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CCU library extends operating hours

Due to changes in students' needs, Kimbel Library plans to be open 24 hours in the very near future

NICOLE NEDWIDEK
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s very own Kimbel Library will soon be open and available for student and faculty use 24 hours a day. This change is expected to take effect in early October.

Barbara Burd, Ph.D., dean of library services said, “The change is a result of students’ needs.”

These hours were only available during exams in past years, however a survey was conducted last year, and the students requested that the library be open 24 hours.

Allison Faix, coordinator of reference services in the library said, “It is a good idea for students. If, for example, a roommate is being too loud or is bothering a student, they can come here to the library, even late at night.”

“This will give the students a quiet place to study anytime,” said Burd, “and will be especially beneficial to the younger students living in the crowded residence halls.”

In addition to the change of the hours, changes are being made to the staff and rules of the library. More employees need to be hired to work, one of which will be a security guard.

“During the late hours, only Coastal Carolina students, faculty, and staff will be allowed into the library, and will have to swipe their ID card, for the safety of the individuals as well as the library materials,” says Burd.

There will also be an escort service for students who are studying late at night, and do not feel comfortable walking to their dorm or car alone.

The student computer lab will be closed, however, the rest of the library will be open. Laptop rental rules will change. If a student borrows a laptop at midnight, they have until 7 a.m. the next morning to return them to the library.

Previously, laptops could only be rented within the hours that the library was open, and had to be returned 30 minutes before the library closed.

Sophomore Denver Heitger is excited about this change.

“My days are packed, and so now I will be capable of studying in a quiet place late at night, instead of trying to work around my schedule and the library.

Coming in October, students will have 24 hour access to the Kimbel Library, as well as laptop rental.

hours,” said Heitger.

This applies to many students that are busy with work, sports, and extra jobs. It will also give student groups a place to go later at night if they cannot meet during the day.

“Students can take advantage of these hours just by coming to the library,” said Burd. “We want it to be a place where they can study at night, do research and take advantage of the resources given to them.”

Students will be able to access any book or catalog they may need, and also access a quiet place to study no matter what time of the night or day it may be.

“Most colleges don’t have their libraries open for 24 hours, so this is kind of a big deal,” said Faix.

“It’s going to be an experiment, and I’m interested to see how students will use it. As long as students use it, we will continue it.”

Coastal expands academic programs by adding three new minors

NATALIE DIXON
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University has a new archeology and anthropology minor coming in the 2010 spring semester.

Anthropology is the understanding of cultures, the analysis of artifacts, the interpretation of artwork and the discovery of languages. It is the science of humankind and the study of the impact people have on others. Anthropology brings the past together with the present.

The course director is Cheryl Ward, Ph.D., a maritime archeologist and anthropologist who has studied how different cultures interact with seas, rivers, and oceans all across the world. She has first-hand experience in investigating shipwrecks hundreds of feet below the ocean’s surface in Turkey, and many other countries.

There are two courses being offered, ANTH 101: Primates, People and Prehistory, and ANTH 150: World’s Greatest Shipwrecks. Students may even find their passion and dig up the world’s next great artifact.

CCU is also offering a new graphic design program in the spring.

Graphic design is advertising art, and it appears everywhere in everyday life. Taking a look around, students see billboards, the covers of textbooks, magazines, MySpace layouts and the commercials on television. They are all part of graphic design.

Students may be thinking there is no way they can do graphic design because they have no artistic talent, but they don’t have to be the next Michelangelo to minor in graphic design. The course does, however, require students to take introductory drawing and two and three dimensional design classes.

The program is headed by Paul Olsen, and will be a major as soon as permission is given from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. This is expected sometime in October 2009. Other courses being offered this fall semester include intro to electronic design, publication design and web design.
Calendar

**MONDAY 14**
- Art Gallery Exhibit “The Art of Drawing”
  9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Edwards Building Room 129
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Book Drive
  11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Campus Wide
- Movie Night “The Proposal”
  9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**TUESDAY 15**
- Women’s Soccer vs. The Citadel
  6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  Soccer Field
- Refuge Ultimate Frisbee
  7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  Santee Field

**WEDNESDAY 16**
- Cultural Celebration
  11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  Prince Lawn

**THURSDAY 17**
- Tea and Ethics: "The Ethics of Organ Donation"
  4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  Edwards Building Room 152

**FRIDAY 18**
- Volleyball vs. UNC Charlotte
  6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  Williams-Brice Small Gym
- Women’s Soccer vs. East Carolina
  7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  Soccer Field

**SATURDAY 19**
- Volleyball vs. Western Carolina
  6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  Williams-Brice Small Gym
- CPB Casino Night
  8 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.
  Williams-Brice Room 153

**SUNDAY 20**
- All Souls Metaphysical Chapel
  10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  Wall Building Room 119

**CRIME LOG**

**Sept. 8**
**Public Drunk**
A CCU DPS officer observed two subjects who appeared to be drunk. The officer stopped the subjects and interviewed them. Both subjects were discovered to be drunk and were issued citations for public drunkenness. A sober driver was allowed to pick up the two subjects.

**Sept. 7**
**Drunkenness**
CCU DPS and Residence Life staff members observed two subjects being loud and cautioned them about the noise and had them return to their room. The subjects were told not to be back out that night. While on patrol in the area later the subjects were seen outside the building. Both subjects were determined to be underage, in the possession of alcohol and were arrested and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Sept. 5**
**Liquor Law Violation**
A CCU DPS officer was on patrol on Youpon Drive when they observed a subject with alcohol. The subject was identified and written a citation for open container in public. While the officer was dealing with this incident a vehicle approached with the passengers being loud enough that the officer stopped the vehicle. A bottle of liquor was discovered in the vehicle and a citation was written for the subject who admitted to possessing the alcohol. Both subjects were determined to be under the influence of alcohol, were charged with public drunkenness and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Sept. 2**
**Vandalism**
The complainant reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone had used spray paint on the bus stop shelter at the Wall building. The vandalism was observed and recorded by the officer as evidence. This incident is under investigation.

**Sept. 1**
**Unlawful Communication**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that a former significant other was repeatedly attempting to contact the victim by telephone and text message. The subject was contacted by a CCU DPS officer and told to stop this behavior.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Student Government did not have Senate this week due to the Labor Day holiday. Last week the five appointed positions of the Executive Board were announced and confirmed by the Senate.

The executive secretary is Joshilyn Wilson, a junior biology major from Simpsonville, South Carolina. Kelly Cann was named secretary of policy. Kelly is a junior recreation and sport management major from Rockville, Maryland. The secretary of finance is Gregory Dukes, a senior history major from Sayreville, New Jersey. Caitlin Sweeney was named secretary of public relations. Caitlin is a junior early childhood education major from West Islip, New York. Laura Porth, a junior recreation and sport management from Freehold, New Jersey will serve as parliamentarian.

During the first Senate meeting the student members of the campus judicial board were confirmed and Pat Singleton-Young was confirmed as an advisor. Congratulations to all appointed officers and Ms. Pat.

SGA Senate meets every Monday at 3 p.m. in the Wall Auditorium. If you are interested in joining student government please feel free to attend the next Senate meeting. As always if you have any questions or concerns you feel student government should address feel free to contact us. We are temporarily located in the Student Center room 206.

Dan Jolles
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Coastal continues to grow

Students have mixed opinions on Coastal Carolina University's sudden "growth spurt"

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

According to Coastal Carolina University's Web site, www.coastal.edu, CCU is one of the fastest growing universities in the state of South Carolina. Students from around the U.S. are attracted to the University's location, growing athletic programs, as well as some nationally accredited academic programs.

Each year CCU's incoming freshman class continues to grow. As stated on www.coastal.edu, the fall of 2006 freshman enrollment was at an all-time high of 1,500 students. In the fall of 2007, there were 1,655 freshmen, and by fall of 2009 there were approximately 1,825 new freshmen students and 700 transfer students.

Not only has the student population increased, new majors have blossomed as well. In the fall of 2006, a communication program was added, and according to Professor Steven Madden, Ph.D., it already had over 500 students in the program as of spring 2009.

With all this expansion in such a short time period, many students have opinions on how the university is affected.

Sophomore art Studio and graphic design major Ryan D'Allesandro is only in his second year at CCU, but has noticed differences at the start of the fall 2009 semester.

"There's a noticeable difference just passing through the halls, it feels a lot more crowded than last year," said D'Allesandro. "It's good that there are more people wanting to come to Coastal." As far as new majors being added, D'Allesandro is very excited, especially for the art department.

"Coastal starting a new graphic design program is great. There will be a huge shift in art studio majors going to graphic design. It may even bring in even more students. If this [graphic design] program goes well, it will help other aspects of the art department, such as photography," said D'Allesandro.

While there are many positives to CCU's growth, there are some negatives as well.

Sophomore English major Angela Pilon believes the University is expanding beyond what it can presently accommodate. Pilon also brought up the fact that some freshmen had to be housed in off campus hotel, Comfort Suites, until rooms were made available for them.

"I think they are just trying to go for size, and for the [student's] money. They aren’t looking at who they’re letting in. This is a really great academic school, and it seems that many students are focusing more on sports and the beach," explained Pilon. "It’s more like quantity over quality."

The editor speaks on CCU expansion

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

When I was a freshman at Coastal Carolina University, which was oh so very long ago in August of 2006, it was an extremely exciting time. Not only was it a time of personal accomplishment for myself, but it was an accomplishment for CCU as well. That fall semester, I was part of the largest freshman class CCU had ever seen.

That was three years ago. That was before the grass areas between University Boulevard and the tennis courts were taken over by parked cars, because there’s no other space to park. That was before computer labs had to be downsized and moved in order to make room for more classrooms, and vending machines were swapped for professor’s offices. Heck, this was way before some students had to be housed in an location off campus, a hotel, for the first few weeks of the semester until dorms were made available for them.

CCU is growing, and by huge leaps and bounds. Don’t get me wrong, I think it’s great (besides annoyances like parking and classroom shortages.) Growth definitely has its perks.

When I first enrolled at CCU, I declared an English major, even though I really wanted to do broadcast journalism. During freshman orientation, I was told that communication was a newly added major. I was overjoyed and couldn’t wait to see my adviser and have my major officially switched.

Since then, CCU continues to add new majors and programs. It continues to add new clubs and organizations, and even got its own radio station last year. CCU is stopping at nothing.

While it can be said that the University doesn’t have the facilities to accommodate such a growing student body, administration is doing all it can to make plans for new buildings, stadiums, and what do you know, maybe even a parking garage or two.

These are definitely exciting times for the Chanticleer community, and while I will not be around to see many of the new facilities, if any, I can only imagine what CCU will be like when I return as an alumnus to revisit my old stompin’ grounds. And who knows, I may even pick up the latest edition of The Chanticleer newspaper.

Coke replaces Pepsi products

Elijah Black
Staff Writer

Many students and faculty at Coastal Carolina University may have noticed the change of Pepsi to Coke vending companies over the past week. The vending was switched to Coke during Club Recruitment Day while students and faculty sipped on and devoured Pepsi products.

Dean Hudson, director of procurement and business services at CCU explained the recent change.

"The beverage vending contract was at end of its 5-year term this year. As for most vendor contracts, a solicitation for bids has to be placed by the University or by the State of South Carolina for a new contract. The solicitation process is in place to encourage open competition. The recent beverage vending solicitation was handled by the State of South Carolina’s Materials Management Office. Coca-Cola was the successful bidder, and their contract began on September 1, 2009."

No more Gatorade after morning or afternoon workouts, no more Doritos or Lay’s Potato Chips with a delicious Quiznos’s sandwich, no more Tropicana with breakfast in the CINO Grille.

When students were asked if they preferred Coke products rather than Pepsi products, most of the students were very critical and biased toward Coke.

Tiffany Castell, an English Major of Coastal Carolina University says, “Coke taste like water that has a lemon dropped in it.”

Most students who were asked about the Coke and Pepsi preference sided with Pepsi. Unfortunately, the State of South Carolina is only concerned with highest bid. And Coke is obviously the winner of the bid.
Parking passes rise

SARAH LINBLADE
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University students may have noticed the change in the price of parking passes this year. The price has gone up from $25 last year, to $50 this year. The price for parking, considering that it is a privilege that every student is able to have a car on campus, is disproportionately low. According to Provost Robert Sheehan, prices have increased to help fund additional paved parking in years to come.

There are plans to add new parking spaces, however, CCU has yet to have an overflow on parking. The two overflow lots are located in front of the student medical center and across the street when turning off of S01 onto University Boulevard. These lots are not as full as other parking lots.

Bicycling and skateboarding around campus are suggested to keep walking to a minimum. The school has begun ticketing and towing students who have parked in handicapped spots.

For a list of parking offenses and their fine, see the parking manual given to students when he or she purchases a parking pass.

Sidewalks, benches benefit CCU

CCU adds new sidewalks and benches for the benefit and leisure of students

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

New cement sidewalks and benches have been placed around the Conway campus of Coastal Carolina University. With the increasing growth of the University, the sidewalks and sitting areas have proved to be beneficial to the student body.

According to Provost Robert Sheehan, the sidewalk positioning was selected by “Following the cow paths” made by students. Students’ consistent walking patterns allowed University officials to easily determine the best locations for the sidewalks.

The new cement slabs allow students easier access to buildings. According to many students, the sidewalk also acts as a “short cut,” making it easier to get to classes faster.

“I hated tracking through the dirt,” said sophomore English major, Jessica Mason. “The new side walk connecting Prince and Edwards is so much better than the dirt path that was originally there. And it’s so much quicker. Now I can get to Edwards without having to walk through Prince Lawn or getting dirt in my flip flops.”

Many students are grateful that they are able to “see” where the University’s money is being spent.

“So often we hear about Coastal’s money going to this place and that place,” said senior political science major Ryan Moore, “but it’s nice to actually see where it’s going. It’s nice to actually personally benefit from a project”

“Most of us won’t benefit from the field house or the science building. I haven’t seen any changes in parking since I enrolled, other than less and less space available. But the sidewalks, although they are a very minute change, I can actually use them and I can personally benefit from them,” said Moore.

Students are also finding the new benches placed around campus beneficial.

“It’s so upsetting that the gazebos are designated for smoking,” said Lauren Stockton, “but the benches are nice. It’s nice to have a place to read a book outside or to go to friends before classes.”

Before the benches were put in, there was very little outdoor seating. So the benches are definitely useful.”

President Obama looks to reform healthcare

The new president seeks to change America’s healthcare system for the better

DAVE WARD
Staff Writer

Republican opposition is testing the unity of the democratic majority and the leadership of President Barrack Obama.

The Obama administration sought to avoid the mistakes of prior democrat administrations in two key ways. First, the White House had closed door meetings with pharmaceutical companies in order to negotiate acceptable terms to the industry. In addition, other groups such as the American Medical Association (AMA) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), were also brought into the pro reform camp before any attempts at overhauling the system were made.

According to Evan Tracy, president of Campaign Media Analysis Group, the early coalition building has given the pro reform agenda a two to one spending advantage in media buys.

A move from Sun Tzu’s the art of war, Obama eliminated potential opponents, while simultaneously gaining new allies.

Second, the Obama administration sought to establish broad principles and allow the democratic majority in congress to write the legislation.

The Senate’s Health, Education, Labor and Pension (HELP) Committee proposal would require all individuals to possess a minimum level of health coverage. The requirement would be enforced through a tax penalty determined by the treasury secretary.

The House Tri-Committee plan would require all individuals to have “acceptable” coverage. The requirement would be enforced through a 2 percent income tax.

The proposal creates a National Health Insurance Exchange with four levels of benefits. In addition it creates a public plan to compete with private insurers, and expands Medicaid eligibility. Employers would be required to offer coverage to employees or pay 8 percent into the Health Insurance Exchange Trust Fund.

The House GOP plan does not mandate health coverage. The draft proposal would create a “Universal Access Program,” regulated by the states, that guarantees access to affordable coverage.
They all attended Coastal Carolina University. They all spent at least four years, thousands of dollars and countless hours (at least we’d like to think) studying in Kimbel Library and writing their thesis papers. They all experienced CCU football, learned how to party all night and still make it to that 8 a.m. class, and they all watched the university grow over the past few years. They even walked across the stage in Brooks Stadium, complete with diploma in hand.

They are all recent CCU alumni. They’ve been the college student, they’ve experienced firsthand what it’s like to try and find a job in the tough economy and they’ve certainly mailed out hundreds of copies of resumes. Where has all this gotten them, and most importantly, what are they doing now as recent CCU graduates?

Claire Arambula, a May 2009 graduate with a Bachelor’s of Arts in English and a minor in Spanish, as well as the 2008-2009 editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer has worked several different jobs since graduation, and is currently employed with Newby, Sartip, Masel & Casper, LLC law firm in Myrtle Beach. She also is a paid freelance for the Carolina Forest Chronicle. Despite all the hectic deadlines of being editor of The Chanticleer, as well as the sleepless nights and stress along with class work, Arambula admits she misses college.

“I miss my friends, I miss working on the newspaper and the extracurricular activities. Now that I am out, I actually miss the studying, too. I didn’t realize how interesting it was and how much I really enjoyed it until now. If I could go back to senior year, I would. I don’t think I’d change a thing. I made great friends, learned from some great professors and really felt like school, and my office, was my second home. I really think my college experience shaped who I am today,” said Arambula.

On giving advice to seniors, Arambula says to be flexible. “You might land that perfect job out of college, but it’s not very likely. Try to enjoy your last year of school. As glamorous as graduation sounds, when it’s over, it’s over, and you’ll be wishing you could go back,” said Arambula.

Former CCU baseball player and communication major Joey Haug also graduated this past May. He was recently hired as an assistant baseball coach at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

“Life’s been hectic, as I’m sure it is for anyone graduating in this economy. I moved around a couple times, and until I got my job, I basically just worked odd jobs trying to keep my head above water without relying too much on my parents,” said Haug.

As far as missing college, Haug says he misses the lifestyle more than anything. “I had an absolute blast during college, and wouldn’t change or do one thing different. I feel like I enjoyed my time so much that I couldn’t keep up the partying, going out and staying up all hours of the night. I needed to move on and grow up a little bit, and I guess that’s part of getting older,” said Haug.

Some graduates had it easier than others when it came to finding a job. Meghan Miller, a December 2008 communication graduate was hired as an online journalist at WMBF News, the NBC affiliate station for Myrtle Beach and Florence, after her internship with the station. She was still a full time student at CCU at the time.

“If I wouldn’t have been at the right place at the right time, I often wonder if I would have had my big break yet. It’s a dog-eat-dog world, but if you do things like I go after your dreams, and go after them hard,” said Miller.

As far as future plans, Miller has signed on with WMBF for the next three years. Next year, she plans to get her degree and go to graduate school. The only requirements are that students have at least a 2.5 GPA. They will need to fill out an application and provide a letter of recommendation from a member of the CCU faculty.

Students can join the organization at any time, no matter how late in the semester. New members are always encouraged to come out. The next meeting will serve as a new member information session and will take place on Sept. 22, at Handley’s in Conway at 6 p.m. Food will be provided. For more information, stop by Atheneum Hall, room 200B, or contact Melinda Howard at mthoward@coastal.edu.
Advancements in technology effects learning

Computers, the internet and many other technological advancements not only effect students, but also how they learn

ALEX HANSEN  
Staff Writer

Technology is constantly evolving and Coastal Carolina University, along with the rest of the educational system, is constantly refining how their professors communicate classroom material to students. Technology is at the core of that process.

This technological evolution is dramatically changing the environment of the classroom. Fewer professors stand in the front of the room simply conducting a lecture or leading a discussion. At CCU, students have the option of taking online courses, where they will never sit in a classroom. Most will not know who their classmates are or even what their professor looks like.

Currently, the most common course is a hybrid of the classroom and the internet; courses that use Blackboard for assignments, tests and discussions, and meet in the classroom three hours each week. Within the classroom, students are seeing power point presentations, typing their own notes and watching film clips to keep their attention on the lecture and to help enhance the material.

Students take their computers to class in order to take notes more quickly. However, they also have the constant temptation in front of them to jump on the Internet. Hannah Jordan-Grippo, a junior English major, said that she has seen students use their laptops to Google authors but admitted, “Most of the computers I see are opened to Facebook, and occasionally pop over to another screen to jot down some quick notes.”

Being able to learn additional information during a class is a unique perk but sometimes students are learning less because of it. Pat Nemes, a senior political science major, laughed when asked what laptops are used for in class.

“I know that all my friends do is look up videos or watch movies during class,” said Nemes.

Sara Sanders, Ph.D, professor of English said, “I love the idea of computers in the classroom.” Sanders said that she preferred teaching English 101 in a computer lab classroom, even with the distractions.

“During lecture, I had forgotten the century an author had written in and a student looked it up on his iPhone for me right on the spot,” said Sanders.

Technology has given people the tools to find just about anything they need to know in a matter of minutes, and much more.

With this rise of technology, some critics think something is being lost in translation, or just being pushed aside.

William Deresiewicz mentions in his article, “The End of Solitude” that “reading now means skipping and skimming; five minutes on the same Web page is considered an eternity.”

Gradually, focus and concentration are being lost as students lose their ability to sit long enough to listen to a lecture or read a book.

Some classes ban any electronic device in the classroom. The professors believe students learn best by holding a real book and taking notes by hand. How students choose to use technology and whether they enhance or detract from their own learning is always a choice. Educational institutions have chosen to grow with technology rather than against it, but many students seem to have chosen technology without the education.
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A deeper look inside at what effects strip clubs have on the women who work there, and in our own society.
Famous faces that started as strippers

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Many college girls start out with goals to finish school and start careers, but end up making such good money dancing that they abandon these goals.

Durham says this isn't always the case, and she has a great respect for many women who have paid their way through college by dancing and went on to achieve their aspirations.

There are still many dangers for women working in this type of environment. Besides the widespread use of drugs and alcohol in these clubs, these women are very vulnerable to sexual exploitation, unwanted touching and even stalking.

There are also many psychological factors. Many women who strip begin to believe it is all they have to offer, or all men will want out of them. They become disillusioned with society.

Strip clubs offer substantial monetary gain, but little insight into the real world. Students who choose this route may see a very bleak, narrow glimpse of society and its contributors. The influence it may have on young women physically and psychologically could prove to be permanent.

**Editor's note: names have been changed to protect identity.**
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A sunny Friday afternoon is the perfect time to unwind at the Market Common and Air Force Base, but this past one was made to blame it on the boogie. The annual Beach Boogie BBQ was held just across the street from the stretch of shops at the Common. Our “John McCain” got to enjoy fresh squeezed lemonade, walk around booths, and be spun around the SC Lottery’s wheel of fortune.
Headbands exhibit great sense of style

Headbands make a bold fashion statement and are the perfect accessory to any outfit.

KRISTEN PORTNEY
Staff Writer

Expressing personal style and fashion trends happens all over your body. The two best places for this display are on your feet and on your head. Since school has started and everyone needs to start getting their noggin’ into gear, what better place to make a fashion statement then on top of all that brain power? The best way to do this is by using headbands, hats, clips, necklaces, seashells, basically anything you can get your hands on to express yourself.

Just ask local headband designers Haley Mcmanus and Catie Adams. They prove this with their line, “Fecks Girlfriend,” crafting whimsical headpieces made from unsuspected materials such as recycled fabrics, netting from produce bags and various elements from nature ranging from pinecones to seashells. All of this goes into creating one of kind pieces that are handmade and inspiring. When asked where they draw their inspiration from the ladies responded “Junk, lots of junk, vintage styles and nature.”

When I first saw a bin of Mcmanus’ and Adams’ creations I became enamored with each playful piece, insisting to place every single one on top of my head. Wearing a headband by “Fecks Girlfriend” feels feminine as well as eco-friendly. Who said you couldn’t have best of both worlds?

Don’t feel limited. If playing make believe on top of your head seems a bit too daring, there are plenty of other ways to attain a fresh and stylish look without breaking out of the comfy box.

Get creative. You don’t have to be as hands on to create a look that is unique, just take something you already have and turn it into something new. Try a necklace on as a headband. Take an old hat and wrap a scarf around it. Cut or color your hair, buy a curling iron, try an up-do, and recognize that style goes beyond tangible articles of clothing and accessories. Have fun with a new style and keep your head up.

You can check out and buy headbands from Mcmanus and Adams at www.etsy.com. Look specifically under sellers: FecksGirlfriend. Go and check out these one-of-a-kind headbands and other quirky trinkets and support your local designers.

I love clothes,
Kristen V. Portney
The Bitchin' Column

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

Last week, Sgt. Klay South, 25, was shot with an AK-47 in the mouth, blowing off most of his jaw, while attempting to clear a house in Iraq. On Aug. 26, Cpl. Chris Bickel, 20, suffered extensive damage to his legs when a rocket launcher was triggered and blew through a wall, striking his humvee. Cpl. Ryan Walsh, 22, was wounded in Afghanistan after a grenade exploded 20 feet from his position, taking shrapnel in his legs and breaking both tibias.

I recently attended a bootcamp graduation in Parris Island where hundreds of men earned their title as Marines; one in particular was my brother, William Lacey, the youngest of three, my parents' only son. As I watched him march across the parade deck, I was brought to tears by his courage and commitment.

When I arrived to campus the next Monday, still painted on my back windshield was “Honk if you love USMC.” I had forgotten to wash it off after returning from Parris Island and it was visible to CCU students.

As I walked back toward my vehicle after class, I noticed a piece of paper stuck to the back of my SUV, written over the letters “USMC” in red marker was a large “X.” The first thing that came to mind was Sgt. South, Cpl. Bickel and Cpl. Walsh, and their sacrifices that allowed this person their “freedom” of speech.

While this student is attending college, walking around campus freely and expressing his views on the back of my vehicle, these three Marines were lying in a hospital.

Marines could have had the simple conveniences of life like driving down paved roads rather than dusty roads laced with improvised explosive devices. They could take a hot shower rather than hosing off from a water truck that leaks from bullet holes. They could remain with their families, become fathers.

Instead, these men choose to be Marines. They choose to fight and give college students like us and the rest of America the rights we take for granted every day.

Therefore, my request to the CCU community is: If you are not willing to stand behind our Marines, please feel free to stand in front of them.

Food

Berni’s Café is tasty; easy prices

A Conway restaurant offers a unique taste on a college student budget

CHARLES EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Berni’s Café, located at 1028 3rd Ave. in downtown Conway was opened by owners Nate and Shawna Palmer to give the people of Conway a taste of some of their mouthwatering, American style café and deli dishes. In the restaurant business for a combined 30 years, the Palmers have been serving Conway locals for over a year and half.

Accompanied with a friend, I decided to order the “Angus Steak Sandwich,” a spinach cake, and the special of the day taco salad. The “Angus Steak Sandwich is 100 percent certified Angus beef that has been slowly roasted for 10 hours and served with a provolone cream sauce in between a hoagie roll. The combination literally melts in your mouth.

Next, I moved to the spinach cake. However, don’t let the name scare you. It tastes unbelievable as it is a freshly prepared cake made with baby spinach, fresh Italian mozzarella, bread crumbs, a secret blend of family seasonings and baked to a golden brown. According to Nate Palmer, “The spinach cake is what put Berni’s on the map.”

This neat, Conway restaurant is home to the mouthwatering “Angus Steak Sandwich.”

After I devoured everything in sight, I was left with no choice but to grab a fork and attack my friend’s taco salad. It was by far the best salad I’ve ever tasted as it is topped with ground beef, cheese, an assortment of beans, Doritos and drizzled with a French dressing. Need I even say more?

Overall, Berni’s Café is a great place to go for a freshly prepared “home-style” meal. The food is delicious, the service is friendly, the scenery is “café-like,” and the prices are reasonably low. I would highly recommend Berni’s Café to any college student who is sick of the quick fix “whopper” and “Subway” scene. Why not dish out a couple more bucks and enjoy an over-the-top sit-down lunch or dinner every now and then?

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, this fall, Berni’s will be having half price appetizers, plus food and drink specials from 10 p.m. until midnight. Be sure to stop by and check it out.

Texting and driving proves to be common and dangerous

NICOLE HOLLEY
Features Editor

It is a typical Friday. I’m driving in the afternoon traffic, trying to make it home safely. The red two-door Sunfire in front of me is not only driving slow enough to move backwards, but he is also swerving in and out of his lane. Irate, I pull to the right lane to pass by the obviously distracted driver. As I look over to glare at him, as is customary while driving in South Carolina, and I see the “oh so pertinent” distraction. He is text-messaging someone on his cell phone.

Texting is one of the number one issues of driving in modern society. Unfortunately, statistics show that teenagers and young adults ages 16 to 24 are the main culprits.

According to a study done by Virginia Tech, a person is almost eight times as likely to crash while texting in the car.

Scary results considering another study released by Edgar Snyder & Associates, a law firm that represents many injured due to car crashes, reported that 50 percent of all drivers between the ages of 18 and 24 text while driving.

Many states have or are trying to ban cell-phone use while driving. However, only 14 states currently have laws prohibiting their use while operating a motor vehicle.

Although it is a state issue, the federal government has decided to get involved. Much like they did with drinking and driving, government officials are beginning to threaten states with a 25 percent loss of highway money until they pass some type of law banning cell-phone use in cars.

As you climb into your vehicle every day, your complete focus should be on one thing: the road. When you climb behind the wheel, you take the lives of countless others into your hands. Be aware, and be smart.
CHAUNCY SHOWDOWN

Have strip clubs become an accepted part of our society?

Dave Ward
Staff Writer

Sex sells. This simple fact does more to illuminate the truth than any other. The magazines we read, the television and movies we watch, just like the clothes we wear are all rooted in the expression of human sexuality. Since the dawn of time sex has been at the center of society. Yet, while we worship at the altar of movie stars, who openly flaunt their sex appeal, our society stigmatizes those who embrace their sexuality in public.

The puritanical moralist and pro feminist seek to brand exotic dancers with the scarlet letter of immorality. Many people look down on strippers, or exotic dancers because they feel these women, or people for that matter, are degrading to our society as a whole.

Gentlemen’s clubs are castigated as dens of decadence abhorrent to the good of cities and souls. Too often the preachers of morality talk values on Sunday and VIP on Monday, and too often the advocates of equality are proponents of pro choice on Tuesday and pro burkas on Wednesday.

But pay no attention to the repressed or the oppressive, you know the truth; sex sells. It is a fact. Politicians orate on family values and proper society in the light of day. City leaders encourage adult entertainment as a tourism and economic development strategy in the dark of night. We hear a lot of talk about personal responsibility, hard work, and sacrifice. Yet when a single mother works hard and sacrifices to provide opportunity for her child she’s condemned as immoral or a victim of an unruly society.

Ultimately, the truth is simple; sex sells because we buy it. We work so we might satisfy our needs and no need is greater than that of passion. Exotic dancers are in the business of human fulfillment. Dances start at twenty, but the experience is priceless.

Nicole Holley
Features Editor

Strip Clubs are a multi-billion dollar industry. They earn more money than any other form of entertainment, besides maybe pornography. I have been to a few and made some definite decisions that while there is some fun to had, the bad outweighs the "goods."

These days most men make the excuse of going to the strip club in order not to cheat on their wives. In today’s "sex sells" society, it seems that this type of deviant behavior is considered typical and even expected. Most wives and girlfriends have no problems with their husbands and boyfriends going to these types of clubs. Perhaps I have an old-fashioned set of morals and values or perhaps others have forgotten theirs.

Out of all of the strip clubs in Myrtle Beach, there is only one that is a male revue. Why is that? Is it perhaps because we wouldn’t enjoy seeing half-naked, well toned men writhing around the stage, or is it because we respect the men we are in relationships with and/or our self enough not to go looking for trouble?

Not only that, women in these clubs expose themselves to many dangers. They will most likely be offered drugs and alcohol in order to make that first dance go a little easier, and they may have to deal with violence from customers or owners themselves. I would like to think that every topless bar had strict regulations on these types of things, but I know it’s not possible.

All in all, it is promoted as a glamorous way to live. Young impressionable, college girls may even believe it.

Every day we women are fighting for equality with men. Throughout history we have fought to be equivalent and maintained that we have the same if not more intelligence than any man, but with things like "little bars" we have taken two steps back.

Not only have women lost ground, but society in general has lost track of basic values. We all have so much more to offer than our bodies to society and the minute that "exotic dancer" steps on stage, she can lie to herself or to you all she wants, but she knows the truth. Unfortunately she is the one who must live with her actions.

And the men who frequent these places must live with theirs. All I have to ask is do you kiss your daughter, your mother, or your sister with the same mouth you kissed the stripper with last night?
No. 39 fullback Tommy Fraser tries to run the ball through the tough Kent State defense on Sept. 3. The Chanticleers fell 18-0.

Chants are hopeful for 2009 season

CCU students are not only supportive of the football team for the 2009 season, they are also very excited for games to come.

DANIELLA CAPRA
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The Coastal Carolina University Chanticleer football team returns for the 2009 football season. Players have been participating in intense workout routines to enhance stamina and are hoping to win big. Though the Chanticleers got off to a rough start with an 18-0 loss at Kent State University Thursday, Sept. 3rd, fans are still enthusiastic about the upcoming season.

CCU senior Chuck O'Conner is just one of those fans. “I'm very excited for this season, especially the Clemson game! I'm going to try to be more optimistic and hopefully we will win more this season,” said O’Conner.

Students are also getting psyched for the Halloween game at Clemson University, which is one of the most anticipated games this year.

Junior Wes Crooks gave a big “hell yeah” when asked if he would be watching the Chanticleers take on the Tigers. “There will definitely be more supporters at games this year since the team seems to be more experienced this season,” said Ryan Hastinings, another CCU senior.

Tickets for all football games are now being sold online or can be picked up at the Athletic Office. Tickets are $20.00 for teal chair backs with the remainder of the seats being $15.00. Let’s go chants!
OPINION

Vick returns to pro football

People express love and hate for the return of Michael Vick

DENNIS HAMMOND
Staff Writer

Michael Vick. His name brings controversy, debate, and emotion. After being incarcerated in the federal prison system for 23 months, Vick finally is returning to the NFL. In the regular season, Vick will be sporting a Philadelphia Eagles jersey.

However, Vick may not have the limelight he once did. Now he may have to earn his playing time, and will probably no longer be the poster boy for professional football. The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback was once one of the most beloved athletes in the world. However, Vick has faced numerous lawsuits against him that make him less popular.

According to www.msnbc.com, in 2006 Vick was sued by an Atlanta woman who claimed he contracted genital herpes after intercourse with him and later settled the case out of court. In 2007 Vick was found to be in possession of marijuana which was stashed in a 20 ounce water bottle in a Miami airport. In May of 2007 word leaked that Vick was involved in a dog fighting ring, placing bets of $30,000-$40,000 on fights.

The debate now lies: should Vick be able to play football again?

Jack Masters, a senior finance major at Coastal Carolina University says Vick should be able to play again.

“I am actually excited to watch him play. Michael acknowledged that he made more than one mistake. He admitted he was living a bad lifestyle. He now has the opportunity to redeem himself. I will stand by him, I will cheer for him, and I hope the best for him in the future,” says Masters.

Audrey Dunlap, a senior psychology major at CCU has a different opinion.

“Even though I don’t watch football, I am disgusted that a person who killed innocent dogs will get to play in the NFL and make millions of dollars again. I am a proud owner of a dog, and I could never imagine hurting my dog. Not to mention he smoked marijuana, and had unprotected sex. I really disagree with the NFL on this issue,” says Dunlap.

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BE HEARD

What do you think about the return of Michael Vick to the NFL?

Eric Gods
Communication major
“I like it, what’s done is done”

Brandon Robinson
Sport management major
“I’m glad he got a second chance and I hope he does well on and off the field, but not when he plays the Giants”

Ryan Canfield
Communication major
“I don’t have a problem with it. He served his time”

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