Objects of Loss

Artists find solace in spirit of loss

CHAD YATES

Unless for some reason you’ve been skipping around during exam prep mode, it’s hard to imagine the scene that greeted Coastal’s Six Flags. But that is just how it was, as Frank Ayam’s “Cats on the Art of Coastal Art Gallery. This is just one of many works on display in the gallery, each of which preserves the effects of natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and catastrophic events like the BP oil spill in the Gulf Coast. This project, in progress since December 2010, features many different works of past and present New Orleans artists.

The display features an array of pieces, ranging all the way from vintage photographs like Ayam’s to Rothstein Reid’s “Things That Float,” a hanging installation of mini-objects with remnants of the destruction.

The largest display in the exhibition, titled “Tritia,” consists of objects recovered from the disasters. These objects are held in plastic bags and arranged in a large wall display that truly depicts the devastation caused by the events. With that said, there is an unapproachable moment of hope preserved in works like the lively toy saxophone player, representing the wounding spirit of New Orleans.

For me, Tritia is the visual documentation of the things we held onto, said Gallery Assistant and contributing artist Rachel Harris. “These objects are precious remnants of a moment in each participant’s life that can in no other way be so universally communicated.”

Although the exhibition focuses much on the devastation caused, the main point of the project is to create past the events that have caused so much pain.

“It is not about reflecting on the tragedies, but rather on means of expressing the pain,” said Harris-Brock. “It is my hope that this exhibition will not only remind us of where we have been, but also that it will help us to ‘get it’ of the things that ‘remind us.’ It’s a healing process.”

The Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9-5:30. The displays will remain open until October 7 with five additional events.

Commuting by Car? Consider alternative transportation

CHAD YATES

It’s an issue covered in The Chanticleer for so long I can remember Pickering Everybody complains about it, but the only other issue, nothing even gets done to it. This article and the comment section is no means a solution to the parking problem, but the

Coastal students are often met by congested traffic during their commute to campus.

I, a 155 lb male, bike to Coastal Carolina. According to the health.com, the焚烧۔ ride to campus at roughly 12 mph burns 79 calories. If I walk to class at 3 mph, every hour I burn 99 calories. Consider there are 75 days of classes in the fall semester. I bike to campus every day, I will burn 1,125 calories during the course of the semester.

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Pro Basketball Is Coming To The Beach

DAVID TIEZEREA

In 1999, Myrtle Beach acquired the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, at the time, a minor league affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. For years since its inception, the Pelicans have filled up with dedicated fans. Now, in 2011, Myrtle Beach is going to get its first name of professional basketball.

The South Carolina basketball team, Under Armour, is coming to Myrtle Beach. The Pelicans have a partnership with Under Armour and will host a pro basketball team to play. The game will be held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. The game will be a 90-minute season, finishing the regular season on March 3, 2011.

Bennett discussed the importance of a family-like atmosphere in each game, mentioning the Little Warriors pre-game show,otton shoots, competition of the bands, player meet-and-greets, giveaways and more. Bennett also mentioned the camaraderie of the team, saying in the locker room, Being coach Russell said that “There is nothing like the bond between the players and the team.”

Bennett pointed out that while the beach will get a rise of pro basketball, pro basketball will get its taste of the Chanticleers. Former standout basketball players at Coastal Carolina are set to try out for the team. He mentioned Chanticleer alumme like Jack Leinen, Joseph Harris, and Marcus Edwards, which will definitely bring the Chanticleer fans to the game.

COASTAL CAROLINA GREEK LIFE VS. USC AND CLEMSON GREEK LIFE

Does CCU match up?

KATIE LAVOLO

Fraternity and Sorority life at Coastal Carolina is made up of three governing councils: the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Coastal Carolina began expanding Greek life back in 1997 when Coastal graduated because an independent University. Greek life rapidly grew, and continues to grow more than ever. Unlike other southern schools like the University of South Carolina and Clemson, Coastal Carolina does not provide housing for Greeks.

By law, Henry County does not allow more than five women to live in a house, because it is considered a brothel.

If Coastal Carolina offered housing, would Greek life be different? For starters, there would definitely be more organizations which could benefit the university.

"It would be a better organization for Greeks. It could be a more of a meeting place than residential living where work can get done, evolving can get done and social gatherings held. But the awards and things for fraternity, will be moved there and there is a common area for the organization," said Danny Pollock, a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. Formal Panhellenic Recruitment at Coastal Carolina is done a lot differently than at other
The Obama Party's Over
Youth voters are bailing on President Obama in 2012

JOSH FATZICK

The driving force behind Barack Obama's 2008 Presidential victory, young people and college students, is decreasing rapidly, according to a study released last month.

The study, which asked more than 1,400 likely voters in "The Rising American Election" group (unmarried women, people of color, and younger voters) who they plan to vote for in 2012, among other things, found only 57 percent of youth would vote to re-elect President Obama, a drop of almost 10 percent from the base who actually voted for Obama in 2008.

"The group that just graduated from college — who were in college for the first campaign — they have a little bit more cynical look because they remember why they voted for him. They were stimulated by his campaign ideas of change and wanting to see a new type of government arise from this, and that didn't happen, of course," said Dr. Adam Chamberlin, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Coastal Carolina University.

The white youth demographic is particularly disenfranchised with President Obama, according to the report, titled "Creating a New Economic Narrative: Empowering the Rising American Electorate for 2012." In 2008, the Democrat held a 16 point advantage among whites; Democrats currently trail Republicans by 5 points in this demographic.

One reason for young people's cynicism towards President Obama is possibly the lack of job prospects for graduating college students.

The Jobs Report, released by The Bureau of Labor's Statistics on August 24, states 18.1 percent of American youths are currently unemployed. Also noted in the report is 31 percent of black youths are currently without work.

This, coupled with the fact that students are graduating with more loan debt than ever before, 47 percent more than those who graduated in 2001, and recent college graduates make on average $10,000 less per year than two years ago, according to The Wall Street Journal, could spell disaster for President Obama.

"Obama, if he is going to stimulate the youth vote, has to instill some credibly that within them that will be around, that jobs will be available for them when they get out of college," said Chamberlin. "If he can't do that he is going to have a problem connecting with young people.

For real list of the candidates South Carolina campaign stops, on facing page.

The House of Blues Fall Artist Line Up

CHRISTIAN GAMBLE

The Myrtle Beach House of Blues artist lineup for fall 2011 is expected to draw large crowds to Hanover County. With artists such as J Cole and Mac Miller coming at a time when the Myrtle Beach area is heavily populated with college students, and House of Blues reps hope the events prove popular.

The first of the House of Blues is J Cole. Promotion Manager Anne Bailey is expecting this show to sell out.

"J Cole is currently a very popular artist who is coming out with a new album this month (Cole World)," stated Bailey. "He was raised in Fayetteville, NC, so we're expecting a lot of fans for this show."

Bailey said the House of Blues is doing much of their promotion for this event through local radio stations, Facebook and Twitter. If CCU students want more information on these events, they are encouraged to visit the location secured for the day of sale for all events, and Bailey advises buying tickets soon.

She predicts that the Mac Miller show will sell out in a matter of weeks. The general admission is $26 if ordered in advance, but higher at the door. Bailey said those who tune into the local radio stations can win free tickets.

"Kool 98.5 is presenting the show, they will be doing lot of ticket giveaways and possibly some interviews with Cole," stated Bailey.

Cameron Pearson, a junior education major at CUC is looking forward to J Cole coming to Myrtle Beach. He said he listens to J Cole because his music is diverse and unique.

"I think it's going to be a great show," stated Pearson.

Bailey said the House of Blues concert schedule is updated more artist coming to the Myrtle Beach area include: Pedal Steel, the Explosives, Rats, and the Expendables. They plan on playing the House of Blues on November 12. Tickets are currently on sale for all events, and Bailey advises buying tickets soon.

For more information on the entire artist lineup coming to the House of Blues visit www.houseofblues.com/myrtlebeach or friend them on Facebook at HBOBMyrtleBeach.

In Other News

World

Scientific Find

Possible Missing Link

According to Reuters, paleontologists reported last week they may have found remains of a new candidate as a possible ancestor to human beings.

Scientists from the University of Wisconsin found the bones, which are of the Hominid species, in 2008 in an exposed ancient cave in South Africa.

The research team found over 200 bones at the site, which they believe to be at least five separate individuals.

The bones, which are nearly 2 million years old, posses many "human" traits. Their long thumbs and wrists would enable tool use, their foot bones suggest an upright walking manner, and their wide hips may have allowed them to give birth to large-brained babies.

The brains of the new species, which are human-like in shape but only about one third of the size, may challenge previous theories about brain development in human beings.

National

FBI Raids SolarSytha Plant

According to CNN, last week Federal Authorities searched the offices of SolarSytha, a solar energy company in California. The FBI and the Department of Energy executed a search warrant at the company's offices in Fremont, California.

The company, which received a $355 million government loan from the Obama administration under the stimulus bill of 2009, filed for bankruptcy earlier this month.

President Obama visited the company's factory last year to demonstrate his support for alternative energy and American manufacturing.

In a statement earlier this week, the company said a low demand for its product hurt them due to competition from overseas rivals, particularly companies from China who the government heavily subsidizes the solar energy industry.

Some Republicans in Congress are pushing for an investigation into the government's $579 million investment in Solodyne, saying political favoritism is possibly to blame.

Local

Myrtle Beach May

Get Boxing Hall of Fame

According to the Sun News, former heavyweight champion James "Bone crusher" Smith wants to build a new boxing hall of fame in Myrtle Beach.

The former heavyweight moved to Myrtle Beach in 2009 and wants to make the new hall of fame, called the Boxing Legends Hall of Fame, a particularly attractive location for people to visit.

Smith wants to create the museum through his Champion for Kids non-profit organization, and plans to hold mentoring camps featuring former boxing legends free of charge for children.

The museum would also benefit Smith's non-profit organization.

Smith said there is a location secured and an international organization that would likely underwrite the costs of the new museum; though he hasn't announced the location or the donor.

Smith hopes the museum will open in time for inductions in 2012.

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Proud to be Alumni
Do you know what it means to be an alumnus?

LINDSEY RYON

College can be considered one of the most stressful times in a young adult’s life. Dealing with classes, relationships, breakups, work, studying and keeping an active social life can be incredibly overwhelming. Many college students fear drugs and alcohol will solve their problems and provide them with a good time. This, however, is proven to be false.

Another piece of advice from the CUO counselor is for students to make time for things they enjoy. It is important to indulge in leisure time and experience some healthy relaxation.

“The main problem is people try to ‘escape,’” said CUO Counselor Sean Pierre.

In actuality, these forms of substance often make students further down the wrong path. It’s a common thought that alcohol can relieve the weight of a bad day, or as something to assist with social anxiety. However, alcohol is a depressant and can cause confusion and memory impairment. Coffee is the actual culprit that can irritate the stomach and cause heartburn.

Life mentor and peer leader Jamil Beech found similarly and shares, “Take a break and be around friends and just laugh. It can be a perfect way to relax and understand the stress of school.” Students often complain that time is limited and enjoyable activities do not fit into a hectic college schedule. With simple planning and time management skills, it is more than possible to find time for fun. If time management is a struggle, the counseling center can provide students help dealing with a chaotic schedule and learning how to make room for stress-relieving activities. There are various types of relaxation methods provided by Coastal Carolina University to keep students stress-free. The campus recreation center provides yoga, meditation, and exercise classes. Pierre even offers hypnosis services, which he said are quick and extremely effective.

Positive thinking is another fantastic way of providing the mind with the energy necessary to complete typically stressful tasks. “We choose how we feel,” says Pierre. It is important to pay attention to the words used, “I have to” and “should,” as well as to negative thoughts. Instead, substitute them with daily affirmations and replace those self-opinions. “If people are struggling with feeling overwhelmed, counseling services are here, free, and confidential,” said Pierre.

CUO Counseling Services will host a mini-golf course at the “State of Mine” Fair on Prince Lawn Monday, September 12. Each hole will represent a different state representing CUO students from home states. The fair will provide free food, raffle items, and pre-registered, and prizes.
Let Your Colors Shine

SHANE NORRIS

Coastal Carolina University is an ex­ cellent school. Sure it has its problems, but so does every other college... no one is perfect. The point is though, CCMU is incredibly unique. There is an excellent instructor to student ratio, something impossible to find at major universities.

We boast one of the top marine science programs in the country, as well as an excellent POM program and an up-and­ coming communication department. Our theatrical program is nationally re­nowned as well.

Also, Coastal has one of the most unique campuses in the nation. Just listen to how much they talk about what a Chanticleer is anytime we make ESPN. Oh yea, we can’t forget that Coastal has some excellent athletic programs too. Our football team made it to the NCAA tournament and even graduated a few prominent players to the NFL, men’s soccer went to the NCAA tournament, and men’s basketball went to the NIT, the baseball team went to Omaha two years ago, track, and field sends numerous ath­letes to the NCAA regionals, and the list goes on.

With so many great things going on in our ever-growing university, you would think students would be overflowing with pride. However, when I’m on campus, it’s often a shame just to find a real shirt. I see so many stu­dents wandering campus in other schools’ clothing, and I just don’t get it. You choose to come to Coastal, you chose to be a Chanticleer, and you have so much to be proud of.

I’m not saying you can’t still support other teams. I love watching the Clem­son Tigers play any chance I get, but you’d be hard pressed to find me in a Clemson shirt on campus. Supporting CCMU isn’t just about going to sporting events, it’s about living CCMU. If you go to Mahaffey or Penn State or Southern Cal or Texas or any other big univer­sity, you wouldn’t find students walking around in other schools’ gear, so why is it so prevalent here?

You don’t have to wear Coastal gear every day, but just be conscious of your attire. Swap out that faded USC hat or that old Purdue hoodie for some fresh Coastal gear. Bottom line...be proud to be a Chanticleer!

We want you!

As a new staff, we are currently working as many contributing writers as possible. This fall, we encourage any prospective writers to at­ tend our 6:30 PM Monday meetings in the Lib­ rary Student Center 206. The meeting is open to any prospective writer or other individual who wants to contribute to the Chanticleer. It is a great way for prospective writers to acquire published material and gain valuable experience for possible internships and job opportunities.

Story ideas can be submitted to The Chani­cleer staff at chante@cf tow. You can follow us on Twitter at TheChanticleer, and look for us on Facebook at The Chanticleer Newspaper. We look forward to reading your articles and welcoming you to our staff!

P90X vs. gym memberships

CHAD VATHES

During the past two years, I’ve become very adamant about exercising daily and doing the right things to take care of my body. During that time, I’ve successfully com­pleted three full cycles of the P90X work­out routine which I am very proud of and acquired a serious passion for running. For those of you not familiar with the P90X routine, I’ll give you a brief overview of what the program entails.

The P90X program, led by fitness guru Tony Horton, is 12 weeks long, and the routines are broken up into three phases. Phase one consists of a certain set of pre­ recorded workout tapes for each day of the week for four weeks. This phase is a shock phase, meant to really gear up your muscles for intense activity for the coming weeks. Phase two consists of a whole new set of workouts for each day of the week, meant to confuse your muscles and avoid the plateau effect that often comes with working out. The next phase again introduces new workouts in a different or­der to create the same effect. As the end of the three phases, the program is completed.

For anybody trying to get fit, I definitely recom­mend P90X. It flat out works. As amazing and effective as this routine is, however, after three cycles my body most got used to the "banned caffeine." On top of that, I know every woman always wants to lose every week out and go to the point where I didn’t even need the videos to do all the exercises. I grew tired of the same routine over and over again. In need of a change, I recently decided to join Fitness Edge and switch up my routine by lifting weights with one of my good friends and room­mate. Just from the short time I’ve been an official gym member, I can honestly say I’m addicted.

Once again I feel the same glorious pain that I did when I first started P90X, and I love it. It’s almost like I’ve experi­enced a renaissance, with each day im­proving my physical fitness and giving me the satisfaction I cross when I work out. I dig the gym membership.

WHAT’S THE WORD

Each week The Chanticleer asks its readers... "What's the WORD"...

We asked a question to three CoastalCU students...

Here’s what they had to say

How are you going to choose your candidate for the next President and why?

Patty Baker, Elementary Education

We need a president who will take care of real issues. President that we have now is ok, but we need con­gress to help with the issues.

Everything that is happening is not all the president’s fault, but the congress as well. I think that we should give Barack Obama another chance, but get some new members into congress.

Casey Patterson, Middle Level - Education

We need someone who is economically sound and who can help us get out of the economic crisis that we’re currently in. Also, we need someone who will strive to increase spending for educators and other local government resources.

Emma Laquidara, Special Education

I think that only Oprah should run for president because she isarnaful in everything that she does. I would vote for her if she ran for president.

Photos by Danielle Gregory
How do you get to campus?

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1 use the shuttle
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1 walk
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poll question of the week...

>> CHANCEY’S CINEMA

Contagion

The thriller focuses on an international team of doctors contracted by the CDC to combat a new disease outbreak. With stars like Matt Damon, Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow and Kate Winslet, it’s sure to interest viewers.

Warrior

Two brothers confront many years of family secrets as they prepare for an all-out brawl in the ring. Directed by Pride and Glory’s Gavin O’Connor and starring Tom Hardy, Joel Edgerton and Nick Nolte, will no doubt evoke fights and emotion.

Shark Night 3D

In this Lake Placid meets Jaws thriller, special effects filled, gory flick, you’re sure to find the best acting of the year. But really, if you’re into “made for IMAX” movies, full of teenage death, sex and screams, definitely check out this thriller.

PAPER DAY!

SHANE NORRIS & CHAD YATES

With an all new staff, we are very excited about the work we put in for you all to enjoy. Late of work was done over the summer to ramp the paper, with new distribution drops placed at several locations on and off campus, including: the bus stop by the bookstore, around University Place, and the Woods dorms.

With a new layout and logo, we are really trying to brand The Chanticleer as the student voice of Coastal Carolina University. We are excited to deliver the fruits of our labor to you! Every Monday you can find The Chanticleer staff delivering and handing out papers all around campus. Let Mondesys now be known as “Paper Day”! Be sure to pick up your copy of The Chanticleer and spread the excitement!

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Taylor Eubanks
Senior - Political Science Major
Kappa Sigma

Many students hold leadership roles, but this individual shines above others. Ashley Jones, a senior in Communication major and current President of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, takes on more roles than the average girl. Since she came to Coastal, she became involved with the Student Government Association (SGA) as Vice President of Public Relations, joined the Student Life Committee, helped start the Smart Ride program, and was part of Campus Outreach. She also took part in her own SGA Gold Program called "A" and Pamma in the morning. "I have definitely gained leadership experience with: I've learned how to manage my time, deal with different people, and I've also grown up a lot through it all, but I'm graduating a completely different person and I wouldn't change anything," said Jones.

Some of her other accomplishments include the creation of the CSLA, and SGA scholarship as well, co-creator of the College Fight Cancer "out" day, Sorority and Fraternity life ambassador and member of the CCU choir. Ashley's goal for the semester is to become more involved with S.T.A.R. and BCM his semester. Also, she currently joined the saltwater fishing club.

She admits she was not very involved in high school, but that no one is ever going to lose her membership to leaving college because she plans on running the family business. Jones is a great example of how people can make something spectacular of their life.

Ashley Jones
Senior - Communication Major
Phi Sigma Sigma

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE LETTERS

CASEY RUTKOWSKI

Chapters all around the United States wear different letters, but are united and come together in their quest to be prestigious and elite among their peers. When joining a Sorority or Fraternity, it is essential to learn about the men and women who created the foundation of the chapter. Each member learns the specific values, beliefs and traditions that make their chapter unique.

"By joining a Sorority, I was able to find the true meaning of sisterhood through our four founders and live my life to the highest expectations through our four core values of love, labor, learning, and loyalty. I try to live as the woman that my founders would have wanted me to be," said Brelynne Hammele, a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

As a member of Greek Life, you are viewed as leaders on campus, Sororities and fraternities promote academic excellence and work their hardest to achieve their goals. Chapters work as a whole to maintain the highest GPA's on campus to even further emphasize how important knowledge and education are in their lives.

The organizations can mold individuals and can make them successful in the future by seeking the benefits of scholarship. Members come to realize what a significant role their brothers and sisters play in their lives and experiences. Greek organizations can influence their members in positive ways and impact the rest of their lives. Behind the letters they proudly wear, there is a lifetime of history and memorabilia worth celebrating.

Meghan Amarante
Senior - Marine Science Major / Biology Minor

What is the Sustain Coastal Initiative?
The overall duty of Sustain Coastal is to promote cleaner living on campus.

Why is the Sustain Coastal Initiative important for Coastal Carolina?
Recycling is very important. Horry County Landflls is at its peak, when 60% of the items in it can be recycled. We are trying to promote green living.

Could you explain the Request a Recycle Bin program and the goals for it?
We used to have bins in all the dorms, but people misused them. So now, if someone wants to recycle, they can contact us and we will give it to them. Basically, the plan is to help people become more motivated about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

How can a student join your program?
Sorority and Fraternity. Chapters all around the United States wear different letters, but are united and come together in their quest to be prestigious and elite among their peers. When joining a Sorority or Fraternity, it is essential to learn about the men and women who created the foundation of the chapter. Each member learns the specific values, beliefs and traditions that make their chapter unique.
Trivia

1. In the Peanuts cartoon and comics, what color is Woodstock?
2. What is the main color of the UN flag?
3. During the first six months of life, what color are a zebra’s black stripes?
4. In 1900s the color of what “fever” was discovered?
5. Litmus turns what color when dipped into an acid solution?
6. What kind of legume provides the colored inks used in most U.S. daily newspapers?
7. In its pure state, what color is topaz?

Quotes

1. "A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life."
   - Charles Darwin

2. "All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."
   - Ralph Waldo Emerson

3. "A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew."
   - Herb Caen

Sudoku

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Commuters

Sorority recruitment at the University of South Carolina and Clemson allows sororities to hang banners with letters on them. Here at Coastal Carolina, hanging banners before recruitment with letters and selling girls to rush is forbidden. Strategically, the rule does not apply to fraternity rushes. Rules for recruitment are different for each council.

Relay for Life is a great example of how well each organization supports one another. It is not a competition to see which sorority or fraternity can raise the most money. Instead, the organizations come together and raise money as a whole.

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FOOTBALL
09/03 vs. Furman
09/10 vs. Catawba
09/17 at Georgia
09/24 vs. North Carolina A&T

MEN'S SOCCER
09/02 at Elon
09/04 at Richmond
09/09 vs. George Washington
09/11 vs. VCU
09/16 vs. Appalachian State
09/18 vs. Ohio State
09/23 vs. Gardner-Webb
09/28 vs. UNC-Wilmington

WOMEN'S SOCCER
09/02 vs. Valparaiso
09/04 vs. Brown
09/09 vs. Old Dominion
09/11 vs. Cincinnati
09/16 at Tennessee
09/25 vs. Florida Tech
09/25 at Liberty

MEN'S TENNIS
09/16 UNC Wilmington Invitational
09/17 UNC Wilmington Invitational
09/18 UNC Wilmington Invitational
09/24 vs. Best of the Beach Alumni Match

MEN'S GOLF
09/18 Gene Miranda Invitational
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Eisenhower Golf Club)
09/19 Gene Miranda Invitational
Colorado Springs, Colo. (Eisenhower Golf Club)

WOMEN'S GOLF
09/11 at Texas A&M Mo' Memorial
09/12 at Texas A&M Mo' Memorial
09/19 at Golf Week Conference Challenge
09/20 at Golf Week Conference Challenge
09/21 at Golf Week Conference Challenge

Volleyball
09/09 vs. Gardner-Webb
09/10 vs. Bradley
09/13 at UNC Wilmington
09/16 at Davidson
09/17 vs. Norfolk State
09/19 vs. North Carolina A&T
09/23 at Presbyterian
09/24 at Winthrop
09/27 vs. College of Charleston
09/30 vs. Campbell

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COUNTRY CROSS
09/02 Gamecock Open
09/17 CCU Cross Country Invitational
09/30 Paul Short Run

TJ'S TAKE
with TJ SUNDBERG

Super-conferences?
More like super-dumb.

Well, it's that time of year again. Along with the controversy of the actual BCS system, there are many BCS issues. This one stands for Big Conference Syndrome. Let's review the big six BCS conferences in college football so all understand what I'm talking about.

The PAC-10 became the PAC-12 and now hosts a conference championship game, yet the best team in the conference can't even play in a bowl. Moving north, the Big 12 consists of 10 teams, no conference championship game, its own ESPN network for one team, and everyone and their mother wants to leave it. Moving south, the Big 10 has 10 teams, a conference championship game, two weird division names, a Fickel and Hoke rivalry, and no exciting teams. The SEC, with two ranked teams, the ACC, with two ranked teams in the AP Top 25, one team that always seems to find their way to the BCS bowl. Last, but certainly not least is the Big East which everyone and their mother wants to leave.

Now there are talks of depowering the BCS, making a PAC 12, and putting everyone else in other conferences. Seems like this is just another problem the NCAA is going to have to tackle. When they get around to it, of course.

Put me in Coach!

Each week The Chanticleer goes into the locker room for a sideline with the coaches and trainers of Coastal Carolina University.

TS: What got you into coaching?
CP: I got into coaching right after my years as a player. I was a three year captain at Furman, and I loved the leadership role on my team, so it just seemed like a natural transition. In my first year I was so fortunate to earn a graduate coaching position at a top 25 Division 1 program and learn from one of the great coaches in the country.

CP: Were you a four year player?
TS: Yes and No. I try to remain positive with my players and students at all times. It is really important to me to enjoy each journey whether it is a new class or season rather than placing too much emphasis on the final destination. Every day is a blessing and I know we are all lucky to be part of such a special place like Coastal Carolina.

CP: How do you try to improve yourself as a coach each and every year?
TS: How can you improve yourself as a coach each and every year?
CP: I have to improve myself as a coach with each passing season. I lost my first captain, Andy Caress (age 25), to cancer last year. I was hooked and moved back home to Virginia Tech and worked with another coaching great (Anne Jones Thompson) before her retirement. I am almost fifteen years into my coaching career, and it still feels new and exciting to be a college coach.

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Off on the Right Foot

CCU XC starts on the season off well at USC’s Gamecock Invitational

SHANE NORRIS

The last 1,000 meters of the Women’s 3k at the Gamecock Invitational was a mad sprint. Sophomore Emily Marchini took off, chasing down one competitor after another until none stood between her and the finish line. Marchini’s exciting finish marked just one of the feats pulled off by Coastal Carolina at the annual cross-country meet, hosted by the University of South Carolina on Friday, September 2.

The women placed second overall with Marchini taking first in a time of 18:36, senior Christian Johnson in sixth, junior Jael Reeves in eighth, junior Jos. Dennison in 11th, and freshmen Briana D’Amato in 25th.

“IT was a good early meet,” said head coach Allen Costine. “I think once we get everybody healthy, we’ve got the potential to be a good, strong team.”

Sophomore Shelby Nicolas, Seanna Kautz, and Stel Taylor ran the meet out due to injuries.

On the men’s team, not only did the Chants stage a number one finish, but they won the meet overall. Freshman Joe Kipchiri, a recent lost (Sophomore Biology major), Janel Reeves (Junior, Exercise and Science Major), Joe Keitt charges to the finish line to win his first collegiate meet.

Coastal Carolina vs. Georgia: Game Preview

DAVID TENEIRA

Every year for the past few years, the Men of Track plays one of the big boys. This year, it’s our neighbors to the south, the Georgia Bulldogs.

In previous years, Coastal did not fare too well against their FB foes, but perhaps this is the Chanticleers’ year. The Bulldogs are coming off of a 3-4 season in which they struggled both on and off the field. It was Georgia’s first losing season since 1996. The Bulldogs also lost two starters in Ryan Linder to the NFL as he was a top-10 pick to the Cincinnati Bengals.

With experience and leadership now, Coastal seems to have the confidence and chemistry with each game that we play. We have to keep working and continue to get comfortable playing alongside one another, but also use this past weekend’s success to continue building momentum to play some top teams over the next few weeks.

Photo by Shane Norris

Left to right: Jess Dennison (Junior, EXSS), Emily Marchini (Sophomore Biology major), Janel Reeves (Junior, EXSS) in a pack in a Friday’s Gamecock Invitational.

Keitt led the way in his first collegiate competition, and set a new personal best time at 15:43. Freshman Evan Neibert finished just behind Keitt in second, while sophomore Cameron Wilf and frosh Tyler Cumming scored the last in fifth and seventh, respectively. Freshman Zach Henet rounded out the men in eleventh place. According to head coach Jeff Jacobs, the team is riding this year with five freshmen and sophomores and only three upperclassmen.

“I was pleased with the freshmen, they really came through today,” said Jacobs.

The men’s team was predicted to place low in the conference twice this year according to a Big South preview, but Jacobs disagreed with that claim after what he saw this weekend.

“We will have a lot of work to do, but we hope to finish a lot higher than that,” Jacobs said.

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams will host a conference preview meet at Quail Creek Golf Course Saturday, September 17. There will be a moment of silence in memory of Terah Kipchiri, a recently lost CCU cross country alumnae before the men’s 8k at 8:30 a.m. This will be followed by the women’s 8k at 9:15 a.m.
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