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NEWS

SAFETY

Chauncey Patrol offers campus rides

Transportation system offers late, safe rides

CORRIE LACEY
Assistant Editor

Chauncey Patrol, a new student-run transportation system, is now a way for the Coastal Carolina University community to have a safe ride around the University's campus.

CCU students, faculty, staff and visitors can call public safety at 843-349-2177, and request a ride from Chauncey Patrol, which uses a golf cart for quick transport. Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 2 a.m., a patrol student will accompany persons to any destination on campus. However, Chauncey Patrol does not cross U.S. 501, U.S. 544 or University Blvd.

According to Lieutenant Scott Suttles, the idea for the system came in July 2009. Chief of Police David Roper and Deputy Chief Rodney Thomason discussed a plan to provide safe transportation for faculty and students. After receiving financial support from the administration, the plan moved forward.

The number of Chauncey Patrol students was narrowed from 160 applicants to 11 patrolers.

"We were looking for students with good driving records," Suttles said. "But we also wanted them to be self-motivated and out going. Students needed to have a concern for CCU's environment and image. Chauncey Patrol should not only be good representatives for Public Safety, but for Coastal as a whole."

The 11 students attended an orientation where they were taught how to handle situations and how to be an "extra set of eyes and ears."

"We don't want Chauncey Patrol students to confront situations," Suttles said. "We want them to be able to identify suspicious persons and call in any suspicious activity. But ultimately, we want them to get away from potential hazardous situations."

Each student on patrol will have a radio.

PURCHASE

CCU purchases science center and Prudential Building

CCU finally takes leap to own two rented buildings

DAVE WARD
Staff Writer

On Jan. 22 Coastal Carolina University's Board of Trustees took a significant step in expanding campus facilities by voting in favor of acquiring two buildings on the East side of U.S. 501. The properties include the Coastal Science Center building, which the University has subleased from a New York based firm for the last five years, as well as the Prudential Building, previously occupied by Prudential Burroughs & Chapin Realty Inc.

The estimated 3.8 million dollar price tag signifies the first project funded by the 1 percent sales tax passed by voter referendum in 2008.

The Science Center building already houses the marine science, computer science, psychology and sociology departments. The center boasts 69,480 sq feet, and is slated for use as an academic and residential facility.

Will Garland, senior vice president of finance and administration estimated the buildings cost at 2.4 million. The difference in the estimated cost and the appraised value of 2.9 million is the result of the lease agreement CCU signed.

Stated therein is the stipulation that the building's cost would be reduced equivalent to the monthly payments of roughly $1,243 over five years.

The Prudential Building is a 5,500 square foot facility with an estimated value of 1.4 million.

The facility currently houses the CCU's Department of Human Resources.

According to Garland the University is not interested in expanding student classes across U.S. 501. Instead, CCU is in the process of moving administration and staff that do not actively interact with students across U.S. 501 to provide additional office space for academics and student services.

The Prudential Building is set to house administrative departments including; finance and administration, university employment, operations, and payroll.

An addition to the acquisition of the two new buildings; a parallel project to expand University Boulevard across U.S. 501 to make facilities on the East campus more accessible for students is already underway.

These projects are critical for the continued success and growth of CCU because the current demand for facilities outweighs the supply which, strains our ability to deliver the full college experience of students, according to Garland.

Two Chauncey Patrol workers give a student a safe ride on campus

According to Suttles, the main point of the program is to provide safe transportation. But whether the system is used for convenience or security, as long as the community continues to use it, the program is considered productive.

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CRIME LOG

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Feb. 13
Underage possession of alcohol
CCU DPS officers responded to University Place apartments in reference to a panic alarm activation. The officers were informed upon arrival that it was an accidental activation. The officers entered and checked the apartment and no problems were found, but the two occupants were found to be in possession of alcohol and underage. Residence life staff were notified and responded. The two subjects were written citations for underage possession of alcohol.

Feb. 13
Burglary
CCU DPS officers responded to the University Place apartments in reference to a burglary. The officers interviewed the victim and attempted to locate the subject. The subject was not located. The victim reported that the subject (who was known to the victim) had forced their way into the victim's apartment, taken the victim's keys, and left the area. This incident is under investigation.

Feb. 13
Harassment
A CCU DPS officer responded to University Place apartments in reference to harassment. The officer first responded to one subject's apartment and then to the other subject's apartment. The officer spoke with all the parties involved and advised them to refrain from contacting each other. This incident is being referred.

Feb. 13
Noise complaint, transfer of alcohol, breach of the peace, false information to police
CCU DPS officers responded to Quail Run in reference to a loud noise complaint. The subject residence was located and residents of the residence were located. The residence was cleared of non-residents. Two subjects were arrested at the scene and transported to the Horry County Detention Center. One subject was charged with breach of the peace, transfer of alcohol to a minor. The other subject was charged with underage possession of alcohol, breach of the peace, and providing false information to a police officer.

Feb. 12
Possession of paraphernalia
A CCU DPS officer responded to University Place in reference to paraphernalia found by residence life staff during room inspections. The property was seized as contraband. The subject was not located at the time of the discovery. On Sunday 14 February, 2010 the subject was located and given a citation for possession of paraphernalia and released.

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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 48.3 of The Chanticleer, on pg. 7, the caption should read, "Pierre Henry Valdemar hopes to return to Haiti as a missionary to help with his country's devastation."*

In the same issue, on pg. 17, the caption should read, "Senior guard Mario Edwards attempts a 3-pointer."

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Myrtle Beach; southerners get a brief taste of snow

RASHORD LING
Staff Writer

The Annual Myrtle Beach Marathon and Coastal Carolina University's campus events were cancelled Friday, Feb. 12 due to inclement weather. The rare snowfall also surprised students.

The weather didn't stop some runners from participating in the marathon. Participants were found running on the marathon course as early as 7 a.m. Participants traveled from places such as Illinois, North Carolina and Greenville, and paid $60 for the half marathon, or $110 for the entire marathon, according to The Sun News.

CCU cancelled all campus events during that weekend. The events include, men's and women's tennis games against USC Upstate, Discovery Day, and Saturday classes. These events will be postponed until a later date.

Coastal Carolina University students shared mixed reactions about the snowfall. The Horry County area received up to five inches of snow which caught CCU junior Jessica Shader by surprise.

"It was crazy that it snowed here in Myrtle Beach," said Shader. "It was unexpected."

Shader is from Albany, N.Y. and being from the North, the snow was something that she was used to seeing. She spent many years growing up dealing with severe weather conditions.

"This would have been a flurry in New York," said Shader. She said it was surprising to see how overly excited people were about the snow, because to her, it was not out of the ordinary. However, with all the excitement among her friends, it started rubbing off on her.

"I knocked down a snowman and had a snowball fight, so I guess I got just as excited," said Shader.

Shader's roommate, CCU junior Jenna Melino, shared the same sentiment.

"I was kind of amazed by the snow," said Melino. She said New York snow was always the worst for her, and she came to school down South partly because of the warm weather, so she wasn't too enthusiastic when it snowed here. Melino explained that she was trying to get away from the snowy and cold weather.

"I came down to get away from the cold weather, and I felt like I brought it down here," said Melino. However, for CCU senior Colleen Walters, although she's had experiences with snowy weather in the past, the snow was something she was really excited about.

"I loved it," Walters said. "I was so jealous of everyone back in Pennsylvania because I miss the snow there, and then it snowed here and I got so excited."

She was thrilled about the snow, but disappointed it melted the next morning. She didn't have a chance to play in it. However, she was surprised it snowed as much as it did, because everyone told her it never snows here.

"I actually came down here to get away from the snow and the cold," Walters said. "I guess it followed me," said Walters. Walters said the snow did not usually have a lot more. She thought it was funny how people were excited about the snow. However, Walters made it clear that if it snows again she will be prepared to play in it.

While it was shortlived, one can only hope S.C. will receive snow next year as well. 
First CCU military promotion awarded to ROTC's John Felber

AMANDA KRAFT
Staff Writer

On Friday, Jan. 15 Assistant Professor John J. Felber, head of the military science department and commanding officer of Coastal Carolina University's relatively new satellite ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) program, was promoted to Major at the Kline Hospitality Suite in Brooks Stadium.

"There were about 15 cadets present as well as my boss, LTC Brown, from USC and many Coastal faculty members such as the provost, assistant provost, Dean Roberts and Dr. Darden, and a few others," said Felber. Felber was pinned by LTC Scott Brooks, one of his "old bosses" who he served with in the tenth Mountain Division. Both of Felber's parents, John, a retired union electrician, and Dorothy, a retired registered nurse, traveled from Akron, Ohio to see their son's military promotion, which was the first to occur on CCU's campus.

Felber, originally of Talmadge, Ohio, was commissioned a second lieutenant and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management information systems from Wright State University in 2000. Previously, Felber served as a cavalry scout in the Ohio Army National Guard. His military schooling includes:

- One Station Unit Training, Signal Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Advanced Tactical Network Training, Signal Captains Career Course, Signal Staff Officers S-6 Course, ROTC Faculty Development Course, Combative Level 1 course and the Combat Lifesavers Course.
- While serving with 1-67 Armor Battalion, Maj. Felber deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom I from April 2003 to March 2004. Felber then served as the G6 Plans Officer, then C36 Signal Plans Officer for Combined Joint Task Force-76 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VII. While deployed he took command of the Command Post Support Detachment of the Division Network Support Company, where his Soldiers provided communications for almost all U.S. bases in Afghanistan. After this tour, Felber was selected to attend an Army Funded Graduate school program at Clemson University, in which he earned a master's degree in business administration.

Felber's awards and decorations:

- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Service Commission Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- NATO Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Valor Unit Award
- Meritorious Unit Citation
- Combat Action Badge
- Parachutist Wings.

Felber is responsible for the various administrative duties necessary to support the program as well as the two, non-commissioned officers and an administrative assistant. In addition to being head of the ROTC and military science administration, Felber makes sure that all cadets meet their training goals, such as physical training, leadership experiences, and both classroom and lab instruction. As assistant professor and department chair of military science, Felber is in charge of the recruiting aspect of the program, attending the admissions open houses, and interviewing high school Army ROTC scholarship applicants.

"We [the ROTC program at CCU] work pretty closely with our local National Guard recruiters to ensure that their soldiers who also attend classes at Coastal Carolina are aware of the ROTC program here," said Felber, "we also work pretty closely with the University of South Carolina program on the planning of our semester field training exercises and other training opportunities."

In short, Felber does it all and does it well, "I attend all of the HKSS meetings and am in frequent communication with the provost."

CCU's ROTC program contains 40 cadets: one senior, five juniors, 11 sophomores and the rest freshman.

Felber says the program has increased its enrollment each semester and about one third of the cadets are in the National Guard or Reserves. Also, there are currently five cadets on scholarship, seven contracted cadets and nine more cadets getting ready to contract.

Recently, students enrolled in the program started the official ROTC Club.

"[Members] are getting ready to kick off their first fundraiser very soon," said Felber.

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Summer Orientation Leaders Needed!
Beneficial fitness classes are also offered for course credit

Coastal Carolina University offers students many exciting new fitness classes, as well as classes for actual course credit. Students have an opportunity to sign up for recreational and fitness classes anytime during the year. Recreational activities require students to sign up at the front desk of the recreational center or sign up on CCU’s Web Advisor where fitness classes can actually be taken for course credit.

The recreational center offers many different fitness classes, including: spinning, pilates, building rock-hard abs, military-style boot camp, body sculpting with free weights or stepping across the floor in diverse dances. There is even a class where students can learn cultural dance moves. Jerry Fouts’ beginning social dance course features a graceful, cultural dance where students actually receive course credit. Several dances Fouts teaches in the course include; “The Waltz,” “The Cha-Cha,” as well as many other impressive dances.

“The dance I’m demonstrating is known as the ‘Argentine Tango’,” said Fouts, as students practiced dance moves to the beat of music. “This one credit class is a great way to boost my GPA while in the process of having a great time learning to dance,” said sophomore psychology major Marilyn Sussman.

Senior history major Karsten Krauss showed enthusiasm and confidence in his dance as he grabbed his partner during a pair exercise. Krauss has been attending Beginning Social Dance since the beginning of the semester. Krauss has previous experience with social dance, and says that “The Waltz,” “The Shag” and “The Tango” are his personal favorites.

“Dancing is great way to release energy and frustration,” said senior psychology major Crystal Clark, who is enrolled in Fouts’ social dance course and plans to enter dance competitions after graduation.

“I recommend that students take beginning social dance; especially guys,” said Clark, who believes guys would be sexier if they used dance moves from Fouts’ course.

CCU Recreational and Sport Management offers a variety of interesting classes in which students can engage in every semester. The physical classes are great ways to boost GPA, they are fun when students participate, and it’s a great experience that a student should take advantage while at CCU. For a complete list of regularly monthly exercise fitness classes that are free and open to the public, visit www.coastal.edu/recreation.
The United States continues to dominate the Winter Olympics across the board

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

Currently, The U.S. is dominating the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Current standings as of press time on Feb. 18:

All information provided by www.vancouver2010.com

Number of total medals and country rank:
1. United States - 15
2. Germany - 11
3. Canada - 9
4. Norway - 6

Gold Medals
1. United States - 5
2. Germany - 4
3. Canada - 3
4. Norway - 2

Silver Medals
1. United States - 4
2. Germany - 3
3. Canada - 3
4. Norway - 2
5. France - 1

Bronze Medals
1. United States - 6
2. Germany - 3
3. Norway - 2
4. Canada - 1

Women's speed skating
American women's downhill speed skater Lindsey Von won gold on Feb. 17 on the Franz's Run at Whistler Ski Resort. A favorite from the start, Von completed the run with a time 1 minute 44.19 seconds. Before coming to the 2010 Olympics, she won five consecutive downhills in the World Cup and has overcome an untimely sheen energy days before her competition. Fellow American Julia Mancuso took the silver medal.

Snowboarding
American snowboarder and defending champion Shaun White won gold in the men's halfpipe gold on Feb. 17. Before the opening ceremony White told reporters he had some impressive new tricks up his sleeve, which more than wowed the judges during his performance. One of his most noted tricks was the Double McTwist 1260. In his first run, the 23-year-old White, who won three consecutive gold medals in the X Games last month, scored 48.4 points out of 50.

Men's figure skating
American Evan Lysacek wins the gold medal in men's figure skating gold on Feb. 18. The win is the States' first gold medal in the sport in 22 years. Russian defending world champion Yevgeny Plushenko took the silver after his shaky landing on jumps placed 1.31 points below 24-year-old Lysacek. Lysacek had a total score of 257.67 overall, and his gold medal winning performance with a risk-free, clean skate.

Nontraditional students more prevalent on CCU's campus

Students continue education at older ages

A. PAIGE WHALEY
For The Chanticleer

These days, nontraditional students are beginning to have more of a presence at Coastal Carolina University. For a student to be considered "typical," or "traditional," they would attend college following high school graduation. The nontraditional student is anyone who attends an institution of higher learning who is not in the typical age range of college students, which is generally anywhere between the ages of 18 and 22. This leaves a broad range of students who fit into the nontraditional status, even here at CCU:

The CCU Undergraduate Demographic Reports for 2008 and 2009, provided by the Institutional Research, Assessment and Analysis Department, provides information regarding the CCU student makeup. While the majority of students fit into the traditional status, non-traditional students in 2009 represent 29 percent. This can be further broken down:

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There are myriad issues and questions that could be posed and pondered for those who care to do so, such as: Why should I care about nontraditional students? Does it matter if I communicate with a nontraditional student? Are there more female nontraditional students than males?

Obviously CCU has a diversity is vast with matching issues and questions. The nontraditional student population at CCU can only look to increase as many people are looking to further their education later in life.

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CHANT-ARAZZI

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

THE CHANTICLEER’S WEEKLY PHOTO CONTEST

THIS WEEK’S WINNER
1. Alicia Rancier
“Born To Win”
“This photo was taken at the Myrtle Beach High School tennis court. Their team won at states last year, hopefully they can do it again!”

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Embodied in the U.S. Army 205th Corps, Ken Townsend and Paul Olsen went to war.

Townsend, chair of the Department of History, and Olsen, chair of the Department of Visual Arts, landed in Kandahar, Afghanistan at Kandahar International Airport (KIA). Olsen took notice of the irony (KIA is a military term for “killed in action.”) The two traveled with the platoon, interviewing soldiers and learning of their war experiences.

“No where in Afghanistan is safe,” said Olsen. “And then they had the two of us to worry about.” A soldier was assigned to each of them.

When the two returned to the states, they caught up with the six soldiers they interviewed in Afghanistan, traveling all over the country to speak with them and their families.

The two professors shared video interviews and photographs from their research at the “Shadows of War” COI session on Thursday. Olsen and Townsend hoped their presentation would shed light on the “personal, human side of a war largely forgotten by the news media.”

One interview shown was Lt. Frank Nocera. In Afghanistan, he transported soldiers by Blackhawk helicopter into combat zones. “My main concern is for the younger guys,” he said. His wife agrees.

“They’re 18, 19, 20 years old, but they’re gentlemen,” she said. “They are just kids but I’m so proud of them. They are so brave. They see horrific things while they’re over there but then they come back to the states and do what they need to do, knowing they have to go back.”

Nocera’s wife says when he returns from war he is very calm and maternal. But the long time spans of them being apart are a strain on their relationship.

“I have an imaginary husband,” she said, “I got married to be with my husband. But even though I’m married, I’m a single mother who runs the house hold.” Their two children were both born while Nocera was on peacekeeping missions.

Townsend asked how much longer Nocera thought American troops would be in Afghanistan.

“I don’t care when we leave Afghanistan,” he said. “If they fight us in Afghanistan, they won’t fight us here.”

Olsen and Townsend also interviewed Nick Pilozzi, a 19-year-old, who survived a helicopter crash and an RPG explosion on a Humvee.

“I’m only 19 but I feel like I’m 90,” said Pilozzi. “I’ve seen and experienced so much.”

Pilozzi carries the same Bible his father carried in Vietnam and his grandfather carried before him. He feels that since going to war, he and his family have grown much closer. However, the Army’s high redeployment rate has taken a toll on Pilozzi.

“Eventually your luck runs out,” he said. Pilozzi said everyone has his own war. Everyone’s experience is different. But for him, he fought to “keep the guy on the left and on the right of you alive.”

After returning home, Pilozzi says he still finds himself reaching for his gun.

“There are some things that take you back,” he said. “It could be a smell or a sound, and I find my self day dreaming about that place all the time.”

Paul Olsen and Ken Townsend will be presenting “Shadows of War” again at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24 at Litchfield as part of the Board of Visitors Community Dialogue Series.
Women and Gender Studies offered as a new minor

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

What is feminine? What is masculine? Is there a difference in the two ideas, and if so, is one better than the other?

These are questions that Julimma Oxley, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and religious studies asked in the Celebration of Inquiry session, "How Gender Studies Can Make You Marketable." Assistant History Professor Aniyela Barnes, Ph.D., Honors Program Director Philip Whalen, Ph.D., Communication Professor Deborah Walker, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Sociology Robert Jenkot, Ph.D., and Professor of English Cynthia Port, Ph.D., all shared their experience with gender studies and how it has affected their lives.

Barnes teaches the course "Sex and Gender and the Early Church," where different gender theories are applied within ancient context, where it began and how it still affects people today.

"I support it as a program because it asks 'how' and 'why,' which is more than just telling. It's a way to think of 'who am I, what am I doing?,'" said Whalen.

Walker gave a different story. Growing up in a predominately male family in a southern segregated society she gained a different perspective of gender societal roles.

"There are different ways men and women communicate in culture and the role the media plays in it," said Walker.

Walker was first introduced to gender studies at a conference in Florida where she was fascinated and gained a certificate in the program. She soon began receiving solicitations from non-profit organizations just for her knowledge in gender studies alone, even though she was actively pursuing a doctorate degree in communication.

"It just goes to show you jobs are being actively recruited for experience in gender studies," said Walker.

Jenkot talked of the marketability of someone with a background in gender studies, and believes that a person has to sell themselves to employers.

"You have to understand different genders and races and how the system works. Management is knowing how to work with people, in sales and advertising, you have to market to different groups. You have to sell your background to match your skills," said Jenkot.

Port, who attended an all female school thought gender studies was very narrow and uninteresting until she was had to take a course her senior year. It changed her life.

"I grew up in a Jewish Orthodox Church where there were different roles for men and women. It opened up other possible ways of being for me," said Port, who later earned her doctorate focusing on gender and aging.

The list of ideas, arguments and outcomes of gender studies is limitless. While it is something new to CCU, the introductory course to the program, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, will be added to the core curriculum in the near future.

Harmful effects in both tap and bottled water

SARAH CRESSY
Staff Writer

"Think outside the Bottle" was one of the opening presentations of the Celebration of Inquiry on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m., where the impacts and effects of drinking bottled water were discussed. Despite the early start, speakers Lauren Greoski and Christina McCluskey presented to an audience of over twenty-five students.

Greoski, a junior marine science major and McCluskey, a junior chemistry major opened by showcasing clips of how bottled water vs. tap water has been tackled in the media. The audience was exposed to the "truth" about bottled water with interactive true/false sessions which culminated in the exposure that despite what many companies claim, bottled water is collected from the same supplies as tap water. The presentation focused on the chemicals which can seep into the water from the plastic bottles during storage associated with distribution to local stores and the fact that 90 percent of plastic bottles are not recycled.

The presentation estimated the cost of buying one bottle of water a day for a year at $546.77, a saving many Coastal Carolina University students would appreciate.

Linking the presentation to the weight, chemical consequences of drinking bottled water and plastic pollution, Greoski and McCluskey discussed the cause and consequence of the Trash Vortex in the North Pacific found by Captain Charles Moore in 1997. To conclude the presentation, students were given the opportunity to take part in the "Tap Water Challenge" to see if they could distinguish between various branded bottled waters and tap water.

Both presenters were introduced to the sustainability initiative here at CCU through the Eco-Rep program. This gives students the opportunity to work with the sustainability department spreading awareness around campus and organizing sustainability awareness events such as Earth month and Earth Day, scheduled for April 22. Anyone who wants to get involved with the sustainability initiative at CCU should contact the sustainability coordinator Marissa Mitzner at 843-349-2389 or mmitzner@coastal.edu.

Students reveal deep secrets on post cards

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

Coastal Carolina University hosted its own version of the "Post Secret" series by Frank Warren. Originally started as an art project, Warren has published books filled with anonymous, decorated post cards mailed to him containing a secret the writer has never told.

CCU students were able to do this as well, dropping off "secrets" in selected drop boxes.

A few of the "Post Secrets" on display:

* "If I ever saw the man who raped me and left money on the table...I'd kill him."

* "If my friend asked me to marry him today, I'd dump my boyfriend and rush to my hometown to be with the one I've loved for four years."

* "I have to do drugs just to get through class."

To view the actual "Post Secret" series by Warren, visit www.postsecret.blogspot.com.

Photos by Brandon Corey, Jessica Emig, and Julie Hamer
Editor speaks on marathon loss

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

S o we almost had a "White Valentine's Day" this year, who would of thought Myrtle Beach would actually have snow in February? While it was pretty, I find snow in the south to be one of the most annoying things because everything shuts down. I am from South Carolina and haven't seen that much snow in my life, but it is almost just a nuisance because we're in a "state of emergency" because we are not adapt to handle this type of weather.

The 13th Annual Myrtle Beach Marathon, a huge deal in the Grand Strand area that brings thousands of people in town, was cancelled because of a few flurries. When it was cancelled just hours before the actual start of the race, it was immediately stated it would not be rescheduled and that refunds were being discussed.

I am being to understand a few of the reasons why the 26.2 mile race was cancelled, and I know the event planners wanted safety for all involved, including the runners, volunteers and even drivers on the road.

However, there have been plenty of other marathons that have continued even in inclement weather. I was mostly disappointed for the runners themselves. A marathon takes months to train for, even for experienced runners. It is a big deal and huge accomplishment for anyone who has even attempted to run a marathon.

On a saddened and tragic note, it was reported earlier this week that Tom Gardiner, one of the founders on the marathon died after his battle with leukemia. The marathon has raised over $1 million for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

While both were great losses for the area in the same week, I believe people will still come back to participate in next year's marathon in order to raise money for a great cause, and more importantly to remember and honor Gardiner's life and battle with the disease.

MOVIE

New Mel Gibson film is a thriller

JOSH BROWN
Staff Writer

"Edge of Darkness" is a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) film adaption, starring one of our most popular actors Mel Gibson. The film was directed by Martin Campbell, who also directed the BBC series. Mel Gibson stars as Thomas Craven along with five other popular actors. He has been stressed because of a tragedy involving his daughter. This film is about the government trying to find the evidence of a victim that was murdered.

Thomas Craven is a detective for the Boston Police Department. He is also the father of Emma, played by Bojana Novakovic. He loved his daughter and she listened to everything she told him. His job as a detective was to investigate murder scenes and clues involved with those murder scenes.

Danny Huston, who played Jack Bennett, also starred in 30 Days of Night and Children of Men. Ray Winstone, who played Darius Jedburgh, starred in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. Shawn Roberts, who played

David Burnham, starred in the CBS show Emily of New Moon. Craven's hard work of investigating murder scenes was successful but tragic to him personally. Anyone that wants to know who the victim was in the murder scene should view the film at a local movie theater before it departs theaters.

I suggest this film to anyone who does not mind a thriller movie that includes an investigation scene. The rating of this movie is R so all college students be prepared to show ID with date of birth at the box office as you may be asked to see a lower rated movie if ID is forgotten. So everyone go the movies, buy some refreshments, behave, and enjoy the movie. It will be worth every penny that goes towards your favorite actors and those employees that give you a warm welcome.
**VIEWPOINTS**

**BRIDGE**

**The Bitchin' Column**

DEREK FRIMPONG
Staff Writer

For thousands of years now humans have been strategically placing bridges so that we could get from one specific location to another. One thing that's getting to me is that there is no bridge or land route from College Park to Coastal Carolina University. I live in College Park and know for a fact there are 19 housing units with about six people in each. That is a total of around 114 people who would benefit from the bridge. That doesn't factor students living in other neighborhoods, which would increase that number to around 300 people.

If CCU used money for things that impact students, like a small bridge over that small creek between the back of the dorms and the grove on Converse Dr., students might figure the administration does cater to our needs. For years I've seen makeshift bridges made with rocks arranged in order in the creek and pieces of wood. There are kids out there who care about their education enough to build bridges to get to class. The school should follow suit. CCU is a business first and an institution of higher learning second.

This year they spent 43 million dollars on Campus Edge to force sophomores who don't want to live there and have them pay housing costs to the school. There are kids who find it difficult getting to class when rain washes away makeshift bridges. I know you guys are trying to cut costs so you don't have to pay for my consultation, so this one is on me.

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**FASHION**

**Bright 80's colors are out**

LINDSAY MOZINGO
Staff Writer

Everything you previously knew about accessory fashion is now about to change. First off, here is what is out for 2010: Gladiator heels, big purses and 80's bright colors with jewelry. So what's in style? Simple, the 60's and 90's are back for the spring and summer but in a totally different way than seen previously.

First, let's talk shoes. Since gladiator heels are out low heels, or kitten heels are in. High heels aren't a big trend in the spring season. For your fashion heel needs, there are many different patterns. Tribal print is the most prominent for the season, black with light colored, flashy patterns. Next, floral print is also in for shoes, but not bright floral print, only pastel colors. Also, color blocks are in. What is color block shoe, you ask? It is a black or white-based shoe with blocks of pastel color. Plastic and straw shoes are also in. No, not the “gel shoes” that we all wore in third grade but hard plastic heels. For your shoe needs, Dillard's has the best selection and is always up-to-date with style.

The next trend to discuss is purse fashion. The big bag that holds everything you own plus more is out. What's in are small purses with many organized compartments. These still hold onto all your essentials and the organization is much more practical than digging around in a giant Mary Poppins bag. A few specific fashions that are in for purses are tribal print, floral print, color-block, straw, fringe, leather and plastic. All these are acceptable trends for Spring 2010, so ladies sell your giant purses or put them into storage. Plato's Closet is a wonderful place to sell your ex-trends.

Anthropologie, Francesca's and Dillard's are the best places to pick up your new purses for great prices.

On to jewelry and accessories. Bright colors and 80's style jewelry are out for spring. For your jewelry needs, tribal is the best way to go. Think wooden, straw, and gold chains (yes, gold chains, preferably thick, are back in.) Also, plastic bangles are in, and the chunkier the better. Silver jewelry is also in and probably the biggest jewelry trend of the season. Also, head and neck scarves are still in season for this spring, primarily in pastel colors. As always, the classic waist belt is very flattering to most figures. For your accessory needs, Charlotte Russe, Wet Seal and Express always have vast jewelry selections, while Express and Dillard's both have excellent scarf and belt offerings.

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**BE HEARD**

What did you think about Celebration of Inquiry?

Maranda Marion: "Interesting way to learn something new."

Zach Deritis: "Liked the idea of how conspiracy theory is ruining America."

Ellen Baltz: "Yes, learning experience and eye opening."

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**STATUS QUO** What's your Facebook status?

Jessica Noll - the Zen philosopher Bashe once wrote, 'A flute with no hole, is not a flute. A donut with no hole, is a Danish.' He was a funny guy.

Pat Vogel - glamour magazines just does something to girls

Nicole Holley - My happy place: the youtube image of waterskiing monkeys...gotta love that one

Jeremy Steiner - sorry guys facebook isn't cool anymore since my grandmother just added me as a friend!

Kate Lakin - My purse fell off the counter my Blackberry is now a Crackberry

Kevin Kpoole Poole - is women's hockey really an olympic sport?

Corrie Lacey - watching carrot top on the halfpipe.

Max Hacker - a 3 percent increase in teen pregnancy rates positively confirmed Tuesday that America’s teenagers still have it and, in some cases, are rocking it harder than ever.

T'ara Smith - Harvin I wish Mr. Jefferson of South Park was my dad.

Devin Currie - thinks Quidditch has replaced Ultimate Frisbee in the Lamast College Not-Really-A-Sport.

Shanette LaTwan - Being perfect is okay...for Barbie. But try to remember, she ended up with a guy who has plastic balls. I'm just sayin!'
What is better: pro sports or national olympic events?

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

PRO SPORTS] Excuse me for not doing back flips while Shaquille White does a superman flip. Yes, the Olympics are a two-week period were almost every country in the world united, however, professional sports leagues like the NBA and NFL are superior when it comes to entertainment. Olympians are the better athletes as they are chosen from an international pool rather than a single country. Once you make it to this stage, you are literally the best of the best. However, this is where this side of the argument ends.

After breaking the single-medal record Michael Phelps was an American hero, for a few months. The majority of American sport fans are going to be more familiar with Michael Jordan than Mark Spitz.

As for the marketing angle, professional jerseys produce millions of dollars of revenue every year. Americans revere today’s top performers like Brett Favre, LeBron James, and even hockey player Sidney Crosby. Outside of the brief period of competition, I rarely see anyone in Olympic equipment.

The NBA and NFL have contracts with major cable enterprises such as ABC, ESPN, and CBS. During the international spectacle, you can only tune in on the NBC family of networks. One of the main complaints before the opening ceremony in Vancouver was how the pastime of host country Canada, which of course is hockey, will not even be able to be watched on network television during the gold medal game.

Tragically, Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was killed during an accident. His death raises some issues with the safety of the organization. The extreme sports such as speed skating and the various skiing events need to be safer.

It is true that NFL players are at risk, but you don’t see them flying 30 feet in the air. There may be different opinions on this, but I believe professional sports are king.

MAEGEN SWEAT
Editor

OLYMPICS] Take a look at true endurance, talent and a desire to actually perfect your own individual sport, and you’ve found yourself looking into the heart of an Olympic athlete.

The Olympics date as far back as the ancient Greeks, where the games were named after the city of Olympia. According to www.ancientgreece.com, the Olympics were held in order to honor the gods. Now tell me, what’s more powerful than ancient games that have continued for hundreds of years that were originally meant for Greek gods?

These days, professional sports in America are too mainstream. They are no longer about the actual sport itself, it’s about the drama, who gets paid what and all the ridiculous shows that just constantly debate what team is better. Who cares? These so-called drama queen athletes are treated more like celebrities than actual athletes.

Many athletes are famous for all the wrong reasons including jail time, drug/steroid use, dog fighting, you name it. When athletes go pro, they are no longer doing it for the love of the sport, it’s more for the paycheck and the fame.

Yes, I believe football, baseball, soccer and basketball are true sports, but I think the way people and the media portray them, it’s more like reality shows. And let’s not forget all the sexism that is shown with the half-naked cheerleaders running around, serving no purpose other than to add more appeal for the male viewers.

Olympic athletes are the true talented individuals who actually perfect their own sports. They face many dangers and extremes, including the horrific and sad story of the young Georgian luger, Nodar Kumaritashvili, who lost his life on a trial run on a track that was known to be extremely dangerous. In news articles, it was even said that Kumaritashvili told his father he was terrified of the track, but would race or die.

Though it ended in sadness, it shows true determination of Olympic athletes who push themselves to beat the odds. Not to mention, they win the medals for their country, not to receive a higher paycheck like the spoiled professional sports players.

Be a true sport. Support your country’s real athletes.
Rally promotes baseball, softball teams

Coach inducted, rings given, teams announced.

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

Coastal Carolina University held a pep rally for its baseball and softball teams on Wednesday, Feb. 17. A highlight of the event was the baseball team receiving their Big South Championship rings. Students and parents alike cheered as Head Coach Gary Gilmore and his athletes said how proud they were of this achievement. The motto for the occasion was: "New Decade, New Tradition."

During a period of two hours, CCU fans were treated to free food and were able to meet members of both the baseball and softball teams. The night began with a "Second Taste of Coastal," where Conway restaurants set up food displays as the supporters of the programs made their way to the baseball field for formal introduction. Members of the softball team stood together as their individual names were announced, which was each followed by crowd applause. CCU's baseball team proceeded to come onto the field in order to receive their rings.

"Honestly we weren't sure they [fans] were going to turn out. Last year they said there was a good crowd, we expected 750 to 1,000 people. We have raffle tickets to keep track of how many people turnout. The only thing we worry about is vendors showing up, we had 12 of them and one didn't show up, but everything is good as far as turnout. It really shows our baseball and softball teams that people are behind them," said senior recreation and sports management major Ryan Martin.

Martin was part of a group chosen to coordinate the event as well as other sporting events throughout the year.

CCU's public address announcer revealed a new pre-game ritual, borrowing a technique from the New York Yankees. Beginning this season, fans will now participate in what is known as "Role Call." As the starting line-ups are being announced, spectators will chant each performer's name three times.

The initial reaction was positive from those in attendance. Chauncey and the cheerleaders tossed commemorative t-shirts to fans as they struggled for possession. As the festivities drew to a close, supporters of CCU excited to final cheers.

"I think it's pretty interesting, the food looks pretty good, I think it's be fun," senior psychology major Nick Podolski, who was not the only one to feel this way.

"I think the food's awesome, and we're looking for a free t-shirt," said senior graphic design major Andrew Marino.

The athletes also enjoyed the time, and having a chance to interact with those who cheer them on.

"It's pretty good, there are a lot of good people [here.] Hopefully we'll see them again this weekend," said junior baseball outfielder and pitcher Cody Wheeler.

CCU's baseball program begins the season at home Friday, Feb. 19 against West Virginia University. Softball is now 2-1 and will go to Tallahassee, Florida for the Seminole Classic.

(1) Players receive their 2009 championship rings, (2) the softball team is greeted by Chauncey as they enter the stadium, (3) Students line up for free food at the 2nd annual Taste of Coastal.
Softball team already kicks off season with wins, one loss

The team is now headed to play in Florida

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

A new chapter has begun for Coastal Carolina University softball. After nearly two decades of Jess Donnelly as head coach, the job now belongs to Kelly Green. CCU got the season underway by hosting the Palmetto State Showdown from Feb. 12 to 14. CCU defeated the University of South Carolina Upstate on Feb. 12. Senior Ashley Fredrick was the starting pitcher, recording two strikeouts and only allowing one hit during five innings of action. Freshman utility hitter Jazmin Daigle had a solid debut, hitting a grand slam in the third inning.

CCU led USC Upstate 5-1, Games against Furman University, and College of Charleston were canceled due to snow.

On Feb. 14, the Lady Chants split a pair of games during a double-header. Junior pitcher Katie Edwards threw a complete game as CCU defeated the Winthrop University Eagles 2-0.

In the final game CCU fell to WU 11-3. During the contest, it took CBU until the fifth inning to get on the scoreboard. Freshman pitcher Megan Johnson allowed six runs and seven hits in her debut. CBU will return to the field on Friday, the 19th in the Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Florida.

Men’s team growing tired

Team is ready to come back home to play

NICK MAMARY
Sports Editor

As they continue their attempt to win a Big South Conference Championship, Coastal Carolina University men’s basketball team was able to recover from their loss to High Point University.

This began with a visit to Radford University on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Mario Edwards, senior guard, and Chad Grey, sophomore forward, contributed 13 and 12 points respectively as CBU won 52-51. The victory allowed CBU to exact some revenge on the Highlanders for ending their 12-game winning streak with a 62-52 defeat on Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Chants were ahead most of the way, leading by as many as 18 points. However, RU was able to come back and nearly pull off the win. Both teams struggled from the field as the Highlanders converted 40 percent from the field.

CCU won the game, they only made 38 percent of their shots.

Following the critical conference win, CBU stepped away from Big South play to face North Carolina Central University on Monday, Feb. 15. CUCU came out strong, scoring the first 17 points of the contest as they came away with a 68-57 win. Edwards scored a game-high of 18 points.

The pair of wins raises CBU’s record to 23-5 overall and 12-3 in Big South play. CBU will conclude the regular season with a three-game homestand.

“Tm proud of our team, they’re tired,” said Cliff Ellis, head men’s basketball coach. “Its time to get back home and we have three games left to determine the conference champion for us, then the conference tournament for us. I’m proud of our team, and it was a trip.”

CCU will return to Kimbel Arena on Saturday, Feb. 20 to play seventh place Charleston Southern University.

Salary cap for NFL teams to be decided

Which team will receive the highest funds by the NFL?

MICHAEL TOMASETTI
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In the upcoming weeks NFL players and owners will get together to try and reach a collective bargaining agreement on football players’ salaries. Union Chief of NFL Operations DeMaurice Smith believes that a deal appears to be unlikely and that there will not be a salary cap for at least next season and maybe longer, according to information on nflabor.com. A salary cap is a limit to which a NFL team can spend on players and coaches.

So the question on everyone’s mind is, “Who will be the New York Yankees of the NFL?”

The Dallas Cowboys would appear to be the most logical choice because owner Jerry Jones demands the very best and was not afraid to spend one billion dollars on a stadium, or what some might call a palace. Vice President Stephen Jones, son of Jerry Jones, has already said the Cowboys have no plans to be big spenders this season.

Their off season goal is to try and lock up Tony Romo and DeMarcus Ware to long term deals.

The Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen, the fourth richest man in the world, does not need to spend so much money on free agents because they play in the weakest division in football.

So how about the Washington Redskins? They bring in new Head Coach Mike Shanahan who was considered the top-coaching candidate available. They play in arguably the toughest division in football, which is the NFC East. Unlike the Seahawks they need to contend or keep up. They are also on the verge of drafting a franchise quarterback in Sam Bradford.

Expect the Redskins to spend big money this off season picking up offensive talent, especially in wide receivers. In 2009 Fred Davis lead the team with just six touchdowns followed by Santana Moss with three.

The projected free agents this off-season include wide receiver pro bowlers Vincent Jackson, Brandon Marshall and future hall-of-famer Terrell Owens. Nobody knows exactly who and how much money will be spent on free agents this off-season. Only one thing is for sure; when the clock strikes midnight on March 5th the off-season madness will have already begun.
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