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CLAIRI
Editor

Take class received but since extended as a "FX" grade faculty and the faculty were grievous misconduct.

According to Sheehan, the registrar distinguished low performance from cheating. He had to remove a notation from the chair's committee member between failing.

"A good student shows up on our grade report when she doesn't get an unofficial transcript," he said.

He claims the FX grade is a "quality grade equivalent to an "F.

The grades are officially listed as "FX", and can be used on the transcript.
EXPANSION

Village in the works

New student housing village to be built behind Coastal's campus to accommodate growing student body

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Journalism students ‘go green’ on a catwalk

Neculai's class will host a fashion show to promote inexpensive, environmentally-friendly style

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New letter grading system implemented

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

Coastal Carolina University recently passed a new policy on permitting students to re-take classes for which they received a grade of D or less, but since that new policy is not extended to students whose F was as a result of cheating, the “FX” grade is now available for faculty to assign to a student if the faculty member feels that cheating, plagiarism or other grievous form of academic misconduct warrants a failing grade.

According to Provost Robert Sheehan, CCU's electronic information system in the registrar's office was unable to distinguish between an F for low performance and an F for cheating, and administration had to rely on after-the-fact notations in the department chair’s, dean’s or faculty member’s files to distinguish between these two reasons for failing.

“A grade of FX will show up on our information system when someone looks for his or her grade on the Web or requests an unofficial copy of their transcript,” explained Sheehan.

“On the University’s official transcript, a grade of F will show instead of the FX,” he said.

He continued to say that the FX grade point value and quality point value are equivalent to those of a regular F.

The FX grade becomes officially used for spring semester, including Spring II. It can be given anytime during the

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In response to the rapidly increasing growth of Coastal Carolina University’s student population, 20 acres behind the University's campus is being designated for a new student-housing village. Although planning is currently in the early stages, university officials hope to open the facility by fall 2010.

Officials plan to use the facility to require sophomore students to live on campus, in addition to the policy already in place designated for freshmen. With more than half of CCU’s revenue coming from tuition payments, President Dave DeCenzo thinks that requiring more campus residency will help with preserving student attendance at CCU.

According to DeCenzo, the university has been generating revenue despite the current economic crisis, and the Office of Admissions’ enrollment highlights demonstrate that student enrollment continues to climb as well. DeCenzo said, “we’re going to hit a wall if we don’t have the amenities to accommodate that growth.”

The Student Housing Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and managing off-campus housing, will hire an engineer and begin blueprinting options for the facility. Plans currently include apartments placed on the top floor with stores below, similar to the layout of Market Common in Myrtle Beach.

Many CCU students have mixed feelings about the project.

“I'm excited for more housing and the concept seems interesting,” said freshman English major Meagan Moore. “But forcing students to live on campus doesn’t seem like it will be the best solution to students leaving the university.”

Junior elementary education major Julian Hayes agrees.

“Because I won’t be affected with the housing situation, I like the idea

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Journalism students ‘go green’ on a catwalk

Neculai's class will host a fashion show to promote inexpensive, environmentally-friendly style

JUSTIN STOLARSKI
Guest Contributor

Coastal Carolina University’s Journalism 309 class will host a “Go Green” fashion show on Thursday, April 30 from 6 to 7 p.m., in Wall Auditorium.

CCU professor Antonel Neculai’s Journalism 309 class has sought a solution for the community that is not only easy on the pocketbook, but easy on the environment as well by presenting the fashion show.

In an attempt to cohere to the “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” theme, all clothing used in the fashion show will be donated to Goodwill or The Salvation Army.

While some people browse fashion magazines and spend $100 on a pair of shorts and a halter-top, others, especially students, tend to be more careful with their spending.

Putting these outfits back out for sale to the public will allow people to get hot fashion for a cheap price.

Any student interested in modeling in the fashion show or donating clothes for the cause can sign up at www.stylestrand.com/ccufashionshow.

For more information, contact Neculai at aneculai@coastal.edu.

This event is free and open to the public, but only students may participate in modeling.

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CRIME LOG
Revealing the dirt on CCU's campus

March 27
Liquor Law Violations
CCU DPS officers responded to a report of a loud party on Beaver Creek Court. The party was located and two subjects were given citations for liquor law violations.

March 27
Public Drunk
A CCU DPS security officer observed a person walking in the center median of S.C. 544 and called for an LEO to respond. The LEO interviewed and identified the subject. The subject was found to be intoxicated, was arrested and then transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

March 29
Theft from a motor vehicle
The victim reported to a CCU DPS Police officer that his/her significant other had taken personal property belonging to the victim from the victim's vehicle and left the area. Attempts were made to locate the subject. This incident is still under investigation.

March 29
Assist another agency - Armed robbery
CCU DPS officers assisted Conway Police in locating the subjects of an armed robbery that took place in Campus Edge. One of the subjects was located and identified as arrested. Other subjects are still at large.

March 29
Public Drunk, underage possession of alcohol
CCU DPS officers responded to the Woods residence area by the request of a Residence Life staff member. The officers assisted the staff member with two subjects who were not registered guests and who were being unruly. Once outside the apartment the subjects became belligerent and disorderly. One subject was arrested for public drunken, and the other for underage possession of alcohol. Both subjects were transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

March 30
Recovery of a stolen vehicle, arson
CCU DPS officers responded to a request for assistance in recovering a stolen vehicle that was abandoned on CCU property in the area of North Myrtle Beach. CCU DPS officers located the vehicle and turned it over to the North Myrtle Beach Police as the vehicle was stolen from North Myrtle Beach.

March 31
Larceny
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that on March 27, 2009 someone took property belonging to the victim from The Commons dining hall.

CORRECTIONS

THE CHANTICLEER is committed to accuracy. Please contact the editor to report mistakes at chanticleer@coastal.edu or (843) 349-2330.

- In Volume 47, issue 1 of The Chanticleer, on page eight, Professor Neculai's photo was taken by Kevin Young.

- In the same issue, on page 17, Bryan Green's photo was taken by Ryan Dalessandro.

- In the same issue, on page 15, all of the names of the Editor's Picks were incorrect.

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squawk it out.
Local news anchor, alumna hired at CCU

CCU MARKETING
For The Chanticleer

Martha Hunn has been named director of news and public affairs at Coastal Carolina University, effective May 1.

Hunn will be responsible for communication functions, including the University’s news bureau for print and electronic media, all university publications, crisis communication, Web site content and new media applications.

“Martha’s skills, her lifelong connection to our county and Coastal Carolina University, and her warmth and professionalism will greatly benefit our university, county and state,” said Edgar Dyer, executive vice president of the university.

Hunn has been an evening anchor at WBTW News 13 for more than four years. She is a graduate of Conway High School and of CCU, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. She was recently named South Carolina Anchor of the Year by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association.

In 2001, Hunn was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent by the governor for her contributions in helping the law enforcement community. This is the highest honor that can be awarded to a South Carolina citizen for community service.

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- See your adviser to schedule an advisement session.
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- Register during your appointed time.

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SENIORS (90+ CREDIT HOURS) and GRADUATE STUDENTS
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Group 3 - Beginning 6 p.m. April 6 via WebAdvisor

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Group 1 - Beginning 6 p.m. April 7 via WebAdvisor
Group 2 - Beginning 6 a.m. April 8 via WebAdvisor
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Group 2 - Beginning 6 a.m. April 13 via WebAdvisor
Group 3 - Beginning 6 p.m. April 13 via WebAdvisor

FRESHMEN (UP TO 29 CREDIT HOURS)
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Group 2 - Beginning 6 a.m. April 15 via WebAdvisor
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Local surfer and CCU senior Tommy Reynolds looks for a barrel on a clean day in Carolina Beach, N.C.; Reynolds is a passionate member of the Grand Strand surfing community.

Aussie gives insight on surfing down under

CLaire Arambula
Editor

Editor’s note: The following is a Q&A with Aussie Jesse Boyd who was an exchange student at CCU in 2006.

Claire Arambula: What’s your full name, how old are you and where were you born?
Jesse Boyd: Jesse John Boyd, 24, originally from Inverloch, Victoria, Australia.

CA: How long have you been surfing?
JB: I have been surfing since I was 4 years old, as well as spending many years at the beach doing other beach activities. But I have had some time off from surfing due to travel and injuries. I don’t get to surf as much as I like because of work, study and other sports.

CA: Talk to me about surf culture. How does Australia embrace the sport?
JB: In Australia, there is a strong surfing culture and it can be defined on different levels, anything from surfing clothing brands being worn by most people, more female surfers, surfers of all ages from 3 years old to 80 years old, to surfing programs highlighted in High School curriculum. In Australia, the surfing culture is seen as a healthy alternative, spending time outdoors on beautiful beaches often with family and developing new friendships.

CA: Where are some of the other places you’ve surfed in the world?
JB: International surfing locations include Hawaii, Indonesia (Bali), New Zealand, Mexico (Puerto Escondido and Playas de Rosarito), America (San Diego and good old Myrtle Beach).

CA: Amazing. I’m jealous. Why do you think there is a lack of girl surfers at CCU? What would help increase the numbers? What is it like in Australia, regarding surfer girls and interest?
JB: I didn’t meet many female surfers at my time at CCU so it makes it hard for me to form an opinion on why there is a lack of female surfers. Could be that girls spend their time on the sand rather than being encouraged by family and friends to get on a board; some girls don’t want to be seen to fail. Some reasons why surfing is popular in Australia is young Aussie girls have positive surfing role model Layne Beachley to look up to. Surfing is seen as a healthy and even sexy sport to participate in.

CA: How territorial are the locals in Australia?
JB: Some local surfers are very territorial and don’t like surfers from other places especially tourists and those that don’t understand the rules and drop in on waves. This was highlighted a few years ago when some surfers bashed a man who then died because he wasn’t a local and wasn’t following proper surfing etiquette. This does sound terrible, but it was an isolated and very rare case.

CA: Yes! That’s intense. What would you tell beginners who are discouraged?
JB: Just keep at it, keep positive and respect the force of the ocean. Surfing is a great sport to become a part of, it has so many positive health aspects to it and is a great way to meet people which is the starting point of becoming part of the surfing culture.
‘Naturally, I blame my mother’

Catholic CCU student shares first-person account of taking communion before confession, despite mother’s warning

ANGELA PILSON
Guest Contributor

Naturally, I blame my mother. If only she didn’t baptize me Catholic, I would not have been so lost and confused that night. The church service had been pleasant up until that moment. The sermon was uplifting and inspiring; the pastor spoke with a thick Australian accent preaching the potential of the youth in our generation. But there it was, on the table, in front of the rows we stood in, were two silver trays of tiny plastic cups with red liquid and two large leaves of bread: communion.

When I was younger, I attended church with my mother for a few Christmas masses. She told me I wasn’t supposed to walk up with everyone else when the priest asked everyone to join him for “snack time.” When I asked her why, she replied, “You haven’t confessed yet. You haven’t done your confirmation.” Oh, because that was obvious.

Confess what exactly? All the sins I’ve committed since I was 11? I can’t remember all of those! Even if I could, I did not feel comfortable confessing some things I don’t know how to want to kiss Chris Wanstall’s lips in my English class, I’ll pass.

Confession, as I see it, is just another way the Catholic church prevents people from getting closer to God. If I have to talk to a middleman before taking the body of Christ, I don’t see how this is encouraging my relationship with God. I don’t see how the priest, or the Pope himself, can relay my thoughts and questions to God better than I can. No thanks, I talk just fine on my own.

Unfortunately, I was still unsure if I was allowed to take communion. Did all churches follow this rule? At the church that night, I quickly turned to my friend who had invited me, “Ashley! Is it okay if I do this?”

“What do you mean?”

“Well, Mom’s always said that I have to confess first, so...?”

“We’re non-denominational, so it’s okay for you to take communion. It’s just another way to take Jesus into your life and accept him,” she said.

Oh, well, in my defense, Catholics do have a scary history of hunting down and killing those who don’t follow the rules. I didn’t want to be damned to all eternal Hell for skipping a step. Sorry, Ma.

I walked up to the table where everyone was grouped together in a prayer mob just after the sermon. A little girl with blonde hair in a ponytail and a Hannah Montana shirt handed me a tiny plastic cup. It was only half filled with cranberry juice. I stared at the cup in wonder. That’s what I’ve been forbidden for so long? Really?

A young boy handed me a tiny piece of bread he broke off. It wasn’t any bigger than my thumbnail. I wanted to laugh at the irony. The tiny feast I was offered was finally mine. I had beaten the system and skipped a step or two. Communion was mine now, something I can do until last claim I’ve done! No more...

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DAYCATION

GC offers that old school charm

Only 30 minutes away lies a day of fun, good food and live entertainment

BK ASTRINI
Assistant Art Director

Even though the Myrtle Beach area is attempting to bring a more modern look to the beach, the Garden City Boulevard area still carries the old school charm of a beach town—cheesy arcade, funnel cakes and all.

This locale features the famous Garden City Pier—also known as the GCP by the locals, which houses an arcade, a humble cafe and a bar. During the hot seasons, the end of the pier opens up its famous bar and hosts a variety of live entertainment, to create that iconic summer night over the ocean.

One flight of stairs below the pier is Painter’s Homemade Ice Cream, which unfortunately is not open until May. But what is open is the famous Sam’s Corner with its “world-famous” hot dogs and state fair look. Starting at $3.95, Sam’s Corner’s sandwiches, like the footlong corn dog and the “Lobstah Mounth Burger” may look appealing, but in reality fall under the “cafeteria food” taste. Regardless, Sam’s still offers a variety of sprits and its 5 cent coffee.

If cheap tasting French fries aren’t the preferred scene, Garden City has some much more viable options within walking distance. Causeway Bar and Grill offers appetizers starting at $6.96 and oysters on the half-shell at $7.95 for half a dozen, along with daily happy hour drink specials.

Live entertainment happens every weekend, switching from DJ and Karaoke, to the local blues/R&B band, Trusol.

When it comes to dessert time, the Yum Yum Shop across the street sells ice cream, shakes, cotton candy and sweets of the kind, and a small variety of shops, such as variety shop De Ja Vu Boutique, work to walk off the calories.

GCP is a preferred spot for surfers in the area, but if that’s not the specialty, Woody’s Beach Rentals offer anything from half-day to weekly rentals of bikes, golf carts and even kayaks for prices as low as $12 a day.

If neither of those rev up the competition streak, the Garden City Pavilion is the true old-school arcade of the block.

To get to the Garden City Pier, take S.C. 544 to U.S. 17 Business and take a right until reaching Waccamaw Drive. Turn left and and the pier is at the end of the road. The drive is approximately 25-30 minutes.

ENVIRONMENT

Program educates locals in water conservation methods

Avid locals spread the word about fleeting resources and the necessity to save

ROBERT CRIMIAN
Guest Contributor

Christian Ellis and the Waccamaw Riverkeepers Program are helping area residents learn how to conserve water. Only three percent of the water on earth is freshwater, and only one percent of freshwater is accessible to humans, according to www.crwd.org.

The Program is a non-profit organization part of the Winyah Rivers Foundation, that works to improve the rivers in the Winyah Bay watershed. The Winyah rivers Program is also part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which is a national grassroots advocacy program dedicated to preserving and protecting rivers nationwide.

Ellis is the current Waccamaw Riverkeeper whose mission is to "protect, preserve, monitor and revitalize the health of the lands and waters of the greater Winyah Bay watershed, focusing on local activism through the Waccamaw Riverkeepers Program."

The Program educate residents in order to create local activism. By educating about water issues in the Southeast, residents are able to take necessary steps to conserve water. Additionally, Ellis hosts events and presentations throughout the year for communities to learn about and interact with the Waccamaw River.

For information, visit www.winyahriverkeepers.org, to join or help with the Program, e-mail Ellis at wrk@coastal.edu.
Chanticleer takes a second look

Street Fighter kicks back with installment

Video game proves to be ‘well worth the wait’

**Street Fighter** is back, better than ever in this fourth installment, with 2-D game play and 3-D characters.

Photo illustration by Brandon Lockett

**JESSICA GREEN**

Opinions Editor

The Street Fighter franchise has been around since 1987, and now the fourth installment of this classic 2-D fighter has been revamped to bring highly stylized 3-D, paired with 2-D gameplay, to Xboxes and PS3s everywhere.

This game represents a new renaissance in 2-D fighters, which is vital for the series.

The game features a mix of returning, iconic characters such as Ken, Ryu, Chun-Li and Guile. There are also new characters to the Street Fighter world such as the sultry Crimson Viper and El Fuerte.

New mechanics for gameplay were made for the game, although some were kept from Street Fighter III.

One of those new additions is that of ultra moves. There is a revenge meter in addition to the super bar and, once its glowing, the character is allowed to unleash a devastating attack.

The visuals are very impressive, minus the boring backgrounds. With the sheer artistry of 2-D environment and 3-D characters, it’s beautiful.

The characters’ attacks and bodies interact with their surroundings. There are shadows from their body and fireballs send up dust clouds.

When a character is hit, it shows all over their face with detailed facial expressions.

Online gameplay, however, is not the game’s strong point.

Many people will drop out of games if they are losing, causing achievements to not be met by their opponents.

The pairing system is not decent as it constantly matches high ranked players against lower skilled ones.

All-in-All, it is definitely a game to buy if fighters are your game of choice. It has a high replay ability, and it lives up to its hype and was worth the wait.

**Wrestling film, ‘12 Rounds,’ lacks punch**

‘12 Rounds’ disappoints box office, fans

**KYLE DRAPEAU**

Business Manager

World Wrestling Entertainment has made that mistake once before of thinking that the same audience that loves to watch “good guys” pummel “bad guys” every Monday night for free would also love to see them do so on the big screen for around $8 a sitting.

That mistake was known as “The Marine,” a cinematic flop that grossed just more than $7.1 million its opening weekend.

“12 Rounds,” also starring John Cena, succeeds in areas where “The Marine” does not, but unfortunately, it has thus far failed in the box office, yielding a disappointing $5.33 million on opening weekend.

Danny Fisher (Cena) and his partner capture international terrorist Miles Jackson, played by Aiden Gillen, after he eludes an attempted FBI sting operation.

Unfortunately, when Fisher captures Jackson, it is at the accidental expense of the life of Jackson’s girlfriend, an act Jackson vows never to forget.

One year later, Fisher receives a phone call from Jackson, recently escaped from prison and now the captor of Fisher’s wife. Fisher must now undergo a 12-round battle for her freedom.

As for acting, you get what you pay for in this one. Maybe the only wrestler to escape the business and transition successfully into cinema is Dwayne Johnson, formerly known as The Rock.

Personally, I thought this movie was 10 times better than “The Marine,” but that’s not saying much. No knockout blows here.

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**Status Quo**

What’s your Facebook status?

Cassie is ohmygodohmygodohmygod!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gary is trying to find a job... any suggestions?

Courtney Had a bad day but planet smoothie is making it better!

Jennifer you know your son loves you when he runs up to you, says momma, hey, and throws a transformer at your head.

Elijah is on both sides of the coin. Some might call that lucky. Others? Damned if you do...

Zachary needs to go to sleep, but more importantly that needs to stop watching busta rhymes videos!!

Emily is mad at Rudyard Kipling for writing Kim. You have let me down, sir.
Although Hurricane Season officially begins in June, east coast surfers can only cross their fingers that swell might be on the way in the months leading to fall. This is the time of the year to take advantage of the summer doldrums and take a trip to score some surf away from home. Spend this summer in the water and not on the couch.

**North Carolina’s Outer Banks**

Even a basic understanding of oceanic bathymetry and coastal positioning makes it clear why the Outer Banks are a known swell magnet.

**Distance from CCU:** About 350 miles - six-hour drive.

**Spot check:** Hatteras and Frisco.

**Best time:** August.

**What to ride:** Small-wave board to hurricane step-up board.

**What to wear:** Trunks, and top for windy conditions.

**No surf:** Fishing and four-wheel drive exploration.

**Eats:** Every type of restaurant can be found in this resort area.

**Hazards:** Horse flies big enough to eat small children, some sharks, crowds.

**Word to the wise:** The exposure of the banks means swell can creep in overnight.

**South Carolina**

Sure it’s crowded and expensive, but consistent swell and party scene make it a worthy trip.

**Distance from CCU:** 2,500 miles - five-hour plane ride.

**Spot check:** Trestles and Blacks Beach.

**Best time:** All summer. South swell season.

**What to ride:** All-around shortboard and hipster twin fin or log.

**What to wear:** Full suit for the early months and trunks for the later.

**Eats:** Roberto’s California Burrito opens up a new world in Mexican food.

**No surf:** Head to Baja, where 775 miles of coastline equals unriden point breaks as far as the eye can see; bars in Mission and Pacific Beach.

**Hazards:** Crowded lineups, traffic, outspoken locals, cost.

**Word to the wise:** Trestles is America’s version of a perfect wave.

**Jersey Shore**

New Jersey in the summer has potential for very fun surf, but the surrounding night life, culture, and personality will make up for it if there isn’t.

**Distance from CCU:** About 600 miles - a solid 10-hour road trip or smooth one-hour flight.

**Spot check:** Bay Head, Seaside and Atlantic City.

**Best time:** Mid-July to August.

**What to ride:** Fish and all-around board.

**What to wear:** Trunks and fullsuit in case of upwelling from southerly winds.

**No surf:** New York City, Philadelphia and Atlantic City are all within an hour’s drive, bar hopping along the boardwalk.

**Eats:** Grab some pizza, pork roll or clams on the half shell.

**Hazards:** Paying to get on the beach, Guidos and flat spells.

**Word to the wise:** Surf early in the morning for best conditions and no surf zones or beach badges.
CCU performs for children

ELAINE URBAN
Features Editor

The Upstage Theatre Company attracted a large audience to the 2009 Coastal Carolina University Dance Concert, "An Evening of Dance." Held on March 27 in Wheelwright Auditorium, the Company put on a benefit concert for The Invisible Children organization.

Northern Uganda has undergone war for the past 23 years between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army, guerillas trying to overthrow the GoU. More than two million innocent civilians are experiencing poverty, disease and starvation because of it. Young children are abducted and brainwashed to be child-soldiers by the LRA. Living on the bare minimum, with no family and forced to kill, these are the "invisible children" of Uganda.

Senior Brittny Taylor had the idea for the concert after a mission trip to Africa with the Christ United Methodist Church. Taylor and five other members of the church worked in an orphanage and discovered the unfortunate situations that the children are trapped in.

"The minute I went there I realized we aren't the only people in the world. These are beautiful people that love life and laugh," Taylor said, "We all breathe and need the same things."

Taylor didn't leave the third world country sad, but inspired. Taylor wanted to get involved with the Invisible Children organization upon returning to the states by turning apathy into activism through dance.

All of the 11 numbers in "An Evening of Dance," five of which were student-choreographed, had a message related to the children in Uganda behind each song and dance.

The first dance, "Turn Your Head to the Light," was choreographed by Faculty Supervisor Barbara Hartwig. Each dancer wore black in the beginning representing being in bad situations, and after being shown "the light," changed into white outfits and began dancing more celestially.

Another dance choreographed by Supervisor John St. Croix, "Prague (All Dressed up)" was another intense interpretive dance. Taylor explained that the power that the guerillas have over the helpless children is effectively captured.

One of the female dancers in "Prague," sophomore Jamie White said, "It was amazing being part of a benefit that had such a beautiful thing about it. Not only did I love performing my craft for others, but I got to also help others through my art."

The final number also choreographed by Hartwig, "Brand New Day," was an uplifting piece with joyful song and dance.

The benefit turned out to be a great success raising $625. Taylor was impressed with all of the 40 student-performers.

"I don't really enjoy dancing but it really made me appreciate the art and the practice that goes in to it," said sophomore Chris Freeze. "The show was phenomenal."

"What you love and are passionate about, you can use not just for yourself but for other people as well," said Taylor.

CATHOLIC from page 08

was I the outsider standing in the pews watching everyone like a kid in time out on the playground. I watched Ashley and the others around me, watching to see when I could officially break the law of God enforced by my mother's faith. I admit, I was slightly drunk on the idea of rebelling against what everyone has told me was against the rules. I distinctly recall Kayla in the fourth grade saying to me at her church, "You'll go straight to hell if you do. Don't you go up there!" Pouting, I stayed back, but now no one would stop me.

I didn't feel any different. There was no magic light shining through me, no angels singing, not even a great thunder or lightning. I was disappointed. I expected there to be a little gloom and doom, or an uproar over this direct violation of the code. Nothing. Not only was there no great booming voice, but there was no one watching me. No one noticed that I had cheated! I wasn't supposed to take communion yet, why weren't they stopping me?

As I looked around the room I realized that it honestly didn't matter if I was baptized Catholic and breaking the rule. I was accepting Christ in a more figurative and literal way than I ever had before. Who cared if I did things a little backwards? The only thing that had any merit was whether or not I believed in what I was doing.

Although the Catholics had a few more rules on how to accept His Holiness, I was no longer confined and bound by their logic. Communion isn't something I had to do; it was something I did to further my faith in Him. If I didn't believe in Him, then I would've been pretending to take Jesus into me and that would've really been criminal.
BE HEARD

Should animals be tested on?

MAEGEN SWEAT
Assistant Editor

Ever since I came to Coastal Carolina University in the fall of 2006, I’ve had a job, mainly for my own spending money, for gas and food sometimes, but not as much because I had on campus meal plan. I worked four or five days a week on top of a full class schedule. Now that I’m an upcoming senior, I pay for rent and literally everything else from cable to cat food, and I feel like I literally work my ass off.

Don’t get me wrong, I do enjoy it for the most part. I believe it makes a person more responsible and mature, and of course, it prep college students for the working mindset they will need to have in the future for the job they should hope to land by even coming to college in the first place.

According to information listed on www.brockport.edu, around 60 percent of students work while taking college courses. I would have to say that is a very high percentage for CCU, since it seems that most students here do nothing but party. That statistic, however, does not differentiate between full time students who work to pay the bills, and full time workers who just take a few courses here and there.

Here’s my beef. After taking a 17-hour course load and working two to three different jobs a week, it absolutely irks me when students just get out of class and head right out to that beer pong tournament at Campus Edge or better yet, to the bar, with no worries of how they are going to pay for that bar tab, because hey, it’s mommy’s and daddy’s credit card. Who cares where the money comes from? It’s not like there isn’t plenty of it, or something a few begging phone-calls-for-some-much-needed-cash can’t fix. Where’s the responsibility here?

I mean, yeah, that’s great you can go out and have fun, but I thought college was a place to learn and grow into a mature adult, and the more I see, it seems to be quite the opposite.

Must be nice to not have to work for anything. But hey, I can’t really complain that much. I’m making my own money, doing my own thing, and preparing for my own future. You go ahead and drink that beer with the money mommy gave you, while grabbing for that credit card out of your Coach wallet daddy bought for you last week.

Campus Grille disappoints

Nostalgic students think the new CINO Grille is too pricey and lacks variety that the old Grille had.

HANNAH CHURNER
Guest Contributor

With a new pizza place and Quiznos added to the mix, is the CINO Grille the next big thing? Sure, the convenience of it is unforgettable, especially if in a hurry to class and there’s a need to pick me up bite. But let’s face it, with all the money put into the new and improved CINO, where exactly did all this money go?

For those of you who are not familiar with the old CINO Grille, you do not understand the separation anxiety many are feeling from the Mexican grill being taken out. When going to the CINO, I would walk right in and go to the Mexican grill and order a burrito, now I cannot even get something close to the burritos they used to have.

What about with the famous fresh chicken finger wrap from the dell side of the old CINO Grille. Many of my friends, including myself, enjoyed that wrap to its full extent and now, it’s gone. True, they have pre-made some chicken finger wraps and stuck them in the to-go fridges, if you’re really craving one. Let me be the one to tell you, that simply is not the same as the fresh made ones.

CINO seems to be less connected than before, maybe people are boycotting it since they cannot get what they want new. The food that is there is still up to par, it just isn’t the CINO anymore.

Being a college student, money runs low for me, why is it that most college students’ wallets run low?

Well, the other day I went to CINO to get a bite to eat between classes. I got a Caesar salad. The portions were small and, mind you, all it came with were strips of lettuce and some pieces of chicken with a little container of Caesar dressing, all for my valuable $7.

Recently over Spring Break, at my layover at the Charlotte, N. C. airport, I stopped at Quiznos. I bought a chopped salad, chips and a drink for only a few cents more than what I spent on my measly salad at CINO. Now aren’t airports supposed to be very expensive? Well I would rather get my $8.99 there if my $7 can buy me all of that.

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Use your voice, end the Drug War

TAYLOR BALDWIN
Guest Contributor

Are you aware that the recreational drug market in the United States is larger than Hollywood? This is just thanks to what the U.S. government knows, which is not nearly the full extent of what is going on. Ok, before I go on, I want you to know this is not going to be an anti-drug opinion nor will it be a pro-drug opinion. I want to talk to you about one of our most important neighbors - Mexico.

As everyone can see, thanks to that awesome movie "Blow" (and many others), most of our illicit drugs come from Mexico. Billions of dollars flow south while tons of marijuana, cocaine and plenty of designer drugs come north. This money is used to bribe officials to avert their eyes or to let them leak information of planned stings or operations. Some estimates, according to Jason Beaubien, a National Public Radio correspondent, state that more than 50 percent of government officials in Mexico are on the payroll of one of the many cartels. This still is not the major issue; guns are.

America has some of the weakest gun laws in the entire world. All of the guns that the cartels use are smuggled from Mexico, and before you think it: the only arms manufacturers that exist in Mexico are government owned.

Beaubien states that the violence has escalated in Mexico to the point that last year 6,000 civilians were killed in "Drug War" violence. The violence is so bad that Mexico is basically at the point of declaring Martial Law in some border cities so that military forces can be used to combat the cartel fighters.

The threat to Mexican officials is so severe that the most recent Drug Czar, the one assigned to overseeing the fighting against the drug cartels, was assassinated not three days after he took office. The level of corruption goes so deep that the former Drug Czar was on a $450,000 a month retainer under one of the cartels.

The drug cartels have gotten so confident that they are attacking police stations in broad daylight with assault rifles and grenades. At this point, I want to remind you we are talking about Mexico, not Iraq or Afghanistan.

I don't want to play this card, but we must acknowledge that blame can be laid at everyone's feet. Of course, as outsiders, we can blame Mexico for not being harsh enough on these criminals. Many Mexican officials and officers have resigned or gone AWOL for fear of having their families kidnapped and tortured, not just for their own security. We must acknowledge that America must take a portion of the blame.

As I stated, billions of dollars go into Mexico from America for drugs. Beaubien cites the amount at $15 to $40 billion. The demand for recreational drugs in America is unreal. We need to address this. But what do we do?

Ask your supplier if the drugs are local drugs. Were they made grown in America? This stems the flow of money into Mexico. Maybe stop doing drugs? Right, I didn't think so. I'll probably get shot for this one but, what about making drugs legal?

If drugs are legal, who would buy from a middle man (or woman) when he/she could buy from a local convenience store? The government could tax drugs, creating revenue rather than wasting money arresting simple users that overload our prisons. I would say we wouldn't have to worry about the drugs being contaminated with other chemicals, but look at that cigarette you are going to smoke and how many "additives" it contains.

Another alternative would be for the U.S.A. to step up in helping our NAFTA partners (for those of you who voted for Palin that's the North American Free Trade Agreement). Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is in Mexico right now working out arrangements to help Mexico out. The preliminary plans include scanning outbound travelers as diligently as inbound travelers. A significant increase in FBI agents around the borders has also been proposed.

There are other ways of fixing this catastrophic problem that I do not know or cannot fathom. This is where I want to make my main point.

You are a college student. You are actively trying to increase your knowledge so you can contribute to society. Apply your knowledge and use your voice. Talk to local and national officials by letter or e-mail or gatherings. Let them know you are interested in a solution. This has to be done by everyone because one thousand concerned citizens make the issue more prominent. They need your help.

For more information visit Jason Beaubien's article "Violence Continues As Drug Wars Rage In Mexico" at www.npr.org.

CINO

Student encourages engaging course at CCU

Students can overcome fear of public speaking by taking course

JORDAN CRIBB
Guest Contributor

If possible, most students steer clear of the feared public speaking class. This course can be overwhelmingly off-putting to students of every major. As a result, many students choose to avoid the course. To help overcome the fear of public speaking, I want to propose some ideas on how CCU students can achieve their goal of taking public speaking.

The first step in overcoming the fear of public speaking is to understand that everyone has fear of public speaking. Everyone. It is not easy to stand in front of a room full of staring eyes much less address them. Not to mention the long, hard work you put into writing the speech and preparing your delivery. More often than not, these worries prevent us from considering the many benefits of the class.

Most students will be giving their first speech, so it's important to remember that each new experience teaches us more about ourselves. You may discover that you're very good at oral and written communication. Your speeches will be tough to get through, but the pride you feel afterwards will be worth the efforts.

Another benefit to consider is the listening aspect of the class. You find out what matters to your classmates and see how your abilities compare. Most professors of communication have some interest in theater and bring entertainment and humor to the classroom. You get to escape the monotonous everyday lecture and listen to some pretty interesting speeches.

In addition, several studies have shown that the No. 1 quality employers are looking for is communication skills. So why not grow intellectually, take an engaging course, and increase your opportunity for landing jobs at the same time?
**EDITOR'S PICKS**

Weekly media recommendations range from songs to movies to literature to YouTube videos for easy access.

**MUSIC**

1. **GRANDDADDY: 'The Sophware Slump'**
2. **DANIEL JOHNSTON: 'Please Don't Feed The Ego'**
3. **OUTKAST: 'Aquemini'**
4. **5. HOHL: 'SHOLI'**

**LITERATURE**

1. **TOM WOLFE: 'Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test'**
2. **JHUMPA LAHIRI: 'Interpreter of Maladies'**
3. **JACK KEROUAC: 'Big Sur'**
4. **JAMES REDFIELD: 'The Celestine Prophecy'**
5. **TED BELL: 'Hawke'**

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CORRIE LACEY
News Editor

According to the Humane Society of the United States, millions of animals worldwide are used for testing purposes each year. Some testing deliberately poisons animals, sometimes to death.

Personally, “harming animals for the sake of marketing a new brand of mascara or moisturizer” seems undisputably inhumane, especially considering that the possibilities of developing alternative testing procedures are endless and can spare the lives of millions of helpless animals.

The Humane Society Web site states that during testing assessments, “chemicals are squirted into the animals’ eyes and rubbed on their skin or injected into their bodies, or the animals are forced to ingest or inhale them.” Watching a fuzzy, white bunny wince at the excruciating pain caused by eye irritancy testing seems unbearable to think of. However, although many people go about their daily routines, trying not to imagine the agonizing pain an animal had to endure so they can wear their crimson blush, we can no longer hide the truth.

Recent U.S. developments have offered the hope that “sophisticated, non-animal methods can be developed that could replace virtually all animal-based toxicity testing.” According to a National Research Council report, “Toxicity Testing in the 21st Century: A Vision and a Strategy,” new research “calls for a bold new approach that would limit animal testing.”

If alternative testing is a possibility, why not use it and spare the furry creatures of our world? I do not feel that lotions and make-up are worth the suffering of a helpless life-form, and torturing something that is unable to fight back is both cowardly and spineless.

Even if society refuses to acknowledge the cruelty enacted on these creatures, humans significantly differ from animals, making the tests unreliable and dangerous. According to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, “new research methods, such as computer models, cell cultures and human studies are more accurate, less expensive and much more humane.” Again, why not use these new advances?

An animal is alive; it feels pain. Like a fetus inside a woman’s uterus, an animal is a life form. If we have laws against abortion and embryo testing, why do we condone the brutality and killing of animals?

Obviously, there are many ethical problems with performing medical research on humans; however, I do not feel that animals should not be an alternative. With recent advances in technology and new test procedures available, animals testing should be banned and the innocent lives should be spared.

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

Two years ago, I made the decision to alter my eating habits to a strictly vegetarian diet (with the exception of sushi). I in no way condone animal cruelty, and I actually have a cat and dog, thus making me an animal-lover. Furthermore, I think PETA’s “Say NO to Pot (roast)” campaign is brilliant, as is their now banned vegetarian commercial that was supposed to run during the Super Bowl (see YouTube). But when it comes to animal testing, especially for medical purposes, I can’t say it’s a bad idea.

Think about it, without the testing of animals, physicians would not have the wealth of knowledge they have today. Animal testing is crucial to the experimentation process of new drugs, especially ones used in developing surgical techniques. Vaccine exploration has gone through the roof by animal testing, and so far, all of the vaccines have been significant.

According to Nikolaus C. Fulbright’s article “Animal Experimentation,” vaccines that have been developed through the method of animal testing include diptheria, whooping cough, feline leukemia and meningitis.

When I went to Africa my junior year at Coastal Carolina University, I was given a polio shot. If not for our furry friends taking one for the team, I might have died of the viral disease. Additionally, animal testing has resulted in local and modern anesthetics, insulin for diabetics, infection antibiotics, high blood pressure drugs, asthma medications, viral disease treatments and combined drug therapy for HIV.

According to the USDA, 61 percent of animals used for experimentation suffer no pain; 31 percent have pain relieved by anesthesia and only 6 percent actually experience pain (this is excluding mice and rats).

Just like with animals, it seems to be cruel and unusual to test on humans, but it’s already being done.

Testing on humans through micro-dosing is a developing practice and works well; however, according to www.nc3rs.org.uk, “animals are still necessary to establish the microdose in humans.” So, it’s not helping to eliminate it completely.

Additionally, using computer models, tends to produce results that are not unique and have glitches. Also in-vitro cell and tissue studies are conducted in test tubes, rather than in living organisms, so they are not a fair test.

According to author Diana Reese’s book “Of Mice and Men,” 20 million animals are studied each year. About 90 percent of these animals are mice, rats and other rodents; less than two percent are dogs and cats; less than half of one percent are primates.

This make animal activists’ arguments seem pretty deceiving, in my opinion.

Don’t get me wrong, I think helping animals is a beautiful thing. But I am also not going to be that volunteer who raises her hand when animal testing is out the door because you feel bad and doctors need a test subject to try out a new virus.

No, thank you.
In double-header against Big South rival, Chants fought to win game No. 2 after a 5-2 loss in the first half

CCU finally surfaced on the scoreboard, as freshman Sarah Maples scored on a double. Michelle Evans hit her first homerun of the season, to make the score 5-2. Unfortunately for CCU, this is as close as SU pitcher Sondra Tetter closed the door on the Chanticleers to give the Bucs the 5-2 victory in game one.

The second half of the double-header would be different, as SU received a solid outing from pitcher Ashley Fredrick. The junior was able to get her elf out of a jam in the fourth inning to avoid a scoring threat. CCU infielder Stacy Snellings started the scoring after being hit by an illegal pitch.

However, the Bucs would soon answer back as CCU misplayed a fly ball, which led to Melissa Adams scoring to tie the game at 1-1. Fredrick was able to get out of the inning without anymore damage being done. During the next inning, the Chants were again lifted by Evans, as she hit her second homerun of the day. This time, it was a three-run bomb that put SU up 4-1. CCU responded with back-to-back singles to try to get in the game.

A walk from Fredrick put a runner on as the Bucs cut the deficit to 4-2. Fredrick dug in, and hung on to a 4-3 Chanticleer victory. CCU improved to 9-20, while SU fell to 16-17.

CCU sets record on islands
Chants defeated by Warriors in Hawaii, beat UNC-W

Recently, Coastal Carolina University embarked on a journey to the Aloha State to face the Hawaii Warriors. The teams played a total of four games over three days.

For CCU, the opening game was especially remarkable. Pitcher Cody Wheeler reordered the first No Hitter for CCU in three years, while striking out 10 batters in the process.

The celebration was short, however, as the Chants proceeded to lose their three remaining games against UH.

After returning from the islands, the Chants were back at home to take on the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Seahawks. This contest would become an 11-inning thriller that saw UNC-W's Andrew Cain tagged out at home in an attempt to win the game.

CCU was able to take advantage in their half of the inning as Jose Iglesias singled to bring home Adam Rice for a 4-3 CCU victory.

With the win, the 19th ranked Chants improved to 20-7, while UNC-W fell to 17-6.
CCU’s track & field sends athletes out of town

Florida Relays and the Duke Invitational approach

CCU Athletics
For The Chanticleer

Coastal Carolina splits squads for Florida relays, Duke Invitational

The Chanticleers will enter week four of the outdoor season, sending 16 athletes to the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. and 17 athletes to the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C. Both events are scheduled as all day events on April 3 and 4.

About the Florida Relays

Since its inception, the Florida Relays has grown in both stature and size. Previously regarded nationally as the first major event of the collegiate outdoor track and field season, the Relays once swelled from a one-day inaugural event featuring slightly more than 200 athletes to a four-day meet that attracted more than 3,000 athletes from the high school, collegiate and international ranks.

Slated to compete

Head Coach Alan Connie will send the teams sprinters and short distance runners to Gainesville, Fla. along with five throwers. Competitors highlighting the athletes heading to Gator Country are early season standout throwers Brittany Connor, Robin Callan and javelin thrower Deb Mattern. There will be a strong distance flavor in Durham, N.C. as nine members of the 2008 Big South Champion cross country team will make the trip. Senior pole vaulter Marcie Veitch and freshman triple jump sensation Kristen Crawford will make the trek to Duke after solid performances on the young outdoor season to date.

Connor, Callan turn in high marks at rain shortened Weems Baskin Relays

A pair of Coastal Carolina throwers excelled at the weather shortened Weems Baskin Relays in Columbia. Sophomore Brittany Connor earned a mark of 48.19m in the hammer to place third, while freshman Robin Callan placed sixth with a mark of 46.42m.

Relays reel in several outstanding performances

The foursome of Amber White, Ikoylah Brown, LeAnna Sistrunk and Darrilene Henley had themselves an outstanding weekend at the Shamrock Invite on March 20. On Friday, the quartet turned in a time of 1:38.46 to take second in the 4x200m relay. Friday saw the group win the 4x100m relay, defeating the likes of South Carolina, Maryland and the defending NCAA D II Champion St. Augustine with a time of 46.82. Later in the day, the standout relay squad ran a 3:50.64 to place third in the 4x400m.

Mattern picks up first individual title of season

Redshirt sophomore Deb Mattern continued her early season success in the javelin, taking the top overall finish in the Shamrock Invitational on March 21 with a throw of 137’2”.

Distance runners turn in solid outings at Shamrock

In the 3,000-meters, sophomores Shelby Donahue and Maranie Staab excelled in the race. Donahue earned a second place finish in the race with a time of 10:15.92, while Staab clocked a time of 10:18.19 to take fourth.

Connor earns pair of top five finishes in throws

Sophomore Brittany Connor started out and ended her Shamrock Invitational on a high note. On Friday in the hammer throw, she placed fourth with a toss of 157’5”. The Greenwood native then followed up her fourth place finish with a third place mark on day two in the discus with a throw of 144’6”.

Mattern, Lupo excel in javelin at Asics Invitational

Deb Mattern took home the top collegiate performance in the javelin with a throw of 138’2” in the sophomore’s first meet of the season. Another sophomore, Caitlen Lupo also placed in the top five with a fourth-place finish with a toss of 125’2”.

Veitch continues early season success

After a solid indoor season, senior Marcie Veitch is well on her way to a solid outdoor season. Her quest for back-to-back All-Big South honors began at last weekend’s Coastal Carolina Asics Invitational with a second-place finish in the pole vault. The Tecumseh, Ontario native cleared 10’6”.

Tennis team walks with win over UNC

Bulldogs fall to Chants in singles, doubles

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In a tightly contested Big South matchup, the Coastal Carolina University men’s tennis team came away with a 4-3 victory over UNC Asheville March 30 at the Asheville School. The win boosts the Chanticleers to 13-3 on the season and 3-1 in league play, while the Bulldogs fall to 3-14 and 0-5 in the Big South.

CCU dropped the doubles point as they adjusted to the fast courts at the Asheville School losing matches at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions.

Senior German Perez and junior Ernesto Ramos were put to the test by Asheville’s Mauricio Correa and Jonas Brobeck on court one, but the Chanticleer duo prevailed taking out the 9-8 victory.

On court two, juniors Plamen Tzvetkov and Dmitry Vlaskin fell to Joe May and Nocotai Nomenkrenchik 8-6.

The Chanticleers’ third doubles pair, senior Joseph Withers and sophomore John Hairston, battled hard on court three but came up short as Nathan White and Alexander Greer earned the 9-7 win and the doubles point for the Bulldogs.

In singles play, two matches went into the books early after players from both squads were forced to retire due to injury.

Ramos went ahead 2-1 at the No. 1 spot, but Nomenkrenchik had to retire after spraining his ankle during play.

On court five, CCU sophomore Dorian Sojic also took an early exit after injuring his wrist, surrendering the victory to May, who had already charged out to a 5-0 advantage in the first set. The two quick retirements put Asheville ahead 2-1 in the match.

Withers put the Chanticleers back on track with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Alex Appelt at No. 6 and even the score at 2-2. At the No. 3 spot, Vlaskin grabbed a 6-1, 6-5 victory over Brobeck and the Chanticleers took their first lead of the day with a 3-2 advantage.

On court four, Tzvetkov dropped the first set 6-3 to White, but battled back to win the second set 6-1 to push the match into a third set.

Tzvetkov was unable to complete the comeback as White claimed another point for the Bulldogs with a 6-4 third-set victory to even the score at three matches apiece.

The deciding match came down to court No. 2, where Perez won the first set 6-4 but Correa came back to take the second set 6-2. With the match on the line, Perez dug deep and pulled out the 6-4 victory in the third set to clinch the match for the Chanticleers.

“Asheville gave us a dogfight today,” Head Coach Chris Powers commented. “It just goes to show how tough conference competition is. We demonstrated great mental toughness in a tight match and German [Perez] was huge for us when it mattered most.”
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