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CCU officially purchases Campus Edge

Campus Edge is now University property

DEREK FRIMPONG
Staff Writer

For the past two years the Coastal Carolina University Housing Foundation has been trying to broker a deal with the owners of Campus Edge for the acquisition of their apartment complex buildings. Over the holidays the two sides were still very busy at work and on Dec. 30th the $43 million purchase was finally completed.

The owners of Campus Edge never did explain well the reason behind the sale. Campus Edge was one of the first apartment rental communities managed by its owners whose primary industry is the buying and selling of condominiums. There had also been some speculation as to whether CCU would be purchasing University Suites, however, according to CCU’s Student Housing Foundation Executive Director Stan Godshall, these rumors were simply that.

“To the best of my knowledge, we’ve never even talked about exploring that option,” said Godshall.

However Godshall believes that if the purchase of Campus Edge would not have gone through, the development of the 20 acres behind the Commons Dining hall would have been the next option to expand housing for students. The CCU Housing Foundation has pegged this as their new number one option if further expansion is needed and Godshall predicts this will be within the next four years.

The new sign at the entrance of the old Campus Edge apartments clearly states new ownership

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Information

For more information, contact the CCU Housing Foundation or Residence Life at www.coastal.edu/reslife.

SGA hopes to make changes students want

WELCOME BACK students! The Student Government Association SGA has already begun working hard this semester to try and facilitate the changes you want on this campus. Over the course of the last two months, SGA has distributed over 350 surveys to determine what some of the priorities and interests are students have regarding our campus. After analyzing the surveys we have compiled a list of the major areas in which you wish to see improvement:

- Improving the shuttle system
- An improved email service
- More of a variety and better food options in all dining facilities
- Increased “green” efforts
- Improvements to the libraries such as more tables, and more laptops (including Macs)
- The parking problems
- Need for more banking options on campus
- The ability to use your CINO card off campus (at restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores)

We want to assure you that we are working hard to make these changes a reality, but these issues do take time to address and completely resolve so please bear with us. Please contact any SGA member with questions, comments, or problems that you may have, or want to see changed on this campus. As always, our senate meetings are open to everyone, and they are Mondays at 6 p.m. in Wall 317. We encourage students to get involved and be a part of the change they want to see on campus by attending these meetings. Feel free to email or call me, or your Student Body President Dan Jolles anytime.

Men’s baseball team nationally ranked in preseason polls

CCU’s baseball team has been nationally ranked in a preseason poll by “Baseball America.”

The Chanticleers were ranked number 12 based on their 2009 season, beating Clemson University who ranked 15.

The 2010 Chanticleer baseball season opens Feb. 18 at West Virginia.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT aids Haiti with ‘Samaritan’s Feet’ fund

Coastal Carolina University’s Athletic Department is asking for your help in their donation program to help victims in Haiti. The “Samaritan’s Feet” fund is the donation of any closed-toe shoe (no heels please) to go to the people devastated by the earthquake.

CCU’s goal is set at 1,000 pairs of shoes, and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate their shoes for a good cause. Shoes can be dropped off at any home sporting event, or to the Athletic Department Building. Those who wish to help in other ways can simply text “CHANTIT” to 85944 to donate $5 to the cause.
**CRIME LOG**

**Jan. 16**
**Underage possession of alcohol, student conduct violations, seized property**
While on patrol a CCU DPS officer observed a residence in violation of the overlay zone ordinance and the officer approached the residence. The officer located a resident who was found to be underage in possession of alcohol. With the assistance of other CCU DPS officers the residence was cleared of non-residents, 47 of whom were found to be in violation of the CCU Student Code of Conduct and are being referred into the Campus Judicial System. While clearing the non-residents two glass pipes were seized (no owners were located) and placed into evidence.

**Jan. 20**
**Traffic stop, DUI**
While on patrol a CCU DPS officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign and stopped the vehicle. During the interview with the driver the officer determined that the driver had been drinking. The driver was arrested and transported to the Myrtle Beach Detention Center. The driver agreed to be tested on the Datamaster and the driver’s BAC was above the legal limit. The vehicle was towed.

**Jan. 21**
**Burglary**
While on patrol a CCU DPS officer observed suspicious behavior near the Quail Creek Golf Course clubhouse. The officer investigated and a subject fled from the officer. CCU DPS officers attempted to locate the subject without success. This incident is under investigation.

**Jan. 22**
**Burglary**
The victim reported to a CCU DPS officer that someone removed the mailbox at the victim’s residence without permission. This incident is under investigation.

**Jan. 23**
**Loud noise, underage possession of alcohol**
CCU DPS officers responded to Wake Forest Road in reference to a noise complaint. Officers located and made contact with the residents of the residence. The residents were issued citations for noise ordinance violations and underage possession of alcohol. The non-residents were cleared from the area. This incident will also be referred into the Campus Judicial System.

**Jan. 25**
**Unlawful Communication**
A University employee reported receiving unwanted communications by e-mail in their University e-mail address. This incident is under investigation.

**Jan. 25**
**Theft from a motor vehicle**
On 01-25-2010 the victim came to the CCU DPS office to report that on 01-19-2010 someone removed personal property belonging to the victim from the victim’s parked vehicle without permission. The victim had evidence of their property being used without permission after it was removed from their vehicle. This incident is under investigation.

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**Corrections**
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In the same issue, on pg. 6, the headline should read, “City of Conway tries to connect more with CCU.”

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**News**

### Culture

**Black history honored through event series**

ROOSEVELT CORBETT  
Staff Writer

The 2010 African-American Legacy Series, which is co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Services and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., has just kicked off its first event with a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event took place on Jan. 14 in Wall Auditorium.

With standing room only, the festivity began with the welcoming by Kaite Kucinsky. The celebration started with the singing of the Negro National Anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” lead by the Coastal Inspirational Ambassadors. President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Camille Goodlow guided the invocation followed by President Dave DeCenzo’s greeting. The CCU Inspirational Ambassadors came back to the stage to bring another foot-tapping, hand-clapping musical performance. After another Coastal Inspirational Ambassadors’ performance, Vice President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Nicole Baxley introduced Bishop Michael Blue, a pastor from Door of Hope Christian Church in Marion.

Blue’s message was leadership, and he talked of how King exemplified through his impact on civil rights. He said that King was a great leader because of the suffering, pain and sacrifice that he had taken on to help others. Blue conveyed the message that all people are born leaders, but it is up to people to allow the process of life to bring out the leader.

At the end of Blue’s presentation, Carlos Jenkins, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. presented a power point presentation which gave a virtual tour of King’s future memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Donations can be made toward the memorial by visiting www.buildthedream.org.

Genava Kitching, a member of Leadership Challenge announced the up and coming events for the 2010 African-American Legacy Series. The celebration ended with a powerful collaborative reading preformed by students, professors and staff members of “Our God is Marching On” by King.

### Black History Celebration Events

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### Safety

**‘Safe Ride’ program offers discounts on taxis**

T'ARA SMITH  
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University’s Student Government Association has recently introduced a “Safe Ride” program for students who need transportation from clubs, bars or restaurants after a night out. The Safe Ride program has replaced the shuttle, formerly known as the “drunk bus,” which would transport intoxicated students back to their homes. The former shuttle system was shut down two years ago after students abused the privilege of having it.

“There were problems of people getting in fights on the buses, people drinking on buses, we even had reports of people having sex on the buses. It was completely out of hand. The only options at the time were to put police officers on the buses, which would cost the school a decent amount of money or shut the buses down and try to look at other options. So that’s what we did,” said Taylor Eubanks, the vice president of SGA.

SGA partnered up with 12 different taxi companies to give CCU students a discount for their services. SGA has printed cards for students to use in case they are unable to drive home from bars, clubs or Broadway at the Beach.

The Safe Ride program is not just limited to students who are drunk and need a ride home. It can also be used as a way to get from CCU to the airport and vice versa. It costs anywhere from $35 to $45 for a taxi ride from the airport to CCU, but the discount for CCU students with Safe Ride cards is from 20 to 25 percent.

SGA has been asked questions about underage drinkers using the Safe Ride program.

“The good thing about this is that it’s completely no questions asked. Obviously you shouldn’t be drinking if you’re underage, no one is going to tell you otherwise. That was one of the questions we faced, ‘if freshmen used this and walked into the dorms would they get in trouble?’ No, because this is not how the program is designed. It’s about keeping students safe, it’s not promoting underage drinking or drinking and driving. It’s about providing a smarter choice,” said Eubanks.

Starting next school year, all incoming freshmen will receive Safe Ride cards and all apartments, including the newly acquired Campus Edge apartments will have Safe Ride magnets to give students the option of taking advantage of the program. Also, SGA will be looking for ways to make the Safe Ride program free to all CCU students.

Students in need of a Safe Ride card are encouraged to stop by the SGA office in the Student Center.!
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FEATURES

Therapy

Counseling Services hopes to soon add pet therapy sessions

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

Married with no children of her own, the last thing Christine Donevant-Haines ever thought she would be searching for was a new animal, especially of the k-9 breed.

One night in July, the counselor at Coastal Carolina University’s Counseling Services found herself driving to Nashville, Tenn., in order to meet the newest member of her family, “Lola,” a five-year-old miniature schnauzer. Not only was Haines looking to add to her family, she knew she wanted to perhaps train Lola to be a therapy dog at CCU.

“I never had a dog. I always had cats. I starting thinking about having a dog. I’ve always watched dog shows, and I knew I had to ‘find a right breed’ for my home. Off the cuff, I googled animal rescue and got thousands of responses. There is a safety mission for every breed of dog,” said Haines.

Lola, an American Kennel Club registered 30 lb dog was originally a breeding dog, but after complications with a pregnancy that no longer allowed her to breed, her previous owners got rid of her. Lola was placed in a foster home until the perfect owner came along, and boy did she.

Haines is working with CCU administration for a new pet therapy program for students, and is hoping that Lola will pass certain training certifications into becoming CCU’s pet therapy dog. Haines calls the ongoing process, “Project Lola.”

“The intent for pet therapy at CCU is for students who have had to leave their animals at home. It will give students an opportunity to spend time with a trained animal that’s loving, and on a college campus there are a lot of opportunities to engage students. Pet therapy is a growing trend, not just nationally but internationally as well, and it’s something I’m very passionate about,” said Haines.

According to the Project Lola Mission Statement, the program will utilize human-animal interaction and students are provided with the comfort of an animal which may create an improved level of happiness, overall mood, decreased levels of anxiety and homesickness and a connection to animals on campus where pets are not permitted in residence halls. The project proposes that one dog will be certified through the Delta Society for Pet Partners, which is a nationally recognized program which works to ensure that pets trained to serve in roles of therapy animals meet certain behavioral and training criteria.

According to the Delta Society, an animal must be able to meet and calmly deal with overall public examinations, angry yelling, being petted by strangers and so on. Overall, the animal must be very friendly and interact well with the public.

While Lola is still in training, Haines is not sure if she will pass all areas of the training, but she remains confident. Regardless, Haines will still push to have pet therapy at CCU.

“Whichever animal would be here half a day each week, and it would be with features activities, such as Club Recruitment Day, Welcome Week and so on. The therapy sessions would be more one-on-one, because there are people who are afraid of dogs or allergic, it would have to be very structured. The animal has to be with a handler 24/7,” said Haines.

Haines already has high hopes for Project Lola, and Lola is currently in training for her certification. If the therapy program gains approval, Haines hopes that sessions could begin as soon as March. For more information, contact CCU Counseling Services at 349-2305.

TRAGEDY

Devastation in Haiti hits home for students; donations given

RASHORD LING
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University students reflect on the massive earthquake that struck Haiti recently, but the tragedy hit home for one CCU student and it has inspired others to give and provide relief for the Haitian people.

“I couldn’t believe what happened,” said senior biology student Nathalie Valdema, who grew up in Haiti where she still resides with her brother.

The Valdemas were both shocked seeing the news images of their people suffering and their country being destroyed.

“We left Haiti on Monday to come back to school and the earthquake happened on Tuesday,” said Valdema, who said they couldn’t reach their parents for 24 hours.

“Being here I just feel so helpless and I wanted to go home,” said Valdema, whose entire family lives in Haiti and it wasn’t for school would still be there.

When the earthquake occurred, Valdema followed the news and hoped for the best. All she wanted to do was call her parents and hear their voices to know they were safe. Valdema lost a good friend in the earthquake after the school he attended collapsed. Her old high school and other places of her past she can’t even recognize.

“It’s never going be the same again,” said Valdema.

Valdema is encouraged by the quickness of the United States with their help efforts. She believes that through this tragedy people will learn a lot about Haiti and their culture by opening the world to their country.

She advises CCU students and others who want to help to provide what they can either through donations, beds, food or clothing because everything is needed. However, she also advises students to be grateful for what they have because all the universities and high schools in Haiti are gone, and it will take years to rebuild everything.

“We as America need to support our international community when things go bad,” said student Jared Henley.

Henley was saddened about the devastating incident and encourages students to go on to the NAACP Web site or other donation sites and support the Haiti relief fund.

“I think what happened is very sad and unfortunate and as a member of the NAACP we are focusing all our events on Haiti,” said student Ashleigh Mitchell, who adds that for NAACP week there will be a series of events dedicated to raise donations for Haiti.

The NAACP’s first Annual Freedom Fun Basketball Tournament is on March 6. A portion of the proceeds will go to Haiti relief. Students are encouraged to help in any way possible.
FEATURES

Guide to Super Bowl XLIV party

Make sure you have the food, music, tv and maybe a bet for this year’s Super Bowl

GEORGE TAYLOR
For The Chanticleer

There are two events that I mark on my calendar every year, The Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show and the Super Bowl. Everybody loves a great Super Bowl party, so here is your official guide to throwing one kickin’ shindig.

Music
Most people like to play music during a party. The Super Bowl is the only exception. There should be absolutely no music played during the game. People are there to enjoy themselves and watch the game, not have their ears bastardized with Lady GaGa’s newest single.

TV
If don’t have a nice television, then don’t have a Super Bowl party. Who wants to huddled around 24” television? No one who is not in prison. So borrow from a friend or steal from a complete stranger, or think of a creative way to abuse Best Buy’s return policy. But a nice HDTV is must in 2010.

Gambling
Everything becomes way more interesting when money and public humiliation is involved. Betting on which team will win is child’s play, so I suggest spicing it up bit and raising the stakes. If Peyton Manning gets his leg snapped in two then your friend has to clean up.

Follow my tips and your friends will be begging to come watch Wrestlemania at your place. Everyone be sure to tune in on Feb. 7 for Super Bowl XLIV which is played in Miami, Fl.

Food
There’s nothing worse then going to someone’s “party” and finding out there’s no food. Make a run to the local Wal-Mart and pick up some generic pink lemonade and mini-pretzels. If you are feeling like a “true G,” drop some cash on a Zaxby’s chicken finger platter and get sixty delicious golden brown chicken fingers for forty bucks.

ACHIEVEMENT
Seniors have mixed reactions about upcoming graduation

Many seniors are excited; sad for upcoming graduation

RASHORD LING
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University seniors are reflecting and preparing for their last semester at CCU. During the spring semester of college, seniors often face the most pressure such as making sure all the correct credits have been earned toward the degree, the graduation application and fee is complete and submitted, and then trying to line up a job after graduation.

However, many students spend this time enjoying the moments they have left and sharing college memories such as senior Kristina Jimenez.

“I’m ready for something new but not ready to leave everything I love here at Coastal,” said Jimenez.

Jimenez is already preparing for this last semester by sending out her resume and getting ready to make this transition. She feels that CCU has prepared her for the big transition in life after college through the classes she’s taken and through the job service process. However, her goal this semester is to survive strategic management class.

“I want to end this semester with a 4.0 and enjoy the little time I have left with my friends,” Jimenez added.

After graduation, Jimenez wants to move home to New Jersey to save some money. However, she would like to land a job in New York City once she earns her degree in business management with Spanish minor.

For senior Katelyn Babcock, graduating this semester will be bittersweet.

“I’m very sad because everything in my life is working the right way and coming together, but I’m so excited to move on to something new,” said Babcock.

Babcock is hoping to gain experience through her internship this semester.

“I want to learn as much as I can and make my last semester at Coastal perfect,” said Babcock.

Babcock is planning to take the summer off after graduation and enjoy time with her family. However, she plans to have another four month internship in the fall and pursue graduate school next spring.

“All I want to do now is focus on school and enjoy my family and friends,” said Babcock.

In senior Chelsea Angotti’s case, she’s excited about moving on.

“I am very excited, I’ve been in school way too long, however I am a little scared because I have been going to school my whole life so when I graduate it’s going to be a huge transition,” said Angotti.

Angotti’s main concern is having a good job once she gets out of school. She is now in the process of finding an internship to gain experience and searching for a job to have lined up after she graduates this semester.

“My goal this semester is to get prepared for the transition and enjoy the time I have with the people I’ve met over the years here at Coastal,” said Angotti.

Spring commencement is May 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Brooks Stadium.
While a decade may seem like a long time, it really only represents 10 years of time. Most of us students were merely pre-teens when we stepped into the new millennium, technically so was Coastal Carolina University. In ten years, we have grown into responsible and educated young adults and CCU has grown into a high ranking university. Starting out in 1954 with just 53 enrolled students all the way to being nationally recognized in 2009; let’s take a look back and see exactly what CCU has done over the past decade. All information retrieved from www.coastal.edu.

2000: Due to the growth and expansion of CCU’s academic programs, the academic schools are renamed into colleges; The E. Craig Wall Building of Business, The Robin W. and Thomas W. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, College of Education and The College of Natural and Applied Sciences.

2001: CCU’s largest building, The Edwards building is opened as a result of the largest cash gift from the Rebecca Randall Bryan estate at $1.8 million.

2002: CCU football team’s first recruited players begin practice; student enrollment rises to almost 6,000. With a football program in store, the future only points up.

2003: A $2 million gift from Bob Brooks of Loris pays the way for the creation of the Brooks Football Stadium, and the CCU Chanticleer football team holds its first game in front of a home crowd of more than 8,000 fans on Sept. 6.

2004: CCU celebrates its 50th anniversary, and it now offers 38 baccalaureate degree programs and 36 minors. The College of Education is now named after William L. Spadoni.


2006: CCU reaches record growth with 8,049 students from 44 states and 32 countries from around the world. The freshman class had an average entrance GPA of 3.32 and SAT score of 1,047 which tops the national averages. The search for a new president begins.


2008: For the first time ever, the CCU football team plays powerhouse Pennsylvania State University on Aug. 30. The Chants lose 66-10, however the game was a momentous victory for CCU’s athletic program and growth.

2009: CCU is ranked in Forbes Magazine’s “Best Colleges” list. The list is comprised of the top 15 percent of the nation’s four year undergraduate degree programs. There were 600 universities and colleges on the list, and CCU ranked 600.
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.

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Yurachek named new athletic director

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Change is coming to Coastal Carolina University athletics. Hunter Yurachek was named CCU Athletic Director on Nov. 30, and he officially began his new job on Jan. 18.

Yurachek takes new office at Coastal Carolina Jan. 18

Yurachek is a former Senior Athletic Director at Akron University, and brings his “100 Day plan” to CCU. The plan states Yurachek’s intended immediate impact on the 20 major athletic programs at CCU. The first steps include individual and group discussions with the key members of each sport, including head coaches.

Yurachek replaces Warren “Moo” Koegel, who had been the athletic director for the passed 10 years. He will continue to serve CCU in fundraising activities. Under Koegel’s guidance, CCU athletics began to schedule larger name opponents such as Duke University and Pennsylvania State University, as well as generating thousands of dollars for CCU athletics.

Yurachek intends to continue the progress that has been achieved recently.

“I believe Coastal Carolina is truly a rising star in college athletics, and there are great things ahead for this university and this department,” said Yurachek at his introduction in December. Members of CCU’s upper management believe that Yurachek is capable of accomplishing big things with athletics.

Needless to say athletics is critical for this University. It gives us notoriety, it helps us attract students, you need an athletic department that is continually going forward. I just think with his leadership, we will reach some areas that we have not reached yet,” said President David DeCenzo.

“When he [Yurachek] did his interview, we [the Search Committee] looked at each other and thought when it was over, we were going to have 10 great applicants. He’s going to do a great job, and I think he’s going to be great for us,” said Dick Ward, search committee member and team physician.

At 41, Yurachek brings an element of youth to the position. His fondness of the Myrtle Beach area, as well as his knowledge and respect of CCU as an entire entity have already endeared him to those around him. Although this new chapter is barely underway, it will be interesting to see what the future has in store for CCU Athletics.
Editor speaks on last semester

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

S o here we are, starting the spring semester of a new decade, 2010. I can’t even get used to writing the new year on dates, but I can say 2010 is a year that has been in my thoughts for as far back as I remember, and it’s finally here.

Why you ask? Well 2010 has always been the year of my projected date of college graduation, which would be my biggest accomplishment to date. And here I sit, in my last semester as a college student, with the date if May 8, 2010 looming ahead.

Area MMA fights are a ‘smashing hit’

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

F or the first time ever in South Carolina’s history, an actual mixed martial arts, also know as “MMA” fight was held in Myrtle Beach on Jan. 23 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Previously, fighters in the area had to fight out of Wilmington, NC or other neighboring states.

The “Bash at the Beach” was the first of its kind, and it was put on by Carolina Fight Promotions. I can genuinely say I hope they continue to put on fights in Myrtle Beach, because not only is it entertaining, it adds just that much more culture to the area.

Now, I am a member of a gym that offers MMA classes, which are taught by several of the fighters who were in the “Bash at the Beach,” so recently I’ve heard a good bit about the “barbaric” sport, yet I have never been to an actual fight. I was definitely in for some pretty interesting entertainment.

The fights started at 7:30 p.m. and featured 11 amateur fights and three professional fights, with the main show featuring World Extreme Cagefighting and Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran and SC native, Nissen Osterneck taking on Robert Thompson.

While several of the fights consisted of a lot of on the ground grappling, some moments were very intense. In one particular fight, the guy was knocked on the ground by his opponent and took a “bashing” in the face until the official called the match in under what seemed like 20 seconds. I just put my hands over my face and squirmed, it was almost too much for me to watch. Although I am sure it was a huge disappointment for the defeated fighter, he got up and was seen walking throughout the crowd in the subsequent fighting. I would of rather taken a tranquilizer and called it a night.

After I visited the emergency room to see about getting my face put back together.

The best part about the fights was it even included females, who were just as equally trained and as “bad as the boys.” They proved that while fighting is generally seen as a “guy thing,” women can be equally trained in the art of mixed martial arts.

All in all, the fights were very entertaining and a great step for mixed martial artists in the area in bringing the sport to South Carolina.

And now, I am off to MMA class. Just don’t hit me in the face, please.
Fakes

The Bitchin' Column

BK ASTRINI
Art Director

Mimesis is the concept of imitation. Plato theorized that a reflection of true nature will always be inferior to the original.

Then why is it that people insist on deliberately imitating stuff I do in art class?

I totally get the whole “getting inspired” thing by looking at other artworks. Everybody does it, because that’s how we get further. But it’s all about taking the elements and incorporating them differently.

The issue is when fellow classmates come up to me or other students and say, “Ooh, I like that, how did you do it?”

That’s cool, whatever, I’ll tell them. I’m not trying to hold out. But then they bust out a cheapened version of my work, and expect everyone to “Ooh” and “Aah” about it.

If they want to play copycat so badly, at least don’t be so blatant about it and use my ideas for the same exact assignment. Otherwise they basically just have a lousy knock-off.

If you’re throwing out the cash to go to school to be an art major, then for God’s sake, make the effort to be creative. It’s okay to borrow ideas and come out with something completely your own, but stealing concepts from the person sitting a table away from you is just bogus.

Whatever. I’m not worried, just annoyed. Soon enough, all the copycats of the world will run out of fuel. In the end, I know that an original Prada is a better than a Chinatown counterfeit.

Movie

‘Avatar’ is worth the bucks

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

The year 2009 was a great year for the film industry with fan favorite titles such as “Watchmen,” “Up,” and “Saw VI.” Moviegoers have received a barrage of breath-taking films, but there is one film that did more than take away the breath of its audience.

Viewers received a stunning performance of computer graphics, action, and drama in James Cameron’s “Avatar.” Expectations on the quality of the film may have seemed low because of media hype at conventions, commercials, etc. Some people are very critical of entertainment when it’s excessively talked about in the media. However, the public should have anticipated a great film because of Cameron’s reputation as a grand writer and director. Many know Cameron for his writing and directing involvement in movies like “Terminator” and “Titanic,” so some may have expected an explosion of creativity and beauty from the film, “Avatar.”

Cameron keeps his reputation as a magnificent director and writer of film with another masterpiece that all audiences enjoy. If the beauty of the computer graphics doesn’t get through to movie viewers then the action will have them on the edge of their seats.

Despite the exaggerated splendor of “Avatar,” it retains the drama necessary to keep all audiences engaged. In addition, “Avatar” has messages that attack the philosophy of imperialism.

Each scene illustrates an overflow of personality and nature. “Avatar”s native blue people, known as the “Na’Vi” exemplify Native American and African American cultures that worship the beauty and mysticism of their home planet, Pandora. However, the “sky people,” who happen to be humans, interrupt the harmony of Pandora by destroying the planet’s wildlife. The plot thickens when Jake Sully, the main character, is sent to learn from the Na’Vi in a body known as an ‘Avatar.’

Aside from the film’s striking computer graphics, “Avatar” made a huge statement in the box office by grossing over a billion dollars worldwide in just three weeks. This impressive revenue has placed the film as one of the highest-grossing movies to date. “Avatar” seems to have climbed the ladder of amazement each week since its release date.

Overall, “Avatar” is a must-see. Every aspect of the film is simply amazing. And with record breaking box office sales, there isn’t any reason to believe that “Avatar” does not live up to the hype of the media.

Status Quo
What’s your Facebook status?

Rachel Swindler - whos in math 139? Give me the answer to number 14 chapter 2.1 lol

Kelly Cann - Duke FH player to coach Coastal’s Club team!! Helllllllll yea!

Tracey Daniska - Aahh, just recieved the Mac, now i get to figure out the inner workings of it. YAY!!

Samm Lee Cerminaro - I have this weird craving to playing donkey kong on nintendo 64, can anyone help me out please???

Kyle Drapeau - so I must assume they're going to fine Providence for storming the court too? Or is that restricted to the SEC? Tread carefully NCAA, you fun-nazis....

Erin Hada - Thank goodness for coffee!

Christopher Young - OXYMORON - microsoft works!

Katie Stephens - if laughing for 15 minutes can burn 40 calories, then you are the only work out I need hahah

Luke Schlecht - the old man, dressed nicely as if he was headed to the office, walk away into the distance. Just as he attempts to enter the cornfield that lies before him, a young man in a uniform of black pinstripes calls out to him. "Hey rookie," said the young man. "You were good." — name the movie

Mallorie Aquino - "she said I love the way you think but I hate the way you act."
Is 'Jersey Shore' good entertainment or bad hair gel?

**DANI CAPRA**
Staff Writer

**NO** | From fake tans to big hair, what is it about the “Jersey Shore” that has millions stuck in front of their TVs every week? This show is ridiculous!

“Jersey Shore” makes people who are actually from Jersey look like fools. If I were from Jersey I would be mortified! I’m pretty sure my IQ dropped in the hour I wasted watching that show. Do people really enjoy watching these guys “conquer” women every night, and listening to Snooki complain about not getting laid?

I live close enough to Jersey and have been to the shore, and unfortunately yes the fist pumping is true, but most girls in Jersey do not look or act that trashy. These people that aren’t even from Jersey are giving everyone in the Tri-State area a bad name.

I’m sure from going to Coastal Carolina University everyone has met their share of people from Jersey and should have noticed only a handful of people are actual like what is portrayed on that show. The guys are painful to watch, they think that they are God’s gift to woman when in reality they are nothing special. They are all obsessed with themselves and Mike or “The Situation” looks like my grandfather! Really how old is he? I guess I should admire his confidence but considering how arrogant he is it makes it increasingly difficult.

Of course how could we talk about the “Jersey Shore” and not at least have a few words about Snooki. She doesn’t just give girls from Jersey a bad reputation, she gives all girls a bad reputation. It says a lot that she was open to sleeping with anyone but yet never got any action. And whoever her friends are they are not very good ones to let her walk around with her looking like that on a daily basis.

Regardless of how these individuals may look, it’s their actions that are so appalling. They are not just representing themselves but a whole state which they have made look pretty bad.

I’m sure the “Jersey Shore” craze will not end especially with all the new Sammi and Ronnie drama. Hopefully like most of the other reality shows that seem to be popular at first it will slowly become insignificant.

Until that day comes all you “Jersey Shore” lovers can look forward to the next season with all of the same people who embarrassed millions the first time around!

**DANA HOELLE**
Staff Writer

**YES** | Now that the new reality show “Jersey Shore” on MTV just entered my life, I am beyond excited. Usually I wouldn’t think twice about watching a, should I say, trashy reality show, with more drama than I’ve seen in my lifetime, but “Jersey Shore” has gained so much attention.

When I first tuned in I got a kick out of these people. All I did was watch to make fun of these “guidos” and “guidettes,” but after watching for a few more weeks, I looked past their hair gel, buff bodies, and very tan, or should I say orange skin.

I started to respect these people because they are who they are. They may not be like me at all, but they’ve been their same selves through and through.

“Jersey Shore” is like “The Real World,” but filled with super-skanky people of Italian descent who want nothing more than to tan, drink, and hook up.

I say go for it. If Snooki wants to jump in a hot tub in her underwear then so be it. I personally wouldn’t do that at all, but their craziness leads to great television drama and drama is what people love to watch.

“Jersey Shore” is definitely, in my opinion, going to start a massive trend. Girls are going to go tanning way more, and buy packages of “bump its,” and guys are going to start the ritual of GTL (gym, tanning, laundry) and for some off reason I think it’s going to be very cool.

I mean why not? I say if you don’t like the show, don’t watch it, but for me I am still going to remain tuning in every Thursday to watch my lovely guidos in action. I give this show a major fist pump!
SPRINT

Woods in the spotlight

While cheating is not uncommon in the spotlight, will Tiger bounce back?

TARA SMITH
Staff Writer

Okay. Our generation is in no way new to famous cheaters. We’ve had numerous politicians do it from Clinton to Edwards to our own SC Governor Sanford. We’ve had numerous actors do it from Jude Law to Brangelina to Fergie’s husband Josh Duhamel. And yes we have our straying athletes too, from Kobe to A-Rod and now the recently busted and disgusted Tiger Woods.

“AND APPROPRIATELY, LIKE A POLITICIAN USUALLY DOES (…), TIGER HAS BOWED OUT OF HIS PROFESSION TO FOCUS ON HIS FAMILY LIFE.”

PGA tour wins) 13 International wins and is still ranked the No. 1 golf player in the world. Woods is a living sports legend, yet unfortunately another casualty to the long list of celebrity infidels. Should Woods’ sports career suffer as a result of his folly? His home life undoubtedly has, not to mention the admiration of his fans. Several sponsors who once endorsed Woods for millions, no longer want his name affiliated with their company. And appropriately, like a politician usually does in these circumstances, Woods has bowed out of his profession to focus on his family life.

I’m not someone who follows golf, but I’ve always revered the achievements made by those in the sports world who (like myself) are people of color, including Woods. Has he made himself celebrity road kill with this mess? Absolutely. He might as well have committed career suicide. But I do not believe this is the end of Woods.

No. Just a brief moment of silence due to his absence on the course. Woods will have loads of practice to put in and public respect to rebuild when he returns to golf, but in the meantime this champion’s game still is and, (as far I’m concerned) will be untouchable.

VICTORY

Chants pull close win

A game-winning 3-pointer seals the victory

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Sometimes in a close contest, the difference is made when an unexpected individual rises to the challenge and makes a critical play. This was the case as Coastal Carolina University women’s basketball defeated instate rival Winthrop University on Monday, Jan. 18 at Kinbel Arena. Following a 3-point shot from Winthrop’s Jessica Fansler, CCU trailed by four with 1:55 remaining in the game.

During the next couple of possessions for the Eagles, CCU began intentionally fouling after a missed free throw by Fansler, and senior guard Amanda Stull delivered on a deep three to cut the deficit 55 to 54 with 37 seconds on the clock. Winthrop would then miss another free throw, this time by Shanice Cole. This would leave CCU with the opportunity to take the lead if they could make a shot. As the clock continued to dwindle down, junior forward/guard Sydney Moss drove into the lane.

As the defense collapsed on her, Moss passed to her right, where an open Lauren Grachowski, a junior forward, nailed a three. At this point, the home crowd began to erupt in cheer, as Grachowski had only been on the court a few seconds prior to making the shot. The Chants were leading 57 to 55, with 18 seconds left on the clock. Senior forward Kendra Reynolds knocked down two free throws to seal the win with a final score of 59-57.

“I was really focused on bending my legs, especially not playing then coming in the game. I was worrying about if the shot would be short, but I was just ready for it,” said Grachowski regarding her three point shot.

Sophomore guard Olivia Irick also contributed, adding eight crucial points for the Chants.

“I knew they [Winthrop] were a great 3-point shooting team, so I did my best to play defense, stop their 3-point shot and contributed by making a few shots. I was just doing what I had to do,” said Irick.

Still, CCU’s second leading scorer had a personal game high scoring record of 18 points.

“We had a bad couple bad games in conference, then we won a couple. This is a big win, a big moment. Hopefully, we can just go from here,” said Stull.

“You’ve got to hold serve at home, if you are going to be at the upper echelon in this conference you have to win about 89 percent of your home games. It was a huge win,” said Head Coach Allan LeForce.

With the win CCU improves to 11-5 overall, and 2-2 in Big South Play.
NBA All-Star voting should not be left entirely to fans

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

As the NBA All-Star game creeps closer and closer, Houston Rockets' shooting guard Tracy McGrady's name still appears to be second on the list with 281,545 votes at the guard spot for the Western Conference.

Are you kidding me, why are fans voting for him? I understand China has built a big fan base for McGrady because of teammate Yao Ming, but McGrady has played in six games this year averaging seven minutes, three points, 0.8 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game. If Tracy is an all star then so is former University of South Carolina forward Renaldo Balkman who dropped his dinner plate in shock after the New York Knicks selected him in the first round back in the 2006 NBA draft.

Last season Allen Iverson who was a Detroit Piston at the time was voted to start in all star game for the East when he averaged just 18 points per game. The NBA needs to do away with the fan voting. No one wants to see a boring Al Jefferson start over Tim Duncan but, an all star starter should be someone who deserves it for the year they are having up to that point, rather than someone who gets voted in for past performances. That year Al Jefferson was averaging 23 points and 11 rebounds.

I understand the Timberwolves were 16 to 28 at the time and someone has to put up numbers on a bad team, but his stats were still all star worthy. If McGrady becomes an all star starter then that would leave either Monta Ellis who is averaging 25 points per game or rookie stud Tyreke Evans 20.6 points per game as this years Al Jefferson.

So how can we fix this? Let the league choose the first 11 players for each team and have the fans vote in the final player for each conference from a selected list.

CCU slides past High Point in a recent victory

GREG MARTIN
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University took their first division loss of the season against Radford, however they still remain in first place in the Big South Conference. Saturday, Jan. 16 the Chanticleers got a chance to respond and proved to be the team to beat.

The Chants scored five points in just two minutes while holding High Point University to zero. Continuing to play well in the first half, junior forward Chad Gray came off the bench and immediately put his stamp on High Point as he put a stop on High Point's 6-6 Earnest Bridges.

CCU only allowed one lucky High Point basket in the first 11 minutes. Gray then stole a weak pass and finished with a strong dunk to extend the lead 22 to 2. The crowd, enthused by the first half dominance took the volume to another level. The mind teasing chants from the CCU student section clearly affected High Point's nearly non-existent shooting game. The first half ended with CCU in the lead 39 to 16.

The High Point Panthers closed in the score gap 39 to 22 at the beginning of the second half. CCU was still in control, working the offense to get open shots, and the defense was not allowing any easy buckets. However, the Panthers were not ready to admit defeat. The closest High Point came within CCU was a successful 3-pointer by Jaires Simmons, which cut the lead to 11 points with 5:08 left to play in the game.

Senior guard Mario Edwards answered on the ensuing drive with another 3-pointer. High Point missed the next shot and with 4:32 on the clock, senior forward Joe Harris made his 12th rebound of the game, making him the Big South Conference all-time leading rebounder. Harris surpassed High Point graduate Arizona Reed to become the leading rebounder, and he finished the game with 15 rebounds and a career total of 1,017 rebounds.

Edwards scored 28 points, shooting 9-12 from the field and 2-2 from beyond the arc. Edwards scored 20 points in addition to making two steals. Freshman guard Kierre Greenwood was the fourth CCU player to score in double digits adding 10 points and serving five assists.

Coach Ellis, after the game, acknowledged how well the team played.

“You can't wish for a better half,” said Ellis, referring to the first half. “It shows the sort of good character our team has to respond to a tough loss to come back and play like we did today.”

CCU improves their record to 7 to 1 in the conference.

A CCU player jumps for the shot

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