, well, discomfort.

While bras and boxers/briefs may not be the exact same thing, going without either of these garments can prove to be a very invigorating experience especially in the upcoming warm weather. Not only that, hey, it’s spring break. It wouldn’t be memorable without getting a little crazy and going to a nude beach to work on those tan lines and that pasty paleness also known as your behind.

There’s even a Web site dedicated to this no-nonsense, bear-it-all belief. Who knew? Commandounderwhere.com, where the slogan is “Go with pure natural fibre. Chaf free guarantee. The only material truly ‘man-made’ that truly allows your skin to breathe.”

Spring Break '09. Go wild. Go crazy. Go commando!

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BOXERS

Claire Arambula
Editor

Boxers are the middle ground. They are not neutral by any means, but they provide the best of both worlds.

I would imagine wearing nut-huggers would feel a lot like saran wrap down there, and free-ballin’ is just so unappealing to even think about; I’m not even going to get started on tighty-whites. Boxers have the hang-loose capabilities, while still concealing the goods. And they give the appearance of a more relaxed style.

But how should I know how it really feels. Let’s move on to a more aesthetically pleasing point.

Boxers come in all sorts of colors and prints. For the less-than-adventurous, there are neutral shades of blues, gray and solids. For those who want to impress their girlfriends or the public – if you are the latter, please, pull up your pants – then there are boxers in shades of bright pinks, greens, stripes, spots, cartoon characters, etc. Boxers are even themed for holiday celebration – I know you’ve seen the shamrock boxers hanging on the racks in Target. Plus, boxers seem to come in a variety of fabrics: cotton, flannel and silk.

Boxers provide diversity. Just beware of the wedge they have been known to provide.
Rugby suspended
After unapproved off-campus incident, intramural team 'deflated'

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

"Rugby is a thug’s game, played by gentlemen,’ or so they say. The punishment didn’t fit the crime. Our case was that clear-cut,” said Ben Jenkins, junior computer science and math major and member of the soon-to-be-suspended Coastal Carolina University intramural rugby team.

In February, flyers were hung around campus without a stamp of approval on them from the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, which advertised a free-pour fundraiser event at Jackass Saloon, at which alcohol would be served, unauthorized by the University and therefore, in violation of the CCU Alcohol Policy.

On Feb. 20, the team was put on interim suspension for the flyers and the event (which was held two days earlier), according to Jennie Cassidy, interim dean of students.

"Because of the flyer, they received interim suspension, which means they could not play until after their hearing, but they went ahead and played on Saturday,” said Cassidy. “They probably thought they should be allowed to plead their case then, but it was difficult timing.”

Cassidy said that according to the Code of Student Conduct, the team’s conference should have been held within 10 days of the suspension; the team’s hearing was on March 2 – the 11th day.

According to Dean of Students Haven Hart, the team’s suspension will begin as soon as their current season is complete for the fall 2009 semester. Additionally, the team members will be required to attend alcohol educational programs and Hart said, “at least something positive will come out of it.

“These are good students who made bad decisions and it is my hope that they will be educated and get back on track,” she said.

Matthew DeCastro is the captain of the CCU rugby team and is not happy about the suspension.

“Apparently, we are guilty until found innocent,” DeCastro said. “Nothing has been proven. They [the Judicial Board] didn’t want to hear our side at all and we were not allowed to make our case. If we were an [official] athletic team, we’d have a speedy trial, but [administration] didn’t follow guidelines.”

The captain stated that Jackass is one of the team’s sponsors and has donated food and taken care of the team for the five years that DeCastro has been on the team. The free-pour event was in support of the team and in celebration of the 104-0 win over the University of South Carolina the previous weekend.

DeCastro said that Jackass is a bar, of

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move out, move in.
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Annual triathlon beginner-friendly
CCU's three-part event is approaching on April 19

ELAINE URBAN
Features Editor

Coastal Carolina University's 16th Annual Triathlon is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 19. The 7 a.m. race is open to all faculty, staff, students and the public of any age who wish to have some fun and test their athletic ability.

At any other sprint course would consist of, the triathlon begins with a 500-yard swim in CCU's own pool, an 11-mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run around campus and through Quail Creek.

Assistant Director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals Tara Saville said, "It's an ideal race for somebody just beginning. Once you do one you're hooked."

Saville insists that the conditions of the race are perfect for beginners. The fact that the swim is not a mass start makes it "the least intimidating triathlon you will ever do." One lane is shared by two participants who are about the same swimming speed, according to the estimated times given. The convenience of a pool is helpful as well because the lap lines can be seen on the bottom opposed to most triathlons done in lakes or oceans.

It is also easy to get familiar with the course because it is right here on campus, clinics are also held every so often to run through the course. Along with the non-threatening course, Saville is very encouraging and says anyone can train. Just doing each leg of the race twice a week for a half hour will get a participant where they need to be in physical shape. "Just doing each leg of the race twice a week for a half hour will get a participant where they need to be in physical shape."

A word of advice Saville stresses is, "just focus on one thing at a time."

Participants can even make two or three person relay teams to complete different parts of the course. Not only is it teamwork, but it's cheaper as well.

For CCU faculty, staff and students, the individual entry fee is $20 and a team is $50. Any non-CCU participants must pay a fee of $35 for individual and $95 for a team. Like most post race festivities, there will be an awards ceremony and of course food, such as bagels and fruit. Awards will be granted to the overall male and female individual winners of mountain and road bike divisions, the top two relay teams and the top two individuals from each age group. Age groups are separated in to four year spans, participants under 19 and over 65 have their own two age groups.

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course they would have alcohol, but the event was not the not the team's but the business'.

As for the fliers, DeCastro explained that the team has a lot of supporters and some friends put them up, not anyone on the team. "They [administration] kept referring to the flyer in offense, after dismissing the accusation on us. We were not given a fair chance to be heard. Everything they have was heard through the grapevine," he said.

Despite the response from both parties, Provost Robert Sheehan said he was very impressed with the Judicial Board and the response of the team. He said there was "maturity and thoughtfulness" from both sides.

After being put on interim suspension, the team was advised by their coach to go ahead with play the following day because the standing of each team in the league depends on the points the team earns from each game, and it’s not based on wins to losses. DeCastro said it was necessary for the team to play the game following the interim suspension, but he made sure that nobody touched the practice field Sunday.

The CCU rugby team, in addition to competitive play, works closely with three benefit organizations to raise money, including the Surfrider Foundation. The team's members have participated in two beach clean-ups, the polar bear plunge, raised money for the special Olympics, donated labor to Handley's Pub and Grub, cleaned a local homeless park, all while excelling in academics and athletics.

The team leads in scoring 186-12 points in three games; went to playoffs for nationals last year and two of three years the team has won the state championship in intramural rugby.

CCU English Professor and Coach Aubin Hooker is generating support for the team and hopes to see more students at the remaining games.

Game times available from teammate Sam Bowman at ssbowman@coastal.edu.

INFORMATION

If anyone wishes to participate in the triathlon or volunteer, contact tsaville@coastal.edu or call Campus Recreation at 843-349-2802. Bryan Meyers, a triathlon coach, also frequently holds clinics and is available for training help. He can be reached at BMeyers@horrycountyschools.net.
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