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Nine students kick off new sports program

CORRIE LACEY
News Editor

Nine senior marketing majors have been given the opportunity to work hands-on with marketing and promotions through the new Sports Operations Education Program.

The program, created through collaboration between Coastal Carolina University Athletics and Recreation and Sport Management, hopes to increase fan attendance by promoting CCU baseball and softball athletic programs.

According to Cari Rosiek, interim associate athletic director, the nine students involved include Kevin Case from Mount Olive, N.J.; Ashley Pearce from London, England; Kim Webb from Usk, Wales; Tim Knecht from Bristol, Conn.; Maggie King from Baltimore, Md.; Alysa Reardon from Nuburn, N.Y., and Theresa Power from Shelter Island, N.Y.

After completing a variety of prerequisites including high-level marketing plans, achieving above average grades in the classroom and an interview process, the nine students began working with RMS faculty, interacting with athletes, students and administration.

The students’ first major project was the 2009 baseball and softball pep rally where they incorporated food vendors, live entertainment and giveaways. With a reported attendance of more than 700 people at the event, many involved feel that the program is off to a good start.

S.T.A.R. visits Texas

CCU volunteer organization spends Spring Break in the South, building houses with Habitat for Humanity

MEAGAN SWEAT
Assistant Editor

For Spring Break 2009, 11 students and one adviser of Coastal Carolina University’s volunteer organization, Students Taking Active Responsibility, made the trip to Amarillo, Texas for Habitat for Humanity where they helped build homes and give back to the community.

Erin Gaesser, a junior early childhood education major and co-coordinator of S.T.A.R., thinks the trip was successful.

“We worked on two different houses while we were there. One house we just had to help finish so it could be dedicated to the family, and the other house we did demo work and painted inside. I got to use a nail gun and a saw. It was pretty sweet,” said Gaesser.

The members of S.T.A.R. stayed in Texas for an entire week, and Gaesser said the best part of the experience was seeing the families actually receive the keys to the home, followed by a ceremony and blessing of the house.

“We could actually see the reason why we were there, so they could have a home. One of the families’ houses was destroyed in Katrina, and they had to relocate because they couldn’t get accepted in a Habitat Program there because so many people wanted houses there, so they relocated to Texas,” said Gaesser.

Gaesser explained the people who are accepted into the Habitat for Humanity program are all very hardworking people that do in fact make mortgage payments on the house they receive.

“They’re very hardworking people, you have to have a certain income to have a habitat home. They have to put in a certain number of sweat hours before they can get a house. They have to work on it themselves. When we were at the dedication, the people were standing in their work clothes. It was a Saturday morning and they had to work [after the dedication],” said Gaesser.

One of the members of S.T.A.R. who was on the trip was

311 ‘comes original’ to House of Blues, NMB

Return of popular, diverse band to Myrtle Beach promotes upcoming release of ninth album

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
News Editor

The multi-genre band – jamming to rock, reggae, hip-hop and rap – that is best known for hits like “Amber,” “Creatures (For A While),” “Beyond the Gray Sky” and “All Mixed Up” is coming to town.

That’s right, 311 will be at the House of Blues in North Myrtle Beach on Wednesday, April 22.

Doors open at 7 p.m.

Opening the main event is The Urgency. This young, modern, alternative, energetic pop-rock group is out of Vermont, and will begin the show at 8 p.m. sharp.

311 was formed in 1990 in Omaha, Neb., and their ninth album, “Uplifter,” is scheduled to be released on June 2.

Although the band has been together for nearly two decades, the music was born when Nick Hexum, vocals and guitar, was in high school.

According to the band’s Web site, “at 17, Nick graduated early from high school and moved to downtown Los Angeles in pursuit of a music career. When Nick returned to Omaha for Chad and Tim’s high school graduation – the three of them jammed and realized they had a special musical chemistry.

“In 1991, they...added Tim Mahoney as lead guitarist. At that time, SA Martinez [lead vocals] began to make guest appearances with the band - and was eventually added as a full member. 311 was complete.” According to marine science major Robbie Roemer, the self-proclaimed No. 1 fan of 311’s, this will be the band’s first time back in town in three years.

“That last time they played here, they had just released their latest album, ‘Don’t Tread On Me’ and the concert was in support of the album on a fall tour,” Roemer explained.

Tickets for the April 22 show are available online at www.houseofblues.com or at the venue up until the concert begins, given that it is not sold out.
Revealing the dirt on CCU’s campus

April 10
Hit an run
A CCU DPS security officer observed a vehicle hit another vehicle as it backed from a parking space and then left the area. A CCU DPS LEO was dispatched and contacted the driver of the struck vehicle. The collision report was completed. This incident is under investigation.

April 11
Marijuana use
A CCU DPS officer responded to the Rivers residence area in reference to an anonymous report of marijuana use. The officer and a member of the Residence Life staff investigated the complaint and found no evidence to support the complaint. This incident is closed.

April 12
Public drunk, underage possession of alcohol, resisting arrest
A CCU DPS officer observed two subjects in the woods. One subject was being unruly and called for an LEO to respond. One subject ran as the officers approached, and the other was detained, identified and interviewed. The subject was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest. The subject was transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

April 13
Assist another agency - robbery
The victim of a strong arm robbery contacted CCU DPS by telephone from off campus. The CCU DPS officer determined that the robbery had taken place off campus in Horry County jurisdiction and put the victim in contact with the Horry County Police who were already investigating the incident.

April 13
Disturbance
CCU DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a disturbance. The officers made contact with the parties and determined that it was only a verbal confrontation.

April 13
Vandalism
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone broke out the back window of the victim’s vehicle. This incident is under investigation.

Corrections
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In 46.15, the Editor’s Picks were not labeled.

In 47.3, the surfer on the cover has a name, and his name is Sean Stanek. The photo was taken by Claire Arambula.

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Computer parasite not a threat at CCU

Conficker computer virus has potential to cause 'craters of damage,' but no such bug is on campus

by publishing an article about the virus. Jordan Peterson was given the opportunity to explain how the computer virus works. According to Peterson, the virus can spread without any human involvement that can cause craters of damage to Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. Such an attack on Microsoft would cause Coastal Carolina University students to miss the updates needed to login to CCU's Blackboard or WebAdvisor. Fortunately, Microsoft repaired this crater in October.

Adam Alford, a computer science major at CCU, didn't know much about the virus, but he did know about Conficker's D-Day. Alford explained the virus D-Day as a joke to scare Internet surfers. Moreover, Alford treated the Conficker hype as a rather vague subject.

Denny French of Internet Technical Services at CCU clarified that he hasn't seen problems with viral computer worm, and hypothesized that Conficker is a newer version of an old virus. French saw the Conficker virus and its D-Day as an April Fool's joke to build hype about computer safety.

It would seem that the real focus is on the small computer viruses CCU students are constantly infected by. As far Conficker goes, CCU is free from the nasty worm.

DeCenzo disagrees on lowering drinking age

Despite other university presidents' opinions, CCU's president stands firm

Coastal Carolina University President David DeCenzo is knowledgeable and very passionate about solving the binge-drinking problem among underage students. Additionally, he said that he does not believe that lowering the drinking age will have an affect on binge drinking at all.

"It is not an age issue. It is a behavioral issue," DeCenzo said. Caring for his students and young students in general, DeCenzo expressed that if it could be guaranteed that lowering the drinking age would solve the binge-drinking problem he would be for it, but he does not believe that to be the case.

Numerous suggestions have been made in an attempt to solve the problem. An article found on AOL suggests that similar to getting a drivers license, young adults of at least 19 years old should be required to take a test before being allowed to drink. Nineteen was suggested to ensure that the students would be out of high school before being allowed to drink.

Another idea given by former Middlebury College president John McCardell is to lower the drinking age to 18 and require classes that teach about consequences of alcohol abuse, alcohol chemistry and watching alcoholics' anonymous sessions. If the students pass the exam after taking those classes they would then be given a license to drink.

McCardell and the university presidents from Duke, Dartmouth and Virginia Tech all agree that the current drinking age is not working and should possibly be lowered to 18. Part of their reasoning is so that their drinking would no longer be illegal and is not in the best interest of the students. Binge drinking among CCU's underage students is a problem, but not necessarily a big problem.

DeCenzo relates this issue to the bad press the university's athletes have been getting simply because a few kids messed up. The media and the public in general only notice when someone does something bad. Students who abide by the rules are overshadowed by those who break those very rules.

Being at the beach, surrounded by bars open nightly, people may think that students would be more apt to binge drink. But on the contrary, DeCenzo thinks that CCU has no more or less a drinking problem among students than schools in college towns or even big cities.

He thinks that lowering the drinking age is to avoid the issue and won't find the root of why students are binge drinking.

He believes the drinking age is too old for the university students. According to McCardell and Alford, students need to get hands on experience in order to gain a true understanding of how concepts translate in real world environment.

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ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

The Conficker computer virus has created hype. One would guess the hype is up because Microsoft has put
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ELAINE URBAN
Features Editor

Junior Sha'Nika Bess, also known as “Poetic Elegance” by her Delta Sigma Theta sisters, is attempting to change the world one stanza at a time. Through her inspiring poetry, Bess hopes to spread her words throughout Coastal Carolina University’s campus and maybe further some day.

“Be the thing about my poetry is that it’s based on real life experience, me or people I know,” said Bess.

Bess began using poetry as her well-needed outlet in high school to blow off some extra stress. Everything from cliché teenage drama to the absence of her father, her problems produced her love for poetry.

Bess’ work originated with poems about loving life and relationships, but she eventually began to dig deeper. One of her first series made up of five poems is “The Daddy Series,” based on Fathers who aren’t there for their children. Another series Bess has created is “The Loving Yourself Series.” She expresses how knowing your self-worth and appreciating what God gave you is critical.

Bess’ poetry is unique because she thinks that she sees the world differently than the average person. When most people would conceive the world to be in an economic crisis, Bess wonders why this is such a big concern and why no one wants to talk about people living with HIV and AIDS trying to make their way in the world.

After her uncle died of AIDS not too long ago, Bess was enlivened to produce the “Look at Me Series.” Part one describes the passionate sex encounter followed by feeling kind of off. Part two is about how an HIV patient is undetectable by an outward appearance and encourages people to except them for who they are.

Performing and sharing is the next step after writing good poetry and Bess has had her fair share. During Open Mic Nights here at CCU, Bess delivers her poetry through rap and hip-hop or speech with a bit of guitar in the background played by freshman Darius Dantzler.

These Open Mic Nights have helped Bess achieve two of her biggest accomplishments so far: placing third in last year Coastal’s Got Talent and being able to open for Slam Poet Fafe Casal in February.

Although Bess’ poetry is deep and meaningful to her and it “helps people face reality,” the communication major can’t be sure if it will suffice for a career just yet.

“I’ll cross that bridge when I get to it,” said Bess, “Everybody has a purpose in life and if my music opens doors for me, I’m going to take that opportunity and run with it; you only live once.”

‘Poetic Elegance’ channels emotion in writing

EDUCATION

Recent films highlight human trafficking

CCU’s Communication 410 class creates awareness about human trafficking through modern film

human trafficking. Movies such as “Taken” and “Slumdog Millionaire” are the most recent that incorporate real-life events of human trafficking that happen every day worldwide.

As for “Taken,” the story line is about a young girl out of high school that goes abroad with a friend to Europe for a month. When they arrive they are immediately befriended by an attractive European man, share a cab, and when arriving at their destination the man went on his way or so they thought. Within an hour, the two girls are taken and trafficked throughout Europe so they could be used as sexual possessions and sold to the highest bidder.

In most human trafficking cases, it is very hard to people in these situations and it is not always a happy ending. That is why at Coastal Carolina University, the Special Topics in Communication Class and The Eastern Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking are teaming up to help create awareness for human trafficking throughout the coastal area.

The movie “Slumdog Millionaire” gives a variety of trials and tribulations that people in lower classes face everyday all over the world; human trafficking is just one of the many problems. At a young age, the two brothers were left to fend for themselves with no parents and no stable environment to live in. They were left with a choice to join an orphanage which turned out to be a place where they exploited children. They used them to make money by making them blind and have them sing on street corners.

This is definitely a case of human trafficking because in most cases people are tricked and forced to live into situations such as this one with no way out. Many people who are trafficked use it as a way out of their prior living conditions, just like the two brothers and the girl had thought of it as a way out of the slums. The young girl was used as a slave her whole life. Such cases most often occur in very ordinary circumstances, but if you look close enough, it is everywhere. Other cases of trafficking victims involve being offered “amazing opportunities” with a great place to live and a wonderful job. These people come to find out after the fact that it was a scam; they were tricked into being exploited emotionally and sexually.

These movies help everyone understand that the problem with human trafficking exists and is increasing. Students should refrain from being a victim and be a part of the discussion and get educated on human trafficking. The COMM 410 class is aiming to solve and stop ignorance by creating awareness and offering education on human trafficking.
Ocean Boulevard dining booms

A 30-minute drive from CCU, students can find affordable and entertaining dining out experiences just steps away from the ocean.

Right before the infamous Ocean Boulevard reaches sketchy status, there is a poppin’ area with restaurants and bars popularized both by locals and tourists, and that is the stretch starting at 21st Avenue and Kings Hwy until 19th Avenue and Ocean Boulevard.

On 21st are three of the restaurants that are booming year-round: Dirty Don’s, Soho and River City Café. All three provide a very varied selection of food, and Dirty Don’s is known for its oyster shack fame, with affordable appetizers and sandwiches priced at around $5 and $6.

Soho is one of the elite sushi spots in Myrtle Beach and the place to be when pre-gaming for a night out. Sushi rolls start at $4 and up and there is a large selection of Japanese, American and Mediterranean food.

River City Café is the token burger joint, with the floor covered in peanut shells and that addictive and alluring smell of its juicy burgers. The hamburger costs only $5.99 and the prices go up from there, but River City also sells variety of salads and seafood for the red-meat renegades.

And if those options aren't good enough, around the corner on Ocean Boulevard is Jaybo’s Pizza and Grill, and for dessert are the adjacent Scoops and Smoothies ice creamery and a convenient Starbucks.

Across the street is Beach Bummz, with live entertainment daily overlooking the ocean and happy hour specials: $2.75 domestics $3.50 well liquors.

But this hidden jewel isn’t just for the food aficionado – this small stretch of the boulevard holds two of the coolest hotel pools to hop at: the Breakers and the Camelot. The former has a heated water park and outdoor bars.

Past the Camelot is Anderson Park, a square on the beach adorably adorned with swing chairs and picnic tables.

This is a 30-minute ride from campus, taking U.S. 501 towards the beach, then head east on 21st all the way past Kings Hwy.

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Beach Bummz offers indoor and outdoor dining and literally sits on street and sand, with live entertainment daily.
Upcoming film has fans excited, uncertain

There is uncertainty that fans will be accepting to a new cast, director

Christian Bale takes Schwarzenegger's place in forth installment of series, film "Terminator Salvation."

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

In 1984, "Terminator" surprised moviegoers with a killer machine, the T-101 (Arnold Schwarzenegger) from the future whose mission is to destroy humanity's last hope for survival.

The first "Terminator" film did so well that they made another one, "Terminator 2: Judgement Day." This is the viewers' all-time favorite with the famous quote, "Hasta Lavista Baby."

Let's not forget the liquid metal bad-ass that turned into everything he touched. "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" gave surprising twist when a super killer lady robot, the T-X (Kristanna Loken) was introduced as the villain. A new quote rose from the third installment of the Terminator series which some may know as, "You are TERMINATED."

Now moviegoers can wait for a new quote, a new villain and more action in the next installment of the "Terminator" series known as "Terminator Salvation." Unfortunately, the governor of California won't grace the film with his presence.

Instead, the viewers will have the pleasure of seeing Christian Bale (played as Bruce Wayne in "The Dark Knight" and Dan Evans in "3:10 To Yuma") in the new film that is expected to premiere on May 21, 2009.

If that's not enough to convince moviegoers, then the cast also includes the rapper, Common.

"Terminator Salvation" may be a long-anticipated film; however, there is some room for disappointment. Joseph "McG" McGinty Nichol, the director of the "Stay Alive" is directing "Terminator Salvation."

"Stay Alive" had mixed reviews, and it could possible be from bad directing. Viewers may not like to see Nichol directing such a revered franchise, this director deserves another chance.

Will "Terminator Salvation" meet viewer expectations? One will never know until that matinee or night movie when the film releases in theaters.

‘Sick’ reggae concert leaves students queasy

After what was deemed the ‘best night of my life,’ hangovers were plentiful but memories sweet

Alison Van Wagner
Guest Contributor

If you spent Wednesday morning sitting in class a few weeks ago, wondering where all your missing classmates were, you most likely could have found the majority of them halfway dying in bed or hovering over a toilet bowl recovering from probably one of the sickest concerts to ever hit the Carolinas' coast.

Big time reggae bands Rebellion and Slightly Stoopid rocked the stage Tuesday night at downtown Charleston's Music Farm with a collection of college students from around the area.

Rebellion opened around 9 p.m. with the song "Attention Span," from "Courage to Grow," their latest album. The instant the music started, the band definitely had everyone's attention.

Rebellion went on to play many of their newest songs including "Bright Side of Life" and "Outta Control" along with more off their album such as "Safe and Sound" and "Green to Black," which went along perfect with all the surrounding people lighting up blunt after blunt and downing beer after beer.

The place was full by the time Slightly Stoopid stepped on the stage, which came as no surprise to anyone there. They loaded us onlookers down with an array of songs including "Collie Man," "Older" and "Babylon is Falling."

Mike Lavric, a sophomore Coastal Carolina University student who attended the concert said, "This was definitely one of the best nights of my life. I actually got to meet the band backstage before they went on, and they were just as awesome off stage as they were on."

Basically, if you ever get a chance to head to Charleston or anywhere else to see either of these bands, jump on the opportunity. It was by far one of the best shows I've seen and would definitely make an appearance at another.

Status Quo
What's your Facebook status?

Kyle has a new-found love for Easter Eggs. Jello shots instead of candy? Where the F** was this Easter Bunny when I was a kid?

Chris is a Cadbury Egg according to the Easter candy quiz. Does that make me a cannibal since I'm eating a Cadbury Egg right now? Ooow...

Brad how can companies require a year of experience for an entry level job? So I need the job to get a year of experience in order to get the job. No problem.

Hallie kidnapped by tail gaters, mean mugged by hoes, and drinkin' slin' in what a night.

Jerme says F** wind. I challenge wind to 10 rounds in a steel cage. I will be victorious.
Spring calls for classics

Courtesy of 7Twelve BOUTIQUE
Throw out all the obnoxious neon and dive into the subtlety of this spring’s trends. Small, dainty patterns are key; pair them with organic, lady-like accessories, like a toned-down modern mix of Marie Antoinette and Edie Sedgwick.

BK ASTRINI
Assistant Art Director

The ’80s look is dead, and now the “Summer of Love” look is pertinent to fashionistas in Spring ’09. Colors are to be worn adjacently (read: cool colors or warm colors; jewel tones, yellow is hot this season), and are more muted and subtle, like the pastel worn on the left photo. Even when working with animal prints, look for fabrics in a toned-down opacity. Also, look for smaller and more abstract patterns, like pseudo-butterflies.

Spring ’09 fashion takes advantages of classics like plaid and khaki, but now these looks are paired with feminine pieces to avoid a grungy look. Don’t worry; don’t get rid of metallics and those strappy sandals from the last couple of seasons, just pair them with quieter clothes.

The season also calls for the fit ‘n’ flair look: small on top and big on bottom. A-line skirts worn tight on the waist and the classic pencil skirts are a must, as are the empire waist dresses (thankfully!). Cinch anything from tops to dresses with a belt underneath the bust to get that hour-glass shape that is beyond hot this season.
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SQUAWK IT OUT

Reality TV is not real

CLAIRE ARAMBULA
Editor

My roommate is a reality TV junkie and she has a soft spot in her heart for VH1. Shows like “Rock of Love,” “Tough Love,” “Real Chance of Love,” “Tool Academy,” “For the Love of Ray J,” “I Love Money,” and the upcoming “Daisy of Love” are among her favorite, late-night addictions. In fact, when the episodes are over or there is a commercial break, she watches bonus clips of Brett Michaels and his 23 potential wives at VH1.com.

Coming home every night, I often get suckered into watching these competitive shows with my fanatic roommate, and homework is often dismissed and saved for later. Some of these shows, I’ll admit, are a bit captivating. I’m not sure if it’s the familiar, human necessity to be loved that creates a commonality, as all these people are desperate to be needed, or if it’s the abhorrence of people’s disgusting actions that keeps us coming back for more. Either way, I am forced to ask myself, what is the point?

Reality TV exists to serve two purposes: to distract people by providing an escape from the mundane routine of daily life through an unimaginable, emotional display of useless existence, and to convey the reality of embarrassment, drama and pain caused by lies, sex, competition and catfights that allow viewers to be thankful that what they thought was drama in their own life, really isn’t so bad. I guess in a way, it’s a trap and we are all affected.

I actually think reality TV makes people dumber, filling minds with irrelevant, obvious information that results in impulsive judgments and short-lived conversation.

In one season of a single show that lasts thirty minutes and runs for 12 weeks, a person spends six hours on useless information. This statistic is excluding reruns and other programs.

I gave it a fair chance, and the verdict? I’d like my life back, please. Reality TV is for the control freaks who think they can decide on someone’s fate by voting online. Sorry, Roomie, but it’s not real.

My roommate will continue to take it in like a drug and I’ll just laugh when I get home and she’s reading VH1 blogs or fuming because Tiffany, aka New York, is sending home the wrong guy. Thank you, reality TV, for making me realize that my problems aren’t so bad... wait, does that make me crazy, too?

CCU needs Dining Out 101 course

Sometimes serving ignorant people can make waiters and waitresses feel like the bad guy; this frustrating job is not as easy as it looks.

LARA KEOUGH
Guest Contributor

When I think of waitressing, the Grinch comes to mind – the Jim Care version, standing on the edge of a cliff, professing his hatred and loathing of one big pie holes and feast greedily on $25 worth of butter-soaked crab. They are the socially inept who, when asked what they would like to drink, look at each other in mute confusion.

And there are those sweet, old people who take decades to get to the table, another decade to eat and sip their glass of Zincand who then leave a tip that wouldn’t have bought you a coke when the old geezer was a kid.

Get a job waiting tables in a southern fine dining establishment and you can get a stomach full of southern culture. The women enter the dining room, pastel plaid purses clutched in the crevices of their bent elbows, each identical to the other in Lilly wear and scornful superiority until one spots another and “Mary Grace! How ARE you??” These people tip better, by far, than the country-come-to-town folks; the catch is their smiles and careful manners are forcefully gratuous and they expect you to remember their names and favorite wine every time you see them. Yeah, get over yourself already.

The Northerners are different. They mostly just act like every meal they have ever had up there has been perfect and basically give off a mafia vibe.

“I think, there must be a solution that wouldn’t involve a machine gun and prison time. This is where the University comes into play. Along with all the adult education and continued learning classes, they should offer Dining Out for Dummies 101. The syllabus for this course, cataloged as Basic Humanities 101, would include lectures on kindness and patience. Restaurant purveyors price charts and staff paycheck stubs (because restaurants aren’t non-profit organizations and waiters are not volunteers) could replace standard text.

How after another. This is me on a Saturday night. Only the recipients of my silent loathing are not precious, good-natured Who. They are stupid people who tell their 6-year-old to say he’s 4 so he can eat for free while they suck $4 margaritas into their
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The birds and the bees talk is classic. Everyday, parents sit with their children down and explain sex to them—hopefully safe sex.

I think additionally, parents should explain contraceptives and ultimately give their children contraceptives, whether the pill to girls or condoms to boys.

Teachers and administrators are now giving middle school-aged children contraceptives, without their parents consent. That is not their place to do that.

In 2007, a Maine Middle School seemed to pave the way for this idea. King Middle School in Portland, Maine passed a proposal that the students would be allowed to receive birth control. According to a New York Times article, five out of 500 of the students at the school admitted they were sexually active.

Five.

Five students and now they want to give all these children the OK to have sex and provide them with the tools to protect themselves. I am glad that they are teaching the children safe sex since everyone should know about that, but I think these children’s parents should know and ultimately have a right to know what their very young children are up too.

Blame lies with the parents as well. If these 11- to 13-year-olds have all this time to have sex, then where are their parents?

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To many people, especially many religious people, this may seem taboo. But the truth is, they’re doing it, and you aren’t going to stop them, so you might as well just protect them.

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**JESSICA GREEN**

News Editor

The birds and the bees talk is classic. Everyday, parents sit with their children down and explain sex to them—hopefully safe sex.

I think additionally, parents should explain contraceptives and ultimately give their children contraceptives, whether the pill to girls or condoms to boys.

Teachers and administrators are now giving middle school-aged children contraceptives, without their parents consent. That is not their place to do that.

In 2007, a Maine Middle School seemed to pave the way for this idea. King Middle School in Portland, Maine passed a proposal that the students would be allowed to receive birth control. According to a New York Times article, five out of 500 of the students at the school admitted they were sexually active.

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Jose Iglesias takes a swing against GWU's pitcher on April 3 in a game that would end in a Chanticleer victory and advancing CCU 22-7 on the season.

KEVIN YOUNG
Photographer/Writer

The 19-ranked Coastal Carolina University baseball team (22-7) looked to get back to their winning ways against Big South Conference foe Gardner-Webb on April 3 in Conway.

With injuries to Scott Woodward, and others plaguing the team, Coach Gary Gilmore was forced to shuffle his lineup batting Rico Noel in the one spot and Adam Rice in the No. 2 spot. Both of these players rose to the challenge with Noel going two-for-four with three runs scored, and two stolen bases, and Rice's career night hitting five-for-five with two home runs.

"He has played well and really stepped up and been a huge impact with two of our best offensive players Gilmore and Woodward being injured," said CCU pitcher Nick McCully. "If he can stay hot when we get the other guys back, along with David Anderson and Jose Iglesias we have many power threats and he makes our offense that much more dangerous."

The Chants entered the second inning with a 2-0 lead until Taylor Motter and Noel hit back-to-back home runs putting the Chants ahead by four runs. They struck again in the third inning with a double off the bat of Dan Bowman that added another run to the total.

Gardner-Webb came out strong in the top of the seventh inning scoring four runs off two homers, but were quickly silenced by the sound of back to back homers by Iglesias and Bowman in the bottom half of the inning.

CCU scored two runs in the seventh, and one in the eighth to close out an 11-6 victory over the Bulldogs.

Coming off his previous outing where he pitched a no hitter, Cody Wheeler improved his season win total to six, and didn’t allow a hit until the seventh inning.

This win improved the Chants to 22-7 on the season and 4-2 in the Big South Conference.

"The wins against both Gardner Webb and Radford are huge for us in trying to win another Big South title," pitcher McCully said.

"After having a game cancelled and dropping two of three to Winthrop it was absolutely necessary for us to win those last six conference games," he said.

With the Big South Conference tournament in sight, it is imperative that the student body get out and support the nationally-ranked baseball team.

"Teams within our conference get pumped up to play us and we have to match their intensity," said McCully.

While the players do their work on the field it is up to the students to give them support in the stands.

TIME OUT
What are your thoughts on the retirement of John Madden?

Steven Cooper
Junior finance major
"It's not good for the game, it takes away a lot of broadcasting experience. But everyone has to retire sometime."

John Milledge
Sophomore accounting major
"I think it's a good thing because there are a lot of other broadcasters, and if he can retire during the recession, good for him."

Chris Smith
Sophomore polisci major
"It's a sad day in the world of broadcasting. He's been around for a long time, he will be missed."

Norvel Mathis
Freshman biology major
"He was a good voice in football, but sometimes he would talk during the game and not know what he was talking about."
## Chanticleer baseball makes three-game sweep

Coastal beats Radford twice in double-header, 10-1, 14-2

Photo by Kevin Young

CCU baseman tags Radford out in first of two games at home on April 11.

### CCU Athletics

For The Chanticleer

The 19th-ranked Coastal Carolina University baseball team extended its winning streak to 10 games and completed a three-game sweep of Big South foe Radford by winning both games of a doubleheader 10-1 and 14-2 April 11 in Conway.

Radford's Alex Gregory opened the scoring for Radford as he led off the top of the second with a solo home run, but CCU would score the next 10 runs in the opener. Freshman Steve Davis hit his first career home run, a two-run shot to left field. In the fifth, Davis doubled home Bowman to make it 7-1 CCU. A two-run single from senior David Anderson in the sixth extended the lead to 9-1, while senior Tyler Bortnick's eighth home run concluded the scoring.

Bowman and Bortnick had three hits apiece for CCU, while Frawley, Anderson and Davis drove in a pair. For Radford, five players had a hit apiece.

Redshirt junior Austin Fleet improved to 5-2 after pitching five innings and allowing just one run and three hits. Junior Caleb Cuevas earned his second save of the season, pitching the final four innings and striking out five Highlanders. Pysh was tagged with the loss, allowing six earned runs and nine hits in five innings.

CCU would belt out six home runs in game two, starting with Noel's leadoff home run in the first. Bortnick would single and score on Anderson's 12th home run of the year. Redshirt sophomore Dustin King then went deep for the second this season, making it 4-0 Chants.

Junior Adam Rice brought in Davis with a single in the second. He then hit his fifth home run of the year in the fourth, a two-run shot that made it 7-0 CCU.

Radford would score two runs in the fifth. Carl Travers, Brett Mollenhauer and Tyren Rivers had back-to-back-to-back singles to lead off the inning. Matt Higginson brought in a run with a sacrifice fly, while Mollenhauer scored on a wild pitch from freshman Anthony Meo.

Bowman led off the fifth with a solo home run to make it 8-2 Chanticleers. Anderson then brought in a run in the sixth on a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Bortnick.

The Chants ended the scoring in the eighth, scoring five runs. Redshirt freshman Rich Witten hit a two-run home run, his first of the season. CCU would load the bases and score a run on redshirt sophomore Evan Noell's bases-loaded walk. Davis then brought in two runs with a double to center field.

Meo moved to 5-0 after pitching 5.2 innings and allowing two runs and six hits with five strikeouts. The relief of sophomore Matt Rein freshman Tommy Winegardner and redshirt senior Kent Altman struck out six Highlanders.

The top three of the Chanticleer lineup — Noel, Rice and Bortnick — had two hits apiece for CCU. Davis joined them in the two-hit club. Rice and Anderson had three RBI apiece. For Radford, eight of the nine starters had a hit apiece.

### Highlanders lose to Chanticleers, 3-2

CCU defeats Radford in first of three games, beginning on April 10

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Sophomore Rico Noel hit a leadoff walk-off home run in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift the 19th-ranked Coastal Carolina University baseball team to a 3-2 victory over Radford April 10 in the Big South series opener of a three-game set.

Noel ended the wild game by taking Jason Patton's 1-2 pitch over the wall in left field. It was Noel's fourth home run of the season and CCU's first walk-off home run since Matt Rademacher's three-run home run in a 12-9 win over Liberty April 28, 2007.

The game started as a pitcher's duel between CCU sophomore Cody Wheeler and Radford's Aenik Taylor. Wheeler pitched the first seven-plus innings for the Chanticleers, striking out 10 (tying a career high) and allowing six hits and two runs. Taylor was equally as effective, allowing six hits, one run and striking out four in seven-plus innings of work.

CCU jumped on the board in the first. Noel walked, stole second and would score on a single from senior David Anderson. Radford answered with a run in the top of the second. Robert Lamas singled, went to second on a sacrifice bunt from Mario Duarte, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a groundout by Brett Mollenhauer.

Radford had runners on first and second with one out in the sixth, but Wheeler got Lamas to fly out and Duarte to ground out to end that threat.

Freshman Daniel Bowman led off the seventh with a single, but was doubled up on a pop out bunt from classmate Tommy Winegardner.

Radford did break through in the eighth. Jeff Kemp led off the inning with a double. Junior Nick McCully came in and got Big South Preseason Player of the Year Alex Gregory to fly out, but Kemp would move to second. McCully induced Nick Minter into a pop out, but Lamas singled through the left side to score Kemp and give the Highlanders a 2-1 lead.

In the bottom of the eighth, CCU had runners on the corners when Noel walked, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt from junior Adam Rice and stole third. Radford would walk Anderson with two outs to get to junior Jose Iglesias. Iglesias would pop out to end the inning.

Ben Toth would walk with one out in the top of the ninth. He would move to second on a bunt single from Tyren Rivers. Runners would be on the corners with two outs after Reggie Keen grounded into a fielder's choice.

Radford then tried a double steal and freshman Taylor Motter would throw to the plate to get Toth to end the threat.

Bowman walked to lead off the ninth. Redshirt sophomore Dustin King pinch-hit and laid down a successful sacrifice bunt. That brought up Motter, who singled to left to score Bowman and tie the game at two.

Kemp and Gregory led off the top of the 10th with singles, but McCully would bear down and strike out the side, setting up Noel's heroics.

McCully earned his third win of the season, striking out four in three innings of relief. The loss fell to Patton, who went to 0-2 on the season after allowing two hits and two runs in two innings.

Motter and Bowman had two hits apiece for the Chanticleers. For Radford, Kemp, Gregory, Toth and Lamas had two hits apiece.
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