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**NEWS**

**REQUIREMENT**

**Sophomores required to live on campus**

New housing requirement effective Fall 2010

**DANA HOELLE**
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University officially bought Campus Edge apartments, as it was announced earlier this semester. While most of the reason for the purchase was to provide more housing for CCU’s growing student population, there is also a new housing requirement for CCU; sophomores are now required to live on campus.

“Because of our growing student population, we have had a need for more student housing. We also greatly value the residence life experience and know that students who live on campus are more likely to be successful in college,” said Dean of Students Haven Hart. Hart believes the new requirement will have a positive effect on students.

“The timing of the announcement was not ideal. Some students had already made decisions about where they planned to live their sophomore year. Several families had already purchased homes or condos for their students to live. We decided to implement the requirement for Fall 2010 but allow an exemption for those who had signed a lease or purchase agreement. The students living at the University Place community will have better access to campus services including Campus Safety, shuttle service and more. Also, each building at UP will be staffed by a resident assistant. We expect that the new community will be a much safer and enjoyable place to live,” explained Hart. As far as rent prices are concerned, Hart said the price will be the same at both complexes.

While it may be an adjustment for CCU students, many other universities have similar housing requirements that have worked out well.

“I love the fact that the upcoming sophomores are now required to live in campus housing. Living on campus for two years is a great experience; even my friend who will be a junior says how much she misses the dorm experience. It’s an exciting change,” said freshman Tara Kostecki.

**Information**

The new housing requirement will take effect in Fall 2010. For a complete list of exemptions visit the Residence Life Web site at www.coastal.edu/reslife/residency.

**Government**

**OSAL director confirmed; new proposals**

Student Activities and Leadership Director, Whitney Comer, as the advisor for SGA. After confirming our new director SGA approved a new club called the Student Veterans of Coastal Carolina University and then approved a resolution to move to a new, sustainable graduation gown which is completely biodegradable. SGA also heard proposals from five new clubs including exercise and sport science, sociology, field hockey, swim and the Student Artist Society. They will be voted on next week.

Our next meeting will feature legislation dealing with handicap parking, changing the meal plan options for sophomores next year and some other important issues. Next week SGA will also be sponsoring events with the South Carolina Highway Department as part of the campus wide unveiling of the new ‘Smart Ride’ program which will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Edwards Recital Hall, and the “Bet On A Cure Night” which is a Relay for Life Event put on with the help of S.T.A.R. and CPB will be Saturday, Feb. 13 in the small gym.

As always SGA encourages everyone to attend the weekly Senate meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. in Wall 317, and to help be a part of the change that we are trying to enact at CCU. For any questions or comments please contact SGA or stop by the offices located in room 203 of the Student Center.

**News briefs hot off the press**

**EDITORIAL STAFF**

**New head women’s soccer coach named**

Coastal Carolina University has named Tammy DeCesare the new women’s head soccer coach.

DeCesare came to CCU from Western Carolina University where she left a 58-36-13 mark behind in the five seasons she coached there.

She hopes to bring the women’s soccer team to new levels this season.

**CCU wins third place in Big South Quiz Bowl**

Coastal Carolina University students placed third overall in the Big South Quiz Bowl Tournament which was recently held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Members of CCU’s team were: senior Seth Morgan, sophomore Robert Cafaro, sophomore Sally Damon, sophomore Branden Peluso and junior Sarah Sexton.

**Winthrop faculty to perform at CCU**

Kristen Wunderlich and Matthew Manwarren, a soprano and pianist from Winthrop University will perform on Friday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Recital Hall in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Tickets are $3.
**CRIME LOG**

**MONDAY 8**

Women's basketball v. UNC Asheville 7 to 9 p.m. Williams Brice Gym

Movie Night "The Stepfather" 7 to 11:30 p.m. Wall Building Room 116

**TUESDAY 9**

Isn't It Romantic Concert 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wall Building Room 116

**WEDNESDAY 10**

Play "The Pain and Itch" 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Edwards Room 117

**THURSDAY 11**

Valentine Grams Fundraiser 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prince Lawn

Late Night Bingo 10 to 11:30 p.m. Commons Main Dining Room

**FRIDAY 12**

Valentine Gram Pick Up 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Student Center Lobby

**SATURDAY 13**

Women's Tennis v. USC Upstate 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tennis Court

Men's Tennis v. USC Upstate Noon to 4 p.m. Tennis Court

**SUNDAY 14**

All Souls Metaphysical Chapel 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wall Building Room 119

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**Jan. 26**

**Unlawful communication**

DPS officer that they were receiving unwanted telephone communications. The victim replayed some of the communications for the officer. This incident is under investigation.

**Jan. 29**

**Underage possession of alcohol, resisting arrest, possession of false ID**

Three subjects fled the approach of a CCU DPS Security Officer near Founders Drive. The subjects were located, interviewed, and identified. Two of the subjects were charged with underage consumption of alcohol and resisting arrest, the third subject was charged with underage consumption of alcohol, resisting arrest, and possession of false ID. All three subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

**Jan. 30**

**Traffic stop - too fast for**

**Public Intoxication and transported to the Horry County Detention Center.**

**Jan. 30**

**Disorderly Conduct**

CCU DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a fight in progress. The officers did not locate a fight, but did locate some subjects who reported being in an altercation. The subjects were interviewed. The other parties involved were located and interviewed also. All parties declined to press charges at this time.

**Feb. 1**

**Traffic Stop**

A CCU DPS officer observed a vehicle driving on University Blvd. without headlights at approximately 3:00 a.m. The officer stopped the vehicle and interviewed the driver. The driver was discovered to be unwelcome on campus and was given a warning for driving without headlights and trespassing on campus.

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**Corrections**

The Chanticleer is committed to accuracy. Please contact the editor to report mistakes at thechanticleer@gmail.com or 843-349-2330.

In volume 48.1 of The Chanticleer, on page 17, the byline should read "Dara-Lynn Baker."

In the same issue, on page 18, the byline should read "Michael Tomassetti."

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PAGEANT

Thomas Squire takes title of Mr. Coastal

TARA SMITH
Staff Writer

Ten Coastal Carolina University students participated in the annual Mr. Coastal Pageant on Friday, Jan. 22. The contestants were: Jesse Ford, Eugene Bellamy, Jr., Marvin B. Davis, Brian Yakel, Thomas Squire, Chris Bellamy, Joe Castagna, Stephen Watkins, Zane Powell and Ashton McMillan. The event featured Dan Adhoot as the master of ceremonies, whose credits include "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Dave Chappelle Show." Homecoming King and Queen, Marianne Long and Garrett McGhee, as well as a former Mr. Coastal winner, Tim Kazimir were judges for the contest.

The night began with the gentlemen showing off the outfits they would wear on an average day. Clothes ranged from black button down shirts and blue jeans to plaid pullovers and gray jeans, with added accessories such as duffel bags, sunglasses and iPods. Afterwards, the contestants displayed their favorite sports styles such as khaki shorts and polo shirts for golf and tennis, a blue Los Angeles jersey and plaid swimming trunks.

During the night, Adhoot made the audience laugh with jokes about dating, race, religion and music. He even poked fun at some of the contestants such as Ford and Yakel.

There was also a talent portion of the competition for the viewers' delight. Castagna displayed a talent of catching gummy bears in his mouth. Squire, accompanied by Shakia Davis, sang the popular song, "Lost Without You" by Robin Thicke and dedicated his performance to his girlfriend Brittany Akins. Three contestants amazed the crowd with their talents using instruments. Davis and McMillan both played the trumpet and Watkins played the piano. Bellamy sang the song "Use Somebody" by Kings of Leon and Powell sang the Garth Brooks song, "I've Got Friends in Low Places." Jesse Ford showed his poetry skills when he recited a poem about beautiful women, using singers Beyonce and India Arie as model women.

Meanwhile, Yakel stunned the crowd, judges and the MC with a song from Final Fantasy Seven, dressed in a black leather trench coat and black gloves. Yakel became a favorite of the MC, Adhoot and his jokes for the remainder of the evening.

The men of the night defined their elegance in the formal wear portion of the evening. Each contestant was escorted by a fellow CCU woman. Styles ranged from black suits, three-piece suits and khaki pants to pullovers and a long black leather trench coat with black gloves, with ties ranging from colors like blue and pink to red bowties.

At the end of the night, each contestant was asked a question. Some questions asked were: "What is your dream date?" "What is your ideal vacation?" and "What would you ask Barack Obama?"

By the end of the contest, each contestant proved they were worthy of the Mr. Coastal title for 2010, but the judges picked three. Third place winner was Davis. Second place winner was Watkins. First place winner, and the title of Mr. Coastal 2010, went to Squire.

The top three contestants for the Mr. Coastal Pageant

Photos by Julie Harter

FUNDRAISERS

Students give to Haiti with different events

ANGELA PILSON
For The Chanticleer

Students at Coastal Carolina University are uniting to bring relief to the victims in Haiti. Relief efforts include a college fundraiser challenge where CCU has challenged other South Carolina colleges to raise money, and on campus, students are hosting events that are filled with activities so everyone can get involved.

Recently on the Feb. 6 at the basketball game against Asheville, the professor who raised the most money received a lovely pie in the face.

On Feb. 25, "Rally for Relief" will be on Prince Lawn from 11 to 3 p.m. There will be activities, music, and a step show. Later that night in Wall Auditorium, there will be a Talent Showcase where students can give their donations at the door.

On Feb. 27 Refuge and FCA will be hosting a benefit concert with dancers, speakers, a local drama team, artists, and music. They will be selling T-shirts and paintings, and all proceeds will go towards relief in Haiti when they go the country during spring break. During the trip they will bring medical supplies and other necessities. Refuge will also be holding a prayer vigil for all the victims.

Information

If any students would like to donate they can bring it to Katie Zahm's office in the Student Center room 215G. Any student who would like to contact Refuge and get more information can call Vanessa Suggs at (843) 283-7800 or send an email to mrefuge@gmail.com.
Professor discovers excessive mating habits of ‘Saltmarsh Sparrow’

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

Chris Hill, a Coastal Carolina University biology professor of ten years recently discovered the excessive mating habits of a bird known as the “Saltmarsh Sparrow.” The bird breeds in coastal salt marshes from Maine to Virginia, and in winters in salt marshes on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Scott Tomko and Katie Copenhaver, both CCU graduates, assisted Hill along with Whitney Bryan, a student from the South Carolina Governor’s School of Science and Math. According to a CCU’s news bulletin on www.coastal.edu/news, when female Saltmarsh Sparrows are ready to mate, they may mate with more than one Saltmarsh Sparrow male, and the males, instead of fighting each other openly go for females, and compete quietly to outmaneuver other males to fertile females.

According to a research article written for the journal “The Auk,” in which Hill was one of the authors, the study is described in more detail. “We studied mating patterns in Saltmarsh Sparrows (Ammodramus caudacutus,) a species with no territorial defense, no paternal care and no pair bonds. Fifty seven of 60 broods with at least two sampled chicks (and all broods that were completely sampled) resulted from multiple mating by females.

About 1/3 of the broods had a different father for each chick, but the most common pattern, found in 36 of 60 nests, was multiple sires with at least one male having sired two or more chicks. The level of multiple paternity in Saltmarsh Sparrows may be the highest documented, in any bird. Levels of multiple mating increased with population density but not with nesting synchrony. We were able to assign paternity to particular males for about half the 206 chicks genotyped.”

Hill described the sparrows’ practice as a “scramble competition polygyny.”

According to the Web site, “The sparrows are thought to be even more promiscuous than the previously known extremes of multiple mating, the Greater Vasa Parrot of Madagascar and the Superb Fairy-Wren of Australia.”

The creatures also blend into their breeding environment pretty well, as they are streaked brown and gray on the top of their head.

“The usually build a grass dome over their nests, and this is something my collaborator Chris Elphick has published on,” said Hill.

Despite the frequent mating, the species is declining. Habitats where these creatures mate are decreasing, and if it stays at the rate they are going, the Saltmarsh Sparrow could become an endangered species.

“This is a species whose future is in question. They need watching,” said Hill.

Fortunately, these birds are indeed being watched over by various organizations such as International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) that include many groups in the organization, BirdLife International, and Institute of Zoology.

Perhaps the research done by Hill and his assisting team will attract more students to CCU, and it greatly adds to the university which is already well known for it’s biology and marine science programs.

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Graduate student tells all of CCU’s MBA program

Katee Upchurch explains CCU’s new MBA program

CCU graduate enrolled in general business MBA program

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

Katee Upchurch, from North Myrtle Beach, earned her bachelor’s degree in marketing at Coastal Carolina University, and is currently enrolled in CCU’s Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) program.

LACEY: What made you decide to enroll in CCU’s MBA program?

UPCHURCH: I wanted to continue my education and pursue an MBA due to the current job market, and because some companies see an MBA as equivalent to a number of years of experience. An MBA is also useful if you want to be high up in management at a corporation, not to mention more money.

LACEY: How long does it take to earn an MBA at CCU?

UPCHURCH: The full-time program is three 12-hour semesters. I am currently taking one class a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are summer classes as well, and students can also attend part-time.

LACEY: CCU offers two options in the program: General Business MBA or a concentration in accounting. Which are you enrolled in?

UPCHURCH: I am on the regular track, or general business MBA. The MBA concentration in accounting prepares students interested in the accounting track for CPA (Certified Public Accountant) certification, which requires students to have 150 hours of post-secondary education before they can be licensed.

LACEY: What does it cost to earn an MBA at CCU?

UPCHURCH: The 36-hour program costs in-state students about $24,000, which is actually less than most. And considering the average earning difference between an undergraduate and MBA degree is about $25,000 annually, it is pretty good.

LACEY: Is there financial aid available for MBA students?

UPCHURCH: Yes. I am currently part of the graduate assistantship program. Assistantships are awarded by the business school and throughout the University based on your qualifications. The assistantship is extremely helpful.

LACEY: What are the minimum requirements for the MBA program?

UPCHURCH: Admissions looks at students undergraduate GPA and GMAT score. Applicants should shoot for a 3.0 GPA and 500 GMAT.

(Applying to CCU’s MBA Web site, scores for fall 2009 admission to the program are currently: GMAT-515 and GPA -3.5.)

LACEY: Does CCU’s MBA program attract students from other institutions, including foreign?

UPCHURCH: Yes. Coastal’s program is AACSB accredited, it’s affordable at the moment and the professors are passionate about the program. Because of this, we have attracted not only students from other national universities including Kentucky and New York, but we have attracted students from Russia and other international colleges as well. Coastal also offers a dual MBA program in which students can receive an MBA from Coastal as well as Universities the program works with overseas.

LACEY: You mentioned that CCU’s MBA program is AACSB accredited. Explain what they mean and the significance.

UPCHURCH: AACSB is Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools. Coastal’s AACSB accreditation shows students that CCU is committed to quality.

LACEY: Overall, considering course material, professor enthusiasm and student involvement, how would you rate CCU’s MBA program?

UPCHURCH: Coastal has a great up and coming program. The Wall School of Business is committed to excellence and provides students and graduates what they need to be successful in business. The MBA program is relatively young and with time, I believe, it will grow to be a prestigious program in the Southeast.

Novelist
Hannah Tiniti reads at Coastal

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

It is rare for a novelist-writer to be both popular with ordinary readers and capable of measuring up to the most exacting literary standards. So far, Hannah Tiniti has managed it. Her acclaimed short story collection "Animal Crackers," has sold in 16 countries.

Coastal Carolina University students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to experience Tiniti’s talent when she gave a reading on Thursday, Feb. 4 in CCU’s Wall Auditorium. The event was free and open to the public. After a short introduction by Dan Albergott, coordinator of the series, the reading began, evoking laughter throughout. Following the reading was a small reception, where audience members had the opportunity to purchase Tiniti’s book, speak with the author and have their book signed.

The reading, part of the Words to Say It Visiting Writers Series, was supported by the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts and Department of English.

FEATURES

Valentine’s Day on a budget

BK ASTRINI
Art Director

This Valentine’s Day isn’t as threatening as Hallmark makes it seem, and even though students are short on cash, they can still celebrate it in a unique and cheap way.

What to get

Forget the ties or cheap jewelry, and don’t even think about crossing the Wal-Mart Valentine’s Day aisle to pick up a cheesy stuffed animal. Think about things that you can do together:

• A gift card at Cinemark can guarantee a date.
• $10 worth of e-tokens for Jungle Fun at Coastal Grande Mall equals up to 44 tokens or about 15 arcade games.
• Get a $20 gift card at Wal-Mart but vouch that to only buy (kids’) toys.
• Drop by FYE and browse through the used CD section together and find anything from good to goofy: REM by Britney Spears, all costing anywhere from $2.99 and up.
• At FYE, calendars cost about $3.50 and have themes like “The Office” and Fall Out Boy, but don’t stop there. Fill random dates with things to do with the honey, like a massage, a movie, or a naughty camping trip. He or she will always look forward to those days for the rest of the year.

Earthbound is a foothold shop with affordable and creative gifts, like vintage rock posters of Rolling Stones and the Doors from $6.95, or large Andy Warhol replicates from $12.47.

For the one adamant about flowers, skip the boring roses, and get a medium bouquet of tulips at Wal-Mart, usually around $5. These are much prettier, livelier, and last longer.

• For the creative one, get a cork tile ($ and up) and cover it with pictures and notes. It’s an easy way to personify something, and ends up being very useful.

• A few aisles down, get a beta fish, costing $4.67, and a starter kid (comes with bowl, water neutralizer, fish food, and other fishy garnishes - $8), and share a pet that’s easy to take care of.

What to do

The truth is, most people are probably both broke, and fighting for a reservation at some overpriced restaurant just overrated.

• Instead, go out to eat for lunch, which is a lot cheaper, and it gives more time for the rest of the night.
• Have a wine night - both grab a bottle of a favorite wine, and try them out. A snack tray (by the vegetable aisle) costs $5 and comes with cheese cubes and pepperonis. And of course, don’t use the red Facebook cups for these - a set of two wine glasses is only $4.97.
• Not a wine fan? Do the same with different beers neither one as tried.
• Of course, all of these can be done without a date. Grab friends and have a drink tasting night or get together for some fondue.
• If a fondue pot is out of budget, just melt a 23 oz. bag of milk chocolate morsels and dip fruit into it. The best with chocolate are bananas, strawberries, grapes, and pineapples. The total will cost you around $10.

Regardless if Valentine’s Day is deemed to ruin wallets, you can still manage to do it in style.

Politics

Recent Mass. election sheds light on double standards

AMANDA KRAFT
For The Chanticleer

Last Tuesday, Jan. 19th State Senator Scott Brown made news by becoming the first Mass. Republican elected to the U.S. Senate since 1972. However, his right-wing voting record is not the only thing causing major media upset.

Brown, 50, is quite the Renaissance man. According to www.reuters.com, he has represented Boston’s southwest suburbs since 2004, as one of just five Republicans in the 40-member Senate. He served three terms in the Mass. House of Representatives. He has been a member of the Mass. National Guard for 30 years, and he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a graduate of Tufts University and Boston College Law School. And in 1982, he posed for Cosmopolitan Magazine as the winner of their “America’s Sexist Male contest. In addition to being a partially nude centerfold at the age of 22, the much younger Senator Brown also modeled and appeared in a few T.V. commercials.

Brown’s life is American as apple pie, so to speak. He is an attorney with specialization in family law living in Wrentham, Mass., with his wife of 23 years, Gail Huff. Huff is a general assignment reporter with local affiliations to ABC. Their oldest of two daughters, Ayla, was a semi-finalist in the fifth season of “American Idol.”

It is no secret that Brown is not a big fan of President Barack Obama’s administration or the currently Democratic-controlled Congress. It was Brown who made the potentially crucial 41st vote against the recently proposed healthcare plan.

Because of Brown’s affiliations, his various supporters and his critics, Brown’s win, in a widely Democratic state, surprised his constituency to say the least.

As Ros Krasny put it on the Reuters site, in his race against Democratic state Attorney General Martha Coakley, Brown tapped into what he saw as a rich vein of voter concern about the policies of the current administration.

Surely, he won the vote fairly and square, but a lot of people are still talking about this nude model business.

As Jeremy Mayer wrote on the nydailynews.com, “no, Martha Coakley didn’t lose because she is a woman. But had Scott Brown been one, he wouldn’t have won.” Mayer says Brown’s victory means that sexism is alive and well in American politics. Some agree on the suggested gender bias, however some are indifferent.

It seems to me that general opinion of the media surrounding this controversy, is that these kinds of youthful indulgences are forgivable in the political arena, but there is most definitely still a strong proposition of gender discrimination lurking in the shadows.

One thing is certain: Brown’s victory over Coakley, though legitimate and fair, has shed light on the old double standard based on sex and gender roles, which the majority of the U.S. presumed dead in public and professional realms.

It is 2010. Our country currently has 17 female senators and recently had two females running the last Presidential election. Do men and women still life and breathe in separate spheres?
MAEGEN SWEAT

Editor

For generations, Valentine’s Day has always been a day about love, couples, relationships, romance, chocolate, roses and even more chocolate. In elementary school it meant everyone picked out the same little Valentine card and gave them out to everyone in class. In middle school it was about what girl got the most flowers sent to her during the day. In high school, it was about who was dating who, and the “romantic dinner” that followed, or either who just got the largest teddy bear.

It’s been the same for years, and to many people it’s actually become a fake holiday, created by none other than Hallmark. While many couples use the day as an excuse for a formal dinner, others simply loathe the day in absence of a loving partner. What’s never really discussed is how exactly this “romantic” holiday even developed. Turns out, it didn’t even originate with love. Actually, it was quite incestuous.

According to information listed on the Web site, www.bibletudy.org, centuries before Christ the pagan Romans celebrated a “sensual festival” on Feb. 15 in honor of the Lupercus, “the hunter of the wolves.” This festival was called Lupercalia, and it was spent exchanging Valentines and other traditions in honor of the hero. How this day was turned into “St. Valentine’s” Day on Feb. 14 has to do with the different religions referring to Lupercus by different names over a period of time.

So where do the naked cupids come into play? In Roman terms “cupid” means lust or to desire. The mother of Lupercus, who was also known as “Nimrod,” lusted after her son, and he became her cupid, or “Valentine.” And yes, she later commits the evil sin of marrying her own son. Hence, in a nutshell, this is how “Valentine’s Day” as we know it officially came around, at least from a religious perspective.

These days the occasion is generally thought of as a time when people show their partners how much they care by taking them to nice dinners, buying them cutey little gifts and trinkets with corny sayings, and of course all the chocolate and flowers possible. Some girls may even be lucky enough to get a diamond or two out of the deal. As stated on www.debateg.com, in 2006 alone $13.9 billion worth of chocolate and cocoa products were purchased and shipped into the U.S. for Valentine’s Day.

Whether it’s cupid’s love or a Hallmark created holiday, many students had different opinions.

“It’s a Hallmark creation, but it’s still fun to buy little gifts if you have a Valentine and spend the night with them,” said sophomore Paige Cummings, who plans on celebrating the day with her Valentine early due to previous commitments.

Senior communication major Phillip Griffith is not very fond of the day.

“Personally I think Valentine’s Day is so overrated. It’s not even a holiday to celebrate the love between two people, it’s just another holiday that the guy has to go all out for the girl and get nothing in return. I know it’s better to give than receive but I just wish the holiday was more true to the whole couple instead of just the girl. Also it’s just a holiday to leave single people wondering why they don’t have a Valentine and I wish it wasn’t like that,” said Griffith.

Juniors Rachel Scherdin and Shaye Frye share similar opinions.

“If you really love someone do you really need a special day to celebrate it? I think you should show your love every day,” said Sherdin.

“It’s just another way to make money and I definitely agree that you don’t need a special day just to show someone you love them. I just like the candy,” agreed Frye.

Either way, Valentine’s Day still proves to be a major hit year after year, especially in the candy and flower industry.
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THE CHANTICLEER’S WEEKLY PHOTO CON

THIS WEEK’S WINNER

4. Kyle Diorio

“From Güell to Vell”

“Taken in Barcelona, Spain. Humans are biologically and metaphorically forced into seeing what is ahead of us. If humans stopped to see what was behind, they would know the beauty that was following them. The Spanish sun was casting some great shadows that day, and it took me until my last shot to get the right one.”

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The Letter Gang-Matt Mendelssohn, Evan Beard, Matt Caeljal, Dan Schweizer, Reece Morris

Patrick Parent, Ryan Norwood, Brandan Robinson, Brittany Apte Brittni Engel, Lauren Dickey

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Student wins trip to Sundance Film Festival

RASHORD LING
Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University is proud to congratulate senior English major Hannah Parrish for winning a trip to the Sundance Film Festival.

Parrish, who also works as a Mark independent sales representative, was presented an opportunity where her company provided an incentive for the top three sellers to go to Sundance, along with a friend. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Parrish became one of the top three sellers and she attended Sundance.

Parrish described her winning the trip to Sundance as a dream come true.

"It was my dream to go to Sundance since I was little," said Parrish.

She was an intern for the company and when the opportunity came with the incentives she had to do it.

"Sundance is a launching pad for many writers and directors to break into the [film] industry," said Parrish.

Parrish strikes a pose at the Sundance Film Festival

Parrish. "It was beautiful and snowy. I got to see movies with the cast and directors," said Parrish.

She also had a chance to see movies before they came out and network with people in the industry. Among the list of people she met were actors such as Chase Crawford, Adrian Grenier, Mark Ruffalo, Jason Ritter, Joel Shoemocker and many directors.

Parrish says that she learned a lot through her experience and she wants CCU students to know that any dream can be achieved through hard work.

"Just figure out what you want and go for it because I wanted to do it so I had to make it happen," said Parrish.

For CCU Professor of English Jason Ockert, Parrish's accomplishment wasn't surprising.

"I wasn't surprised because she is single-minded and driven and after having her in my class I knew how determined she was," said Ockert.

Ockert said with a little humor that Parrish strikes him as someone who sold girls scout cookies when she was young.

"I would definitely buy girl scout cookies from Hannah," said Ockert.

SUSTAINABILITY

'Cofastal Curriers' bike program to start at CCU

NICOLE HOLLEY
Features Editor

Cyclists can be seen zipping all around campus these days. Students, faculty, and staff alike are beginning to find ways to ride their bike to campus, and this is just the beginning of many students and administration are doing to implement sustainability on Coastal Carolina University's campus. Marissa Mitzner, CCU's sustainability coordinator works with students and administration to ensure campus meets regulations and to begin many exciting programs for "going green."

One new program Mitzner, along with Student Eco-Reps, is beginning is a bike program called 'Coastal Curriers.' Coastal Curriers is a program where faculty, staff and students will be able to sign out a bike to ride around campus. A certain number of bikes will be placed around each academic building for easy access and availability.

Once the program is underway, Mitzner plans to keep a record of the people that utilize the bikes and create a focus group which will help to determine and work on any problems with the program, as well as finding ways to make the program bigger. She hopes to have a bike program for University Place and various other communities around CCU to ensure that everyone who would like to ride a bike to school is able to.

The plan is to entice people to stop driving to the campus completely if they are close enough to ride a bike.

As well as the new ink cartridge recyclable bins around campus there are many other exciting programs starting. 'Recycle Mania' is a challenge that many of CCU's sister schools execute in order to get students excited about recycling. This semester is the first that Mitzner has tried the competition, which is between Waccamaw Hall and Santee Hall. Whichever building recycles the most will receive a trophy made out of recyclable materials.

"Many students may not know this, but recycle bins are very expensive. Also I want to ensure that I meet all the codes and regulations. I like to guarantee that programs are efficient before I begin them rather than start them and then find all the problems," said Mitzner.

Recently the Eco-Reps presented a plan to President Dave Decenzo for CCU to sign onto the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). By signing, CCU's students and administration would be making a commitment to employ plans and agendas in the quest for climate neutrality. If Decenzo decides to sign, CCU will begin an outline for offsetting and reducing our carbon footprint. To find out more about both of these programs you can visit the Web sites www.recyclemaniacs.org and www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org. April is declared 'Earth Month' and there will be many exciting events all around campus. Look for the exact details in the month of March. Students can sign up at the end of each semester to become Eco-Reps and work closely with Mitzner to better campus and the community.

Students can always contact Mitzner to volunteer with the organization and simply let administration know that sustainability is important to them by getting involved in any way feasible. Contact Mitzner at 349-2389 or email her at mgmitzner@coastal.edu.
Random, interesting OMGfacts

For all of you that use twitter, or actually even know what it is, the infamous OMGfacts delivers daily factual information on everything imaginable. If you don’t have a twitter, you should check out their website, www.omg-facts.com.

Random facts I bet you never knew, or even thought of, all courtesy of OMGfacts @ twitter.

• In the 40’s, the ‘Bich’ pen was changed to ‘Bic’ for fear that Americans would pronounce it ‘bitch.’
• The Bible is the number one most shoplifted book of all time.
• There are two golf balls sitting on the moon.
• Over 2,500 left-handed people a year are killed from using equipment made for right-handed people.
• Iguanas, koalas and komodo dragons all have two penises.
• Sheep can recognize each other through pictures.
• The distress code “Mayday” comes from the French for ‘Help me, m’aide.’
• Blue whales have large enough aortas (the main blood vessel) for a human to crawl through.
• 85 percent of all Valentine’s Day cards are purchased by women.
• In Nantoma, KS, it’s illegal to throw knives at men wearing striped suits.
• Male billy goats urinate on their own head to smell more attractive to females.
• Toyota’s president and C.E.O. is Akio Toyoda.

Disclaimer. I am by no means claiming the validity of these statements, but you have to admit, they are pretty interesting and get you thinking.

Best picture nominees announced

The 2010 Oscar nominees have been announced, and for every week actually leading up to the awards, The Chanticleer will highlight the different nominations for each category.

Best Picture
“Avatar”
Producers James Cameron and Jon Landau

“The Blind Side”
Producers Lee Daniels, Sarah Siegel-Magnus and Gary Magness

“Up”
Producer Jonas Rivera

“An Education”
Producers Finola Dwyer and Amander posey

“The Hurt Locker”
Producers Peter Johnson and Carolyne Cunningham

“A Serious Man”
Producers Joel Coen and Ethan Coen

“Inglourous Basterds”
Producer Lawrence Bender

“District 9”
Producers Peter Johnson and Carolyne Cunningham

“Up in the Air”
Producers Daniel Dubicki, Ivan Reitman and Jason Reitman

Across
1. Comes in milk or dark
4. Wrap your arms around
5. Taken with a camera
9. February 14
11. Pure color
13. Ties in a bow
15. To shade in
17. White bird

Down
1. Cures a sweet tooth
2. Shoots love arrows
3. Mistaken for love
4. Has a beat
6. Seal with a...
7. Come in a vase
8. Write a love letter on
10. Say at a wedding
12. Has a wife
14. Not mean
16. of love
The Bitchin' Column

ELIJAH BLACK
Staff Writer

How far will people go to extinguish a sense of loneliness? Why is everyone so desperate to enter this hierarchy of people known as "the popular?"

I often ask myself these questions because I see and hear so many college students pursuing a conception to popularity. I thought something such as a popularity contest died out in high school. Apparently, it has crossed over to college life.

Some students may hang out with a certain group of people, and then act like they don't know others. It's even worse when people are out at a club, mall, movie theater, etc. People change like that when they are around a certain group or person. In a popularity contest, they don't seem to mind discouraging people they call or used to call friends. That's why some students don't hang out with the friends they had last year.

Let's not forget those who would do anything to have friends or associates. I'm talking about the guys that drink the most alcohol, the women that are "secrets" for some guys, and the person who has to have all the attention.

There is a difference between status and popularity. Some students get that confused. It's not the excessive amount of expressive thought on facebook, but status is the credibility a person has whether it is being trustworthy, menacing, etc. Good credibility can establish a good friendship regardless if it's popular or not. The popularity contest is more materialistic, though. In other words, a person is automatically judged on what he or she can offer to a certain group.

Be aware of consequences of being popular as well. People who are noticed tend to be put on a pedestal. For example, Tiger Woods, the almost perfect golfer athlete kept supposedly his nose clean for years until a shocking sex scandal. There are people out there who anticipated such an event.

Popularity contests aren't narrowed down into a certain group. It's like number of actions a student does to get more attention to squash any insecurity or loneliness. What are students looking for? Everyone wants that fame. They want other students to know their name, wave at them as they get out of a car, or scream as they enter a building. Is that what students really want? A good name pinnacles over fame.

FASHION

Chiffon; lace in for spring

LINDSAY MOZINGO
Staff Writer

The critics have spoken, and in the upcoming spring season, chiffon and lace dresses are definitely in. When buying a chiffon dress make sure there is at least two to four layers of chiffon with an underneath layer of lace or cotton.

Short or long, this look is easily obtainable. For short dresses, you can pair leggings with it (lace or sheer is preferable and most in style for spring) or even bare legged, with a pair of short or tall heels depending on the event.

If you decided to do a longer dress, there are two things you should know. If you are taller go with flat shoes, if you are shorter stick with the kitten heels.

I know what many of you are thinking. Chiffon stains easily but there are solutions to this problem. Luckily, dry cleaners can easily do the job, but for someone who is messy it can be pricey. There is cheaper option, however. Bed, Bath, and Beyond sells a steamer to easily clean clothes and you can do it at home at your own convenience.

Now, on to lace dresses. My best advice for you with this trend is to be classy about it. I would be mortified to see women walking around clubs thinking they are fashionable by wearing a piece of lace lingerie. Keep your dress at a decent length, leave some for the imagination and wear it like any classy woman would. Lace dresses are best accessorized with small, elegant jewelry. Also, keep your heels less flashy when it comes to a lace dress.

Confidence and great fashion are every woman's best defense. For these great fashion finds I suggest you check out Dillard's, Anthropologie, and Francesca's.

Status Quo

What's your Facebook status?

Wayne Marcelli - THE CIA EXPLOITED ME

Tracey Daniska - Need a little more dance in my life! Swing, Tango and Waltz in particular.

Bryn Barton - Recently commercials aimed at children have caught my undivided attention. I guess it is a good thing I have absolutely no money or else my room/house would be filled with the likings of magic air brush pens, and race car tracks... Heading home this weekend, woot woot.

Chelsey Rhae Kimes - needs to get a new camera and start documenting this life called college!

Ashleannne Cane - i think my grandmother thinks I have this giant but b/c she gave me size 11 jeans for my birthday

Julia Knight - Dear Coastal. Please build a parking garage so I don't miss another 400 level class due to lack of parking. Sincerely, Julia. PS to whoever stole my spot this morning. Go yourself.

Greg Pearson - how lazy am I? well... I still have my christmas tree up. it might be there till i move out

Julie Hamer - Dear Everybody, This Marine Science test may be the death of me. Please keep myself, and my friends who are also taking the test in your prayers. If I change my status later on tomorrow, it's because I survived. If not, well, use your imagination. Love, Julie ♥

BE HEARD

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

Parrish McGill
Kimberly Austin
Chris Cooper

"I'm going to make every girl's fantasy become a reality."
"Going out to eat."
"I'll probably spend it with my mama, I don't spend money on females."

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Is V-Day a lovely holiday or a lame excuse?

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

LAME | So I don’t want to say I’m completely against Valentine’s Day, because I’m not at all. I think it’s great if you actually have someone worthy of your time to spend it with.

With that being said, as long as I can remember I’ve had crappy, I mean crappy V-days; and just for shits and giggles, I figured I’d share some of them with you.

The first “real boyfriend” I ever had was at the age of 14. I was a freshman in high school and he was a senior. You know, he was an older man, could drive, and I thought that was totally cool. Well, on our first V-day, he picked me up in his cousin’s old, beat up truck, with his cousin in the passenger’s seat. I was expecting a nice card or flowers at least, but nope. He handed me a zip lock bag only half filled with random candy... and it was what his mom gave to him earlier that day! His lame excuse? “I spent the money I had saved to get you a present on the gas to come get you.” Yep. It really happened.

On another V-day celebration with a different boyfriend when I was 17, he planned a “romantic” dinner... At the Mexican restaurant where I worked! I have to give him some props, he bought me a nice pair of shoes, but they were the wrong size. He then started an argument with me that ended in him literally crying in tears at the table. Ay yi yi.

The next relationship I had was with a marine, who was never able to spend V-day with me. He was always working or either deployed. What a waste. Now, like I said earlier, I think V-day could be great if it’s spent in a meaningful way. It’s not about spending tons of money, but more about spending quality time with someone who actually cares for you.

Hopefully, this year will be less sucky than the others. We shall see. Oh and don’t worry, I’ll keep you posted!

xoxo and candy hearts! 😍

BK ASTRINI
Art Director

LOVELY | First of all, are we really complaining about a holiday? Is our culture so oversaturated with good tidings that we have to find problems with days dedicated for festivities and joy? Quit yer whinin’, and find something real to bitch about.

There are two ways the haters can put up with Valentine’s Day: take advantage of it or shut up about it.

V-day is the bomb diggity. And don’t even give me that rubbish about not having a sweetheart, because I’m single as hell and I’m not out condemning cupid.

This holiday is not solely for the couples of the world. Love can be found in a lot of people around. Go out with friends and laugh at the fact that at least you guys won’t break up in a few months.

All the awesome candy isn’t for duos only either, so eat it. Heart-shaped Reese’s cups have a ton more peanut butter in them, so abuse that privilege.

Stop complaining. So, Valentine’s Day may not be for everybody. Neither is Ramadan. Nor Christmas. Not even freakin’ Cinco de Mayo, which is not even a real holiday, but that doesn’t stop all the kiddies from shying away from the tequila.

And don’t even think about giving me none of this Hallmark b-s. I like Hallmark, they’re some smart dudes. While the elusive single ladies are crying about their broken hearts, Hallmark’s laughing all the way to the bank. They’re sure raking in all the profits of having a secular holiday (in your face, Cadbury).

I guess I’m cool with Feb. 14 because I’ve always managed to not make it completely suck, regardless if I had a boyfriend at the time. Instead of avoiding it vehemently, I embrace this holiday made to eat my body weight in chocolate. Plus, the candy sales on Feb. 15 are out of this world.
**SPORTS**

**Victory**

**Chants gain revenge**

The men's basketball team dominates GWU

GREG MARTIN - Staff Writer

Coastal Carolina University men's basketball team tied a Big South record for the fastest team to get 20 wins in their first 24 games of the season. Gardner-Webb University had a 1-0 record playing CCU in Conway, Jan. 28, 2009. GWU outscored CCU 79 to 74. However, this season GWU was not ready for the slam city showdown that CCU put on.

Ten minutes into the first half CCU had a 16 point lead, senior guard Mario "Rio" Edwards sent a no-look pass to senior forward Joe Harris for a lay-up to extend the lead to 18 points. GWU's Anton Silver hit a 3-pointer on a fast break, however senior guard/forward Logan Johnson responded on the next possession matching the 3-pointer. Silver hit yet another 3-pointer with only 58 seconds running off the game clock.

The GWU bulldogs were exhaust trying to keep up with freshman guard Kierre Greenwood, freshman guard Danny Niemen, Edwards, and junior forward Chad Gray combining for an 8-0 run. Freshman forward Chris Evans fueled the fire when he caught an alley-oop with one hand and dropped it like it was hot. As soon as the ball hit the crowd hit their feet and roared with excitement. The Chanticleers went into the locker room at half time with confident smiles as they were gaining revenge from last year's loss with a lead of 50 to 21.

The Chanticleers looked to be in solid mid-season form scoring 21 points off fast breaks. When they came back to start the second half they changed gears and put the ball more in the paint. They scored 32 points in the second half alone, more importantly they shot 100 percent from the free-throw line in the second half. Kudos to the team for dedicating the time to take repetitions in order to improve their free throw percentage.

"Between class, after class and any free time we spend in the gym," said Harris. CCU shot 52.8 percentage on free throws against Radford University in their first division loss of the season missing 10 shots and loosing by 10 points. This painful memory continues to contribute to the Chanticleer's good character in that they respond by strengthening their weaknesses. CCU shot 60 percent from the field, 46.2 percent from 3-point range and 85.7 percent on total free throws.

Gray scored all over the court hitting three field goals, a 3-pointer and sinking two free throws. Nieman scored 13 points and totaled six assists. Evans totaled 10 points including three dunks. Harris totaled six points. Johnson totaled 10 points including two 3-pointers. Edwards was the fifth Chanticleer in double figures totaling 18 points and six assists.

"Jojo' Harris is a special athlete and I can say it has been a real pleasure to watch him dominate both ends of the floor," said senior communication major Matt Mendelson, who is a member of the "letter gang." CCU won the game 96 to 60. They improve their record to 20-4 overall and 10-2 in the Big South Conference.
SPORTS

Opinion

Will Favre retire again?

TARA SMITH
Staff Writer

A lot of football fans probably know that Brett Favre has been indecisive about his decision to retire from playing football. It was almost two years ago in March 2008 when Favre first made an announcement to retire from the NFL. Five months later, he was traded to the New York Jets. After suffering a torn bicep, he retired.

Still, it was reported Favre signed with the Minnesota Vikings in March 2009. It was almost two years ago when Favre first stated he would retire from the NFL. "I am done with it," Favre said. "It's a quit game and I can't do it." However, he continued to play in the NFL another year or permanently retire is still a mystery. He may be 40 years old but he still shows he is a good player and still has another year or two left in him. Though the Vikings were one game short of the Super Bowl and lost, Favre set playoff records held by Joe Montana in pass completions and passing yards.

In the summer of 2009, it was rumored that Favre would sign with the Minnesota Vikings, though Favre stated he was going to retire. However shortly after, it was reported Favre signed to play another season, but this time with the Vikings. Though the Vikings’ season ended with a loss in the NFC Championship against the New Orleans Saints, Favre’s decision to remain in the NFL another year or permanently retire is still up in the air.

Basketball teams take losses

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Men’s

Just when it appeared that the Coastal Carolina University men’s basketball team was winning effortlessly through the remainder of their conference schedule, they ran into their rival, the Winthrop University Eagles. The two clubs regrew their struggle for supremacy on Jan. 30.

CCU entered the game as winners of three in a row, as well as 15 of their last 16 contests. In what was a back and fourth game, WU came away with a 67 to 64 victory in front of their home crowd. The Eagles lead 24 to 24 at halftime, but CCU would soon go in front. After Andre Jones split a pair of free-throws, WU increased their advantage to three. Freshman guard Kierre Greenwood missed a jump shot, and two more free throws sealed the victory for WU.

"I thought this was a tremendous effort, both teams put it all on the line, and it was like a March game," said CCU Head Coach Cliff LeForce.

WOMEN’S

When the calendar turns to February and the regular season begins to fade is when the games become all the more critical. For this reason, the passed two contests have been damaging to the Coastal Carolina University women’s basketball team. Following a 57 to 38 loss at Liberty University on Jan. 25, the Chants lost 78 to 33 at Gardner-Webb University on the Jan. 31, and 56 to 46 to Presbyterian College.

"We’ve played eight league games, four at home and four away. If you look at the stats, it’s very simple why we don’t win on the road, we don’t shoot well. We’re shooting 28 percent from the two point line, 21 percent from the three point line, and 56 or 57 percent from the foul line. We get the same shots that we get here at home they just don’t go in," said CCU Head Coach Allan LeForce.

LeForce said that having senior guard Amanda Stull get injured has been tough to overcome. Stull led CCU with 17 points off the bench. Senior forward Joseph Harris recorded his 12th double-double of the season, going for 10 points and 10 rebounds.

For the contest, CCU shot just over 37 percent from the floor. This was their first conference road loss of the season. With the victory, WU improved to 11-10 overall, and 7-4 in the Big South Conference.

Despite coming up short, CCU maintained a two-game hold on first place in the conference. Their record currently stands at 19-4 overall, and 9-2 in Big South play.

Baseball

Expectations high for baseball team

MICHAEL TOMASSETTI
For The Chanticleer

Expectations are high as Gary Gilmore enters his 14th season as Coastal Carolina University’s head baseball coach, and according to the Baseball Writers of America poll CCU should be ranked number 12 to start the season. Making it the fifth time in the last nine seasons, the CCU baseball team has been ranked going into the pre and regular season. The Chanticleers have also won the Big South Conference the last three years so the pressure will be on to continue the streak as they are clearly the team to beat according to opponents.

A couple home games baseball fans should have marked on their calendar are; Feb. 25 vs. (8) UC Irvine and March 26 vs. (19) San Diego. Some notable road games are; March 31 vs. (16) Clemson and April 27 vs. (2) Virginia. The roster for this season appears to be very balanced.

There are six returning seniors who will be departing after this season and seven freshman who will be just starting, including one red shirt freshman. There are 11 sophomores to go along with eight juniors rounding out the team.

CCU baseball has made winning look easy. Dating back to 2005-2006 season CCU has won over 30 games, and they hope to add to that statistic. Just like every Division one team in America, the Chanticleers hope to being playing for their first national title in late June. The quest will begin at home against West Virginia on Feb. 19. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.
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