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CCU looks to add new frat this spring

Greek life expands at Coastal with a new addition

DEREK FRIMPONG
For The Chanticleer

Over this past semester a long and arduous process was conducted by a select committee at Coastal Carolina University on what to do concerning Greek life expansion on campus.

The committee gathered several potential new groups, and then narrowed the list of fraternity organizations down to eight.

Once selected, the final eight fraternities had to then submit information from their national headquarters to be scrutinized by CCU's committee, and it was narrowed down to three top organizations.

During the selection process, the main criterion CCU was looking for was the fraternity that could perhaps establish the biggest positive influence for CCU based on the organization's ideals. As of now, the three organizations are: Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Tau and Phi Gamma Delta.

A few days ago each organization had a national representative present a case for why that particular fraternity should be selected and allowed onto CCU's campus. A final consensus will be in a few days on which organization will be active on CCU's campus next semester.

In the Greek community there is a consensus on what this expansion means for the university.

Sophomore Randall Harper, president of the inter-fraternity council believes adding another fraternity is beneficial because it allows Greek life to have a better campus presence.

"This is a great idea, it brings more extracurricular choices to the table for students to participate in if some of the other organizations aren't for them," said sophomore Christian Resio.

It has been years since CCU has allowed a new fraternity to step onto campus. With more choices, competition in the Greek community is raised which pressures existing fraternities to do better to compete. This allows more students in the growing CCU community to find an organization they like and make a difference in it's future.

Once the new organization is selected, further information will be released concerning recruitment in the beginning of the Spring 2010 and semester. Any interested students are encouraged to learn about Greek life.

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Phi Mu Alpha enhances music; brotherhood

EUGENE BELLAMY
For The Chanticleer

Phi Mu Alpha was founded on Oct. 6, 1898 at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA by Ossian Everett Mills. The Rho Nu Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha was founded on Nov. 2, 2008 at Coastal Carolina University.

The purpose of this organization is to enhance music in America and to uplift mankind. Phi Mu Alpha seeks not the talents within the man, but the man beholding of the talents.

Phi Mu Alpha welcomes any male who has a passion for music, whether a music major or not.

"The brotherhood like no other drew me to Phi Mu Alpha. It feels great to be a part of this organization, personally just like any other day, just a little sweeter," said Andre Culbreath, a CCU student.

"The fraternal spirit I saw demonstrated helped me in my decision to join Phi Mu Alpha. If feels like I've accomplished a lot and have become more ambitious because I set a goal and reached it," said Leroy McCoy, another student and active member of the organization.

Culbreath and McCoy are the newest members of Phi Mu Alpha, and they both agreed to do the best they can to exemplify the values and principles that Phi Mu Alpha instills as new brothers to the outstanding organization on campus.

Phi Mu Alpha spends a good amount of time doing community service at local nursing homes. The founder known as Father Mills, founded the Mills Music Mission, which is an outreach and fellowship mission program that gives those in need an instrument to uplift their spirits. This is the major event that the organization is centered around.

"I joined Phi Mu Alpha to be a part of something bigger than me, to improve the music life at Coastal and to network. I have gotten to know a lot of really good people, and the values of this organization lift and keep me up even when I'm down," said Jilian Litwer, a charter member of Phi Mu Alpha at CCU.

All three brothers of Phi Mu Alpha agreed that they are very excited about the opportunities they have as an organization to make an impact on CCU's campus.

For more information about Phi Mu Alpha and how to become a member, contact chapter president Marvin Davis via email at mddavis@coastal.edu.
CRIME LOG

Nov. 23
Suspicious activity, weapon law violations, disturbing a school
A CCU DPS officer observed suspicious activity near the Gardens residence area and investigated. Officers discovered two subjects in the area and stopped the subjects. Both subjects were found in possession of weapons which were seized as evidence. The subjects were interviewed and identified. One subject chose to give a statement. Both subjects were given citations and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Nov. 29
Trespass warning
CCU DPS officers responded to the Rivers residence area in reference to a non-resident who needed to be removed from the property. Officers found the subject in the presence of residence life staff members. The subject was escorted to the RHSB and waited for a ride there. The subject was given verbal warning not to be on the property after hours.

Nov. 30
Larceny
The victim came to the CCU DPS office to report that personal property belonging to the victim was taken from the Edwards Building without permission. The property had not been turned in to any lost and found at the time of the report. This incident is under investigation.

Dec. 1
Hit and run with property damage
A CCU DPS Security Officer while on patrol observed damage to a post and chain fence and a fire hydrant. The Security Officer called for assistance from a Law Enforcement Officer. It was determined that a vehicle had caused the damage and then left the scene. The authorities responsible for the fire hydrant were contacted and responded to repair it. The vehicle was located a short time later. The subject was located and identified. The subject was written a citation for leaving the scene of an accident and released.

Cover photos * by Kevin Young

Corrections
The Chanticleer is committed to accuracy. Please contact the editor to report mistakes at thechanticleer@gmail.com or 843-349-2330. In volume, issues 14 of The Chanticleer, page 8, the “Best/Worst Roommate” stories were written by Nicole Holley.

In the same issue, on page 8, the headline should read, “Affirmative action always proves to be debatable topic.”

Letters to the editor and submissions are welcome from the CCU community. Submissions should not exceed 300 words and must include the name and phone number. Submission does not guarantee publication. The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit for libel, style and space.

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Thermostats raise heat in dorms

Students in dorms have no control over temperature

NICOLE HOLLEY
Features Editor

Students living in the dorms have been experiencing issues with room temperature and thermostats recently. There have been complaints of rooms being too cold, too hot or simply uncomfortable. Because of state mandates and financial concerns to keep living costs low, students do not have control over the room thermostats.

Every thermostat in each dorm is set to 74 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature is set campus wide in every building. Students have taken measures into their own hands at times and many have messed with thermostats in order to make rooms colder or warmer.

“We hold a light up to the thermostat because it gets really hot in our room and that tricks the air into turning on,” said physical education major Amber Carozza.

This has resulted in broken thermostats in many of dorms, and many students feel they should be able to control the thermostats.

“Many thermostats have been broken or melted due to students tampering with them, and now maintenance will have to replace these thermostats, which can be costly.”

“We’re paying to live there so we should have control over how hot or cold it is,” said Arielle Tighe, a CCU student.

Both Sannee Cooper and Horry Electric have gone up on their bills and will continue to raise them in the coming year,” said Will Garland, the vice president of finance and facilities.

The state has mandated that CCU cut energy costs by one percent each year for the next five years.

Freshman resident Christina covers the vents in her dorm to try to control the temperature.

Nicole Wesley, the resident director for the Waccamaw Building says CCU’s system is a little behind.

“The system here is not as up-to-date as some others,” said Wesley. Some of the dorms are older than others and have outdated heating and cooling systems.

Dean of Students Haven Hart is working to ensure that students living in the dorms are heard.

“Don’t believe we can look at classrooms the way we look at residence halls,” said Hart, who believes that while students sit in a classroom for a small amount of time, dorms are personal living spaces where one needs to be comfortable.

“My goal as dean of students is to do what I can to make students’ living environment conducive to work and study.”

Hart says she plans to look into the situation in the summer months and see how the administration can cut costs in these months so there is a wiggle room when the students are in the dorms.

Coming to CCU is a new experience for students. In their first years in college, dorm life should garner new independence for students while also providing a comfortable study and work environment, but that isn’t always feasible.

“In the morning it’s cold. Then at night it gets very hot. Personally I think we should at least have a word in it,” said Melekia Simpson, a resident in the Woods.

Students earn awards at UN conference

CCU’s delegation stands out among hundreds

DAVE WARD
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University made its fifth consecutive appearance at the Southern Regional Model United Nations (SERMUN), during which CCU’s delegation exceeded everyone’s expectations.

Hosted annually in Atlanta, SERMUN brings together 70 schools and some fifteen hundred students from across the South to both compete and learn during a three day mock United Nations session.

CCU’s delegation played the role of China, despite the delegation’s overall deficit in experience and small number, they won big, bringing back several awards.

Faculty advisors Ken Rogers, Ph.D., and Min Ye, Ph.D., led a team of a few veterans and several green horns to the 20th session atSERMUN held Nov. 19 to 21.

CCU’s delegation spent the entire semester in preparation for this event, and meetings were held once a week to learn about the UN and the team’s country, as well as practicing procedural techniques.

After three grueling days of motions, caucuses and all-nighters CCU’s delegation was recognized with both personal distinction and group excellence.

Johnathan Young and first-timeer Caitlin Spahr were both recognized as outstanding delegates. Matt Cleary and Kriszina Szabo won their ICJA case in a five to three decision.

As a team CCU’s delegation received the position paper award, which is awarded based upon a cumulative score of each team member’s paper.

“The team did extremely well, their performance exceeded my expectations, with only three returning members. It shows Coastal’s potential,” said veteran team leader Matt Cleary.

“Personally I feel there is no better experience than the model UN, it keeps you on your feet and gives you experience you’ll need later in life regardless of what you do,” said Cleary concerning on how SERMUN can benefit a student’s future.

“It was awesome, it was a great experience. We learned more about how the UN works and the way countries interact with each other. It’s great for people who want to pursue a career in that field,” said Jessica Kata.

“The whole college was very proud of the team’s achievements, and that is a demonstration of when students succeed the university succeeds,” said Bill Richardson, Ph.D., dean of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, during the final meeting of the team before the conference held in Atlanta.

Any student interested in learning more about SERMUN is encourage to visit www.sermun.org.
City of Conway tries to connect more with CC

CCU's hometown tries to bridge the gap with the university

LUKE SCHLECHTE
Staff Writer

For many college towns around the nation, the pride of the school is seen reverberating through the streets, the practically the heartbeat of the community. For Coastal Carolina University, it may seem that many students aren’t quite connected to its hometown of Conway.

One of the main reasons of this could possibly be CCU’s location. Because the school is placed on the outskirts of Conway, and not more centrally located, students may find it hard to fully immerse themselves in the charm. Furthermore, much of the housing for students is also located near the edge of town or even past city limits.

To help bridge the gap between CCU students and Conway, the Conway Chamber of Commerce has tried to install several plans.

Bridgett Johnson, executive vice president of the Conway Chamber of Commerce, has made the effort personal. Certainly, the chamber has helped the cause by planning CCU activities, installing teal CCU banners throughout downtown Conway and organizing the homecoming parade, but Johnson has tried to take an extra step.

“I thought that my teaching here would here would help turn students onto Conway,” said Johnson.

Johnson, who teaches a public relations course at CCU, feels that students may not know enough about Conway to spend time and money there. “There is an awareness issue,” said Johnson, “we need to do a better job reaching out.”

Johnson said that CCU students do not have enough exposure to media that will attract students to Conway, such as ads in a publication like this one.

An obvious attraction away from Conway is the excitement of Myrtle Beach. When nightlife is a priority to students, Conway just falls short. Trying to bring change are places like the Crafty Rooster, said Johnson, which is a CCU-themed sports bar located at 1125 Third Avenue.

Even with the work of the chamber, Johnson stresses that the merchants of Conway could really make a difference in bringing in more students.

“Tapping merchants willing to reach out to students is the key,” said Johnson, adding that students are looking for a variety of stores and that perhaps more student discounts could be offered.

Stores like “Gypsy’s Boutique” and “The Gentle Cycle” are places that could be appealing to college students, especially females. One place sure to offer homage to discount shoppers is the “Country Cottage,” located near the corner of Main St. and Third Ave.

CCU’s Colorguard promotes school spirit in downtown Conway during the Homecoming Parade

Owner Annie Smith said that “Country Cottage” is the official sorority outfitter of CCU and, with its work with CCU, has branched out to carry catalogs with 23 other universities around the country.

“We carry a Greek clothing line and merchandise for all Greek life,” said Smith. Many types of clothing can be found at “Country Cottage,” in all different types of fashions. “We give a 10 percent discount to any CCU student, faculty or staff.”

The fact students are not aware of businesses in Conway which is extremely detrimental to the connection between the two.

With that in mind Conway City Hall has put in ideas on how to solve this problem.

“It is our plan right now to install a bus route to bring students into Conway,” said Assistant City Administrator Barbara Blain-Olds.

Blain-Olds continues to explain that the route would have multiple purposes, including showcasing Conway and alleviating the problem of parking, another reason why students might shy away from downtown Conway.

The City of Conway has made it a point of emphasis to make CCU its own. “It was very different when the college was part of a university system,” said Blain-Olds, “but when Coastal Carolina became an independent university, the city recognized a great opportunity.”

Blain-Olds stressed that Conway has put in biking paths, encouraged kayaking and water activities on the Waccamaw River and put on the recent Conway Half-Marathon in all efforts to bring a younger and livelier population to the streets of Conway.

The most interesting insight from Blain-Olds is her idea of a Co-committee between CCU and Conway. Her proposal offers that student and faculty leaders side with city leader to form one large committee that focuses on how Conway and CCU can work together for the benefit of all parties.

“We may not be a great college town by 2012,” said Blain-Olds, “but by 2020, we could have made some real progress.”

If CCU and Conway are to become hand in hand, then one comes to mind, the relationship must be a two-way road. Not only must Conway city officials be willing to embrace CCU, but students, faculty and alumni must also be able to embrace the city of Conway as a true home to CCU as well.
Students recreate holiday favorites

THE CHANTICLEER

Features

Musical

Students recreate holiday favorites

The seven CCU students perform as toys under the tree in "A Christmas to Remember"

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

A toy soldier and princess doll floated across The Black Box Theatre on toes, while two slaphappy elves danced around Santa's Workshop. Raggedy Ann searched the stage singing "Where are you Christmas," and tap dancers worked up steam to a 1940s New Year's Eve USO dance. "Show us some of that fancy footwork," a dancer shouted.

Coastal Carolina University Department of Theatre's very first dance company performed "A Christmas to Remember" on Thursday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 4 in the Black Box Theatre of the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The show, which sold-out the 90-seat theater both nights, featured seven musical theater majors: Townsend Pass, Adrienne Griffiths, Meghan Perry, Rachel Swindler, Jenna Tummino, Joseph Rosko and James Well.

The show included singing, comedy routines and different types of dance, including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, swing and hip-hop.

The group of seven attempted their own rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas:" five gold rings were sparkling hula-hoops, and two French hens were chain-smoking Frenchmen.

The audience laughed, appreciating the group's comedic twist on the classic Christmas carol, as each dancer collapsed to the floor from exhaustion before the number was finished.

The toys of Santa's workshop came to life, sending the message to children that "All you have to do is believe." Raggedy Ann's Andy played the mischievous role of Alvin as the group performed Alvin and the Chipmunk's "Christmas Don't Be Late."

The group also performed a remix to the B-52's rock hit, "Love Shack," singing "Toy Sack." And Andy warned audience members that Santa was making a list and checking it twice when he performed an upbeat version of "Santa Clause is coming to Town."

Barbara Dare Hartwig, who teaches dance and choreography at the university, directed the production.

Delta Sigma Theta Neo Soul event winners

OVERALL WINNER - Alyssa Frison

SENIOR WINNER - Ronnie Coco

DANCE WINNERS - Jacquetta Woods, Denise Davis, Trevon Williams, Ashley McMillian, and Latoya Williams

POETRY WINNER - Nadiyah Brown
Great gifts on student budgets

ASHLEIGH MITCHELL
For The Chanticleer

Everyone knows that college students are among the neediest, and the ones with the least amount of money in the young adult age range. Now that the holidays are approaching, there are new, inventive and fun ways to give loved ones the feeling of warmth, love and appreciation when they open that special gift, and it can be done without robbing the bank.

For college students, parents understand that the funds are quite low. The old saying holds much as I can, but have been looking

jump-start a trend in the next round of kids' presents. A fun, colorful decoration and an extra gift.

Secure Gift Bags With Ponytail Holders
Present presents well without needing to master the fine art of bow tying. This "bow" can be recycled to keep Heidi's braids from unraveling.

Use Newspaper and Maps to Wrap Boxes
Leftover paper of all kinds of wallpaper, old maps, last week's Sunday comics begs to be recycled as gift wrap. Use a copy machine's enlarger function to make much of small things. Choose a dictionary definition to suit the occasion: love for Valentine's Day, shamrock for Saint Patrick's Day, ageless for an anxious friend's birthday, Photocopy the page onto an 11-by-17-inch sheet of paper (if possible) at the highest magnification, repeat as needed to increase the word size, and squeeze in the choice part of the definition. (From RealSimple.com)

Bevelyn Williams, seasonal gift wrapper and employee of Belk's in Murrells Inlet agreed that the ideas were quite creative, one that may come in hand due to the economic crisis that we are in.

"College students and youth can take these ideas and really use them because it is not the gift that counts, it is the thought that counts, and the gift wrapping, of course," said Williams.

EXAMS

Students prepare to take final exams as semester ends

Weeks prior to finals prove not only stressful for students, but for professors as well

RASHORD LING
For The Chanticleer

Coastal Carolina University students are preparing for and actually taking finals this week. Students face more stress during finals week than any other time because it is the end of the semester and final grades will soon be determined.

Many students have different ways of preparing and studying for finals, but some have to change the way they approach their studying habits.

"Club Kimbel a.k.a. the library is where I will be" said CCU senior Adam Robertson, who describes finals week as being stressful and says that he has to get a good meal and plenty of rest so he can study a lot harder.

"Finials force me to study harder than ever before and look over more notes," said Robertson, and he describes finals as nothing to play around with.

He believes they have to be taken seriously with much hard work and great study habits. His advice to students during finals week is to make sure to get plenty of rest so they can stay focused," says Smalls.

Smalls says that the exam he is most worried about is for his Psychology 497 class.

"That class keeps me awake at night," said Smalls.

Finals week is not only stressful for students, but for professors as well. "Our work starts before finals week," said English Professor Maggie Ivanova, Ph.D.

She describes finals week as twice as consuming for teachers because they have to make sure tests are in order and that everything is graded.

"If it's hell for students, it's hell for teachers as well," says Ivanova, adding that teachers lose sleep during finals because they have to attend meetings as well as go over exams.

"Ideally students should have by now taken good notes and reviewed them," said Ivanova. Ivanova advises students to get sleep, eat well and to study with a buddy or in a study group so everyone can help each other out while covering the material.

Ivanova said that students should try to maintain a positive outlook and remember that it's just a final.

"Take it as it comes do your best," said Ivanova. Final examinations are Dec. 7 through Dec. 13.
DEFENSE- Especially during the beginning of the season, the entire unit performed exceptionally. In the first five games, opponents were held to just over 13 points per contest. Blitzing and coverage were fantastic, and Josh Norman and Marcus Lott have become a premier tandem at the cornerback position.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE- CCU was victorious in all five games at Brooks Stadium. Winning on their own territory is crucial if the program is going to be elite. Being in front of CCU’s fans definitely seemed to help the team finish those games that came down to the end. Attendance slipped somewhat from the past, but those who did show were passionate.

NEWCOMERS- There were several new players that made an impact for the Chants. Michigan State transfer tight end sophomore David Duran showed flashes of being a reliable receiver, as well as displaying adequate blocking skills. While freshman quarterback Chris Pressley only had four receptions this year, he demonstrated that he is capable of being a playmaker in the future. Freshman defensive end Quinton Davis at times disrupted the opposing offense and is certain to be a force at defensive end for the next few years.

RESOLVE- Despite moments in the year like the 58-13 demolishing at the hands of Liberty University, Head Coach David Bennett’s crew remained tough. Holding off a Presbyterian College team that was desperate for a win took focus and determination. Throughout the season CCU had their backs against the wall so to speak, therefore a 5-6 year, while not great, is bearable.

GOING TOE-TO-TOE- The team lost 49-3 to Clemson University, but in reality not much else was expected. With much more funding and access to superior talent this was supposed to happen. Many fail to appreciate effort shown by CCU. Sophomore corner Marcus Lott picked off Kyle Parker on the Tigers’ first possession, and the visiting CCU team only trailed 21-0 at halftime.

OFFENSE- After being the strength of the team a year ago, this side of the ball was anemic in 2009. Only averaging 18.6 points per game, many games depended on the defense stepping up in order to get a win. At times, it seemed as if there was no rhythm as too many incomplete passes, or unsuccessful rushing plays would cause drives to stall. A lack of consistent ability to get down the field hurt the team.

ROAD WOES- Going undefeated at home is great, but finishing the campaign 0-6 as the visitor is disturbing. In order to return to the top of the Big South, as well as climbing the ranks of PCS, at least winning two of those games would have changed their fortunes. A few of the losses were close, but sealing the deal was a major problem.

PLAYING DOWN TO THE COMPETITION- Before the year, many predicted that CCU would improve on 2008’s 6-6 record, if not contend for a fourth conference championship. Sadly, it wasn’t to be. In fact, Brooks Stadium had to hold its collective breath in the second to last game of the year as the Chants barely escaped a PC team that was 0-9 at the time. Winning teams from all levels of football have these close calls and even the occasional “hiccup” when they lose to an opponent that they were clearly superior to. However, loses to foes like Towson University and Monmouth College should have never occurred.

REBUILDING CONTINUES- Though there are some good pieces in place, it is now known that the journey back to prominence is not complete. Bennett will be the first to say that his goal remains to be a National Championship team. If certain aspects do not change, then this could be an unrealistic expectation. By many accounts 2009 was a disappointment, but unless these weaknesses are not addressed this run of mediocrity will likely go on.
Submit your photos to The Chanticleer, and it may show up in the [CCU] Expose Yourself weekly spread!

E-mail photos in original size to thechanticleer@gmail.com. Photos may be in color or black and white. Photos may be edited for color format and/or size.

Thanks to Easton Selby and his black and white photography class for providing photos. Thanks to all the photographers for submissions.

THE CHANTICLEER’S WEEKLY PHOTO CONTEST

THIS WEEK’S WINNER
5. Taylor Eubanks
“Winter Nights”
“A sneak attack photo of my younger brother at the recent Spartanburg vs. Byrnes High School state semi-final playoff game.”

PHOTOS BY:
1. Erin Skelly
2. Angela Pilson
3. Jessica Emig
4. Kelly Brown
TO CONTEST

PHOTOS BY:
John Skelly
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Jessica Emig
Melissa Brown
CHANT-ARAZZI

Delta Sigma Theta Neo Soul Event - Dec. 2 by Jessica Emig

Felicia Graumann, Liz Maynor, Jarder Hentsel, Mikayla Kelley

Luke Benfield, Dee Duncan, Caesar Ross

Phil Johnson, DeAndra Mullens

Jamie Ballard

Keonta Ramsey, Courtney Williams, Jeree Matherson

Anthony Frye

Tree Lighting and SAA - Dec. 1 by Kevin Young

West Rowe, Marissa Mitzner

Carrie Eberly, Heather Peck

Lauren Fugatt, Britney Fugatt, Katie Novak
This week John took time out of his busy schedule to embrace the holiday season and relive some of his childhood memories. Being one of his favorite times of year, John has really gotten into the Christmas spirit by sipping egg nog, putting wreaths on doors, and lighting Christmas trees. As always, he has stamped and sealed his letter to Santa and will be awaiting that special surprise under the tree. John will spend and enjoy many long hours by the fireplace and in the company of friends and family during this holiday season. He wishes you and your family a happy holiday.
Chanticleer staff rocks stockings

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

The end of this semester marks a huge one for me. While I am not graduating yet like a few lucky people are, it is the end of my first successful semester as editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer newspaper. Looking back to the summer, in anticipation of the first few issues coming out, I wondered how in the hell I would ever manage to "pump" out an issue every week. Well, it's done. But not hardly just by me, but by my staff member and fellow editor, and art director. I would like to dedicate this editorial to the staff of The Chanticleer, and thank them for a great first semester.

First off, I want to thank all the new writers who contributed greatly this year, especially at a time when I thought we would not be able to recruit new staff or generate more student interest in writing or photography for this publication. New staff is what keeps it all alive, and I am confident that many of you will continue to do great things for our paper, even as possible future editors.

To Nick, Nicole and KY, you guys were great this year. Nick, you went above and beyond as sports editor to give out stories, attend every single game I asked you to and more, and could turn out stories the very same night. You are awesome, and everything you do is greatly appreciated.

Nicole, your enthusiasm for journalism and working with us has been awesome. You've always come up with story ideas and have a great way of being creative with your writing. You're a great person and can cheer anyone up, and I'm glad to have you on our staff.

KY, you're the cool one that keeps everyone chill, especially BK. You deal with a lot, and you're fired.

My assistant editor Corrie, where would I be without you? You're an awesome writer and one of the most dedicated people I have ever met. You have helped this paper tremendously, and I know you can always be counted on to write great stories, edit and run meetings. And of course, you've always help with every little AP style question I've ever had.

And lastly, BK, who makes this paper incredibly ugly, not. You have taken this paper to a complete other level with your amazing eye for design. People read this paper because of you. You've made The Chanticleer, for lack of better word, beautiful. You aren't afraid to tell people what you think, and even try and fire me as editor several times. Thanks for all that you do for The Chanticleer!
The Bitchin' Column

I already fell like a douche, I don’t need your mean stares as well. Maybe I just need tinted windows.

• People that try to get me to like them or befriended me by saying “People were saying mean things about you, but I took up for you.” Let’s get serious. Why would you ever say that to someone. I guess you feel like a “hero” for taking up for me? No.

• People that cry out for attention with Facebook statuses. Stop. We don’t care

• Walking in the mall, and all of sudden the person just completely stops and stands there for no apparent reason. And continues standing, or even better, assumes their statusque stance in front of the door of the store I want to go in.

• Slow drivers. Enough said.

• Students during finals who claim they are “so busy in the library all night” but are really just on Facebook updating their status about thing they aren’t going to do.

• Girls who flirt with my boyfriend. Via facebook. Via Broadway. How about you go away via my list.

The game play still has the classic first-person shooter feel with in-your-face action, realistic interaction, great life-like graphics, and a variety of arsenal to seriously punish those who oppose a player. In addition, online play gives it some stars from critics and fans.

Coastal Carolina University may already purchase “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2.”

Christmas is around the corner so this game will make a great present to those who are into video games. Request this game for Christmas or surprise someone with a great game like “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2.” The best way to play is on a great high definition television with friends or family. It’s an option CCU students should think about this Christmas.
Is it time for Coastal Carolina to find a new coach?

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

NO | Behind the game of football, there is a business that demands constant results. In this environment the question is often, “What have you done for me lately?”

Sadly, this way of thinking ignores any past achievements. Here at Coastal Carolina University, it appears that suddenly a number of individuals are encouraging the removal of Football Head Coach David Bennett.

Personally, I feel that there should not be a need to defend him, but I will try. Yes, the team is coming off a 5-6 season, which is their third consecutive non-winning record, but sometimes records do not tell the entire story.

In 2003, CCU began its football program, with Bennett, former coach at Division II Catawba College leading the way. At his previous school, the coach enjoyed a large amount of success, going 63-17 in seven years, including three consecutive berths in the Division II playoffs.

Following a 6-5 record in the inaugural season, CCU would go on to win at least a share of the Big South Conference Championship for the next three years.

This time span included a playoff invitation in 2006. It is true that the results have declined in the past three years, however it must be considered what was lost after that magical season.

All-everything quarterback Tyler Thigpen became the first player in the history of the Big South to be selected in the NFL draft. Safety Quinton Teal went un-drafted, but later signed as a free agent with the Carolina Panthers.

The truth is none of these statistics or achievements take into account what Bennett means to this institution off the field. He has repeatedly stated that his mission is not only produce great athletes, but individuals as well.

It is easy to get so caught up in wins and loses that the mark of a real champion. Although arrests, and other behavioral issues created a black eye in the past few years, these are present at nearly every college and university. In addition, Bennett takes these offenses very seriously.

In the past three years, the team has not had a winning record. But, a little more patience is required.

Talent is not the issue; it is all a matter of chemistry. I am completely confident in Coach’s ability to rally this team, and return CCU to its former reign of supremacy in the Big South

LUKE SCHLECHTE
Staff Writer

YES | The Coastal Carolina University football program is young. It is so young that it has only had one head coach, David Bennett. In his time at CCU, Bennett has amassed a record of 50-29 and has even sent four players to the NFL.

These are all good things to the overall picture. But lately, the song hasn’t been so sweet.

From 2007-2009 CCU has gone 16-18 in football contests, and 7-8 in Big South play. After such a promising start to his career at CCU, one that won three Big South titles out of its first four years, the downward trend is troubling.

At Catawba College, Bennett’s previous coaching position, his team was 33-5 and reached the Division II in each of the last three years of his tenure, never experiencing a downturn.

However, the 2009 season, was a disturbing sight to fans who wanted to see CCU football grow into something to be feared. Bennett’s squad won all home games, but lost all contests on the road, something that is unacceptable for a quality football team.

So why does CCU football seemed to be headed in the wrong direction, and can CCU afford to pay Bennett if things are not steered back in the right one?

Coach Bennett will make more than $2 million over a 10 year span at CCU. He is one of the highest paid staff members at the school, not unlike many other universities. And yes, not every team in the country has a winning record, let alone a good football program. But CCU deserves to have a winner. It is something that every university deserves, or at least to have a good shot at being. If Bennett can no longer lead the Chants to a successful program, maybe it’s time for a change.

With Bennett being the inaugural coach at CCU and his eight years of recruiting, there is no one else to blame for the sudden drop in performance. Even recently, Bennett took to firing three members of his coaching staff, and one can only wonder who is going to fill this positions and the difference it will make, if any. Just like any sport, recruiting is the basis of building a program that can reload rather than rebuild, not just players but it even goes for a coaching staff as well.

CCU should take a hard look at Bennett’s worth to the university. Time is something Bennett has been given. It is now time to win. More than ever.
Women rise over CofC

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Coastal Carolina University women’s basketball team had a nail-biting 57-53 victory over the College of Charleston Lady Cougars Wednesday, Dec. 2.

“One of the things that I think helped us down the stretch was our depth, and people coming off the bench,” said Head Coach Allen LeForce.

An example of this would be backup center junior Katie White, who contributed seven points, as well as all of the reserves, who outscored their opponents 19-5 in bench scoring.

CCU started out slow on offense, converting only one of their first six field-goal attempts. However, the momentum eventually turned, as the Chants would take a 24-23 advantage into halftime.

Following an inconsistent beginning to their free throws, CCU made those baskets when it mattered most. Leading by two with four seconds remaining, junior forward Sydnee Moss made two free throws to seal the win.

Senior guard Amanda Stull scored 13 of her game-high 18 points in the second half, scoring a couple of crucial three-pointers. The Lady Cougars continued to keep it close,countering almost every CCU run with a rally of their own.

However in the end the visiting team fell short. Moss continued to lift the Chants, scoring 14 points and grabbing five rebounds.

Guard Brooke Kotcella led CofC with 15 points, knocking down three three-pointers.

For CCU, Moss scored in double figures for the sixth time in the team’s last seven games.

“We just needed to keep our intensity up on the defensive end, because we know they’re a very good team. We just came out with intensity, on defense, and were able to stop them,” said Moss after the victory.

CCU was able to shoot at a decent rate, converting 47.5 percent of their shots.

“I knew all night that I could take that girl (the defender), and just got a couple of opportunities, got a couple of shots in,” said Stull.

With the victory, CCU improved to 5-2 on the young season. Meanwhile, CofC dropped its record to 4-3 with the loss.

Senior guard Amanda Stull looks to move the ball beyond the defender.

Photo by Kevin Young

Three football coaches fired

Bennett decides to cut three football coaches loose

NICK MAMARY
SPORTS EDITOR

Coastal Carolina University Head Football Coach David Bennett dismissed three members of his staff last week. The individuals are Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Line Coach Antoine Rivens, Offensive Line Coach Jaime Snyder, and Passing Game Coordinator/ Receivers Coach Hunter Spivey.

These changes came after CCU finished 5-6 in a season that had high expectations. Each member had been with the program since its inception in 2003, and are personal friends of Bennett.

Offensively CCU struggled throughout the year, ranking 70th in the country, and averaging 18.4 points per game.

Riven’s unit, the defensive line was much maligned in the previous year. It played with a different attitude early in 2009 with the emergence of E.J. Brown.

Under the guidance of his coach, senior defensive end Philip Oboh recorded a Big South record with 17 sacks, but the end of the schedule saw a significant decline in the performance of the defense as a whole.

Rivens served as offensive coordinator at Livingston College, and at North Carolina Central University. CCU was the first time that he had authority on the other side of the football.

Spivey is from Conway, and played football as a student at Newberry College. At times the offense played well under his watch, but was weak this past season.

Offensive line coach Snyder’s group was plagued by youth and inexperience throughout the 2009 season.

This will be the first overhaul of its kind in the history of CCU football. For a team that enjoyed stability on its staff during the first seven seasons, it has all come to a conclusion: Bennett now has three vacancies to fill, and the future of the team may depend on his selections.

“We as players don’t agree that every decision is right, but we have to pull together,” said offensive lineman Bryan Brooks regarding the changes.

Indeed, change seems to be the driving force in these firings.

“They were good coaches, but if you’re not winning games, than I guess you have to do something to become better. Unfortunately this is what they [the team] had to do, we’ll be better next year so I guess changes had to be made,” said red shirt freshman safety Marion Campbell.

For Bennett, making these alterations was extremely difficult. According to an article written in The Sun News by reporter Josh Hoke, Bennett said, “They are all very good men, they’ve given great service to this university. It’s mighty tough. We’ve been blessed here, because we haven’t had any turnover since we’ve been here.”

Bennett later stated that these moves were necessary if the football team is going to travel in a new direction. Now that this has occurred, all focus of this unit appears to be on the 2010 season and West Virginia University.
Big sports making money

CCU athletics rake in the dollars; proceeds only seen by a few

T'ARA SMITH
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University's sports teams bring in a lot of money from sporting events. CCU's most popular sports are football, baseball and basketball, and these sports also get money to play larger schools such as Clemson University, Duke University and The Pennsylvania State University. All the funds from these big matchups, ticket sales and paraphernalia sales are big money makers for CCU, so many wonder exactly where all the income from these events go.

"The money we receive from playing the bigger schools and ticket sales, which is the revenue, helps us pay for scholarships, travel, and recruiting," said Kayla Johnson, assistant business manager in the athletics building.

When asked if the money from sporting events go to anything academic or other campus facilities, Johnson said the money from events stays within the athletics department and is not distributed elsewhere on campus.

According to information from CCU's Web site, www.coastal.edu the total of these expenses from scholarships, team travel, and contractual services totals seven million dollars. Of this amount, scholarship expenses are three million dollars, team travel is one million dollars, and contractual services takes up the remaining four million.

In ticket sales, football is the top seller. Football brought in about $400,000 last season. Men's basketball follows football, selling $41,000, baseball with $31,000 and women's basketball with $15,000.

The academic department is the biggest supporter in funding the athletic department. It is followed by in-state undergraduate fees, Chanticleer club gifts, transfers from other educational and general accounts, and donations.

Victory

Basketball wins over Voorhees

The CCU men's team easily rolls over Voorhees College

GREG MARTIN
Staff Writer

Freshman forward Sam McLaurin won the opening tip-off and from that point the Chanticleers had control of the game. Senior forward Joe Harris, along with McLaurin dominated in the paint, allowing the Coastal Carolina University men's basketball team to roll right passed Voorhees College.

On one possession the two combined for three consecutive offensive rebounds easily out-jumping the competition. CCU played above the rim as if there were a six foot Fisher Price hoop on that end of the court. It was a dominating performance that shows the Chanticleers are playing at their level of basketball, making no exceptions for which team they play. This will be beneficial down the stretch as they compete for the Big South Conference Championship.

Head Coach Cliff Ellis continuously stressed the importance of having depth on any successful basketball team. Last year the squad suffered numerous injuries and that hurt their record. This year CCU is showing their well rounded development pay off. For example, junior forward Chad Gray came off the bench and finished as the game's top scorer with 19 points.

Freshman guard Kierre Greenwood, following the first media.timeout, popped off a three-pointer, then on the ensuing defensive end Greenwood pressured the pass which caused a steal by senior guard/forward Logan Johnson. Johnson then threw a pass back to Kierre who caught it in stride and finished - a tough lay-up despite the defensive foul. He finished the game with 12 points, three assists and four steals.

Dexter Moore decided to add four three-pointers in this game, the first of which came in the first half increasing the CCU lead 12. Gray then showed Voorhees how to dunk, and if they missed that McLaurin also demonstrated a "two-handed jam." At that point Voorhees had their backs against the wall and tried to regroup. Following the timeout Voorhees turned the ball over which resulted in another Chad Gray dunk. They traded points but CCU maintained the lead for the entire game.

The Chanticleer Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
Dec. 3
VMI 97 vs CCU 11

Women's Basketball
Dec. 2
C of C 53 vs CCU 57

Men's Basketball
Nov. 28
Allen 44 vs. CCU 97

Women's Volleyball
Nov. 21
Liberty 1 vs CCU 3

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