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**BUILDING BRILLIANCE IN BRYANT GALLERY**

This current piece consists of three different sections: "The Coverway Project," which is 50,000 wooden coffee stirrers that are intricately placed and held by tension to create a beautiful structure; "Suspended Structure," composed of 5,000 coffee cup sleeves stacked closely inside each other to make tube-like objects intertwined with the stir sticks; and "Grounds for Removal," which is on the back wall of the gallery and is a combination of espresso dust and water robbed into the wall to create an image.

Assistant Art Gallery Director Rachel Harris-Beck demonstrated enthusiasm for this piece.

"This is really unique for Coastal. We've never really had any full installation work at our gallery," said Harris-Beck. "I'm sure to watch the piece form over the past week."

For those who didn't see the piece while it was being constructed, a TV is provided with footage of the installation.

Also, Brilliant gave a lecture at 11 a.m. on Jan. 19, explaining his career over the past six years and how his idea came to life.

He shares that he began with an interest in 70s and 80s British sculptors of the natural environment. For him, his natural environment was the coffee shop, and thus started his themed installation work. Brilliant's piece will remain in the gallery until Feb. 17.
GRANTING OPPORTUNITY

Coastal's marine science program receives grant that gives students real world experience

SHANE NORRIS

Coastal Carolina University continues to lead the way with one of the nation's premier marine science programs as the Burroughs and Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies received a software grant valued at $1.7 million. According to Dr. Richard Viso, the Assistant Director for the center, Coastal Carolina has received this grant for seven years, but has to reapply for it every third year. The simple fact that the university has had the grant before is not a guarantee that it will be renewed every time, though.

"This software grant maximizes our ability to reduce and interpret seismic data," said Viso. "We use it as a good candidate for receipt of such an award as we possess the equipment and capabilities to collect seismic data. Such equipment and development of capabilities before�abilities have evolved from other grants and contract-funded efforts over many years."

Grants are a large part of the Marine and Wetland Studies funding.

"We almost always have some grant proposals pending," said Viso. The center has put together a strong resume of unique programs and high tech equipment through other grants over the years to help in its candidacy for gaining new grants. According to Viso, this grant primarily helps a single course, Applied Coastal Geophysics, but Viso believes that any student interested in Marine Geography, graduate or undergrad, should find the capabilities of the center attractive. Viso believes the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies is as well or better equipped to study coastal marine geological processes than most universities in the country. With a collection of marine geophysical gear valued at more than a million dollars, the center offers constant opportunities for real world experience to Coastal students.

Coastal Carolina graduate student Patrick Hutchins speaks much of his time in one of device makers such as Amazon.com in the estimated $8 billion market of electronic textbooks. Apple aims to revitalize the education market and increase adoption of the iPad and its software, breaking beyond the normal college and high school market. According to Terry McGraw, CEO of McGraw-Hill, the late Steve Jobs was the visionary behind pushing the development of iBooks 2 for iPad last June. Jobs died in October.

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Shares in Apple dipped 10 cents on Nasdaq in the afternoon trade on Thursday.

State-SC officers injured in prison riot

According to The Associated Press, a prison riot was reported last Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Coronavirus Unit in Conway, S.C. According to local police, 20 officers were injured in the riot and at least two corrections officers were injured when a riot broke out in a prison in Ridgeville, S.C.

The trouble began in the evening in the high security Lieber Correctional Institution in two inmate overcrowded cells and took their keys and radios, according to Clark Newsom, a spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDOC). The prison was locked down and approximately 250 SCDOC officers and surrounding agencies arrived and established a perimeter.

According to Newsom, the public was never in danger from the prison, located around 40 miles north of Charleston. Two officers were treated and released from a nearby hospital.

"When I first started my research at Coastal I was funded by grants," said Hutchins. "They're fundamental to the program. Knowing how to get funding is important and I've learned how to do it myself from our faculty."

"I've been a little disappointed with Apple's response to the problem," said Newsom. "I think they've been working on digital textbooks with the three top textbook publishers in the United States, Pearson PLC, McGraw-Hill Co Inc and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt." This move puts Apple against content and copyright laws and argues with Viso.

"Between location, the faculty and their ability to acquire funding, it's one of the best places to learn in this field," said Hutchinson.

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MEET THE GREEK

CASEY RUTKOWSKI
Sophomore
Biology Major
Gamma Phi Beta

Where are you from? Coldwell, New Jersey

What are your commitments outside of the Sorority? I write for the newspaper. I am in a freshman honor society, PhiEta Sigma, I volunteer for Family Outreach and I am in the honors program for CUC.

What roles have you held within Gamma Phi Beta? I was Recording Secretary, now I am Vice President.

What is your favorite part about Greek Life? My favorite part in the sisters and friends I made. I also love the network it creates, the leadership opportunities and the woman it has made me.

ALPHA XI DELTA

MARK WATKINS
Senior
Entertainment & Sport Management Major
Kappa Alpha Psi

Where are you from? Rock Hill, South Carolina

What are your commitments outside of the Fraternity? I help at the Dalton and Linda Sellers, the students involved are the leader of the Eco-Rep program brings awareness of sustainability to campus through peer-to-peer education and actions. If you aren't involved, you can check out the Students for Environmental Action club at www.facebook.com/cocouniversity/.

If accepted, new members will attend an induction ceremony, and given recent changes, will now have an active organization to take part in. For more information, contact Whitney Comer at wcomer@coastal.edu.
SPRING INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural spring sports are here. Students and faculty are able to participate in basketball, softball, and sand volleyball and new this semester is golf. Intramurals and the Hackler Golf Course are partnering up to host a golf scramble Feb 4. Participants can be paired in two person teams and will play in a scramble tournament. Individual entry is $20 for preliminary 18-hole play. An additional $10 will be required per following 9 hole match play. Registration ends Feb. 2. Intramurals is also changing its policy on how teams sign up this semester. All participants for all sports must sign up at IMLeagues.com/coastal. Captains are required to have their entire team signed up online 24 hours prior to their first game. For more information and questions, please call 843-349-6680 or visit IMLeagues.com/coastal.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED FOR CETL

Coastal Carolina recently named a new director for the Center of Effective Teaching and Learning (CETL), Julie “Dodi” Hodges, Ph.D, was an assistant professor at Bowling Green State University until 2007 when she joined CCU as coordinator of the special education program at CCU and the assessment coordinator for the William L. Spadoni College of Education. As director, Hodges looks to employ many programs to help the program, which is aimed to “create a community where teachers learn and reflect on pedagogical practices in order to obtain and enhance the quality of teaching and, in turn, of learning.” Hodges wants to offer many training sessions for faculty, apply for grants to help start programs such as: a mentoring program, traveling enhancement program and pedagogical conference. Hodges can be contacted at jhodges@coastal.edu.

Glass containers save nine gallons of fuel for every ton of glass recycled. Recycling one ton of aluminum saves thirty seven barrels of oil. One tonne of high-grade recyclable paper can substitute for around seven tonnes of wood. With the same amount of energy required to make one new can, you can make twenty from recycled material.

Did you know that January is Stalking Awareness Month?
Here are a few facts about stalking that you may not know:

• Young adults from ages 18-24 experience the highest rate of stalking
• 46% of stalking victims receive at least one unwanted contact per week
• 3.4 million people are stalked each year in the U.S.

Source: http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org

If you are interested in attending a stalking awareness presentation this January please contact the WRC at wrc@coastal.edu or 843-349-2218.

Have a question you feel should be answered, just email us at wrc@coastal.edu!
We all know a lot of students are attracted to Coastal Carolina because of the warm weather, and its proximity to the beach. On the other hand, there is the chilly winter weather, in which the beach is not always the first choice.

Along with Concerts, there is Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Sunrifle Beach, Garden City Beach, Murrells Inlet, Littlefield Beach and Pawleys Island. With all of these options to choose from, there is bound to be a multitude of activities along with it.

According to Visitmyrtlebeach.com, there is the Myrtle Beach Skywheel, located on the boardwalk in downtown Myrtle Beach. For only 12 dollars you could see a spectacular view of the Grand Strand, so why not?

If you are interested in your own interest, there is always the House of Blues, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Legends in Concert and Planters Voyage. Sip a nice one and go out for dinner and a show.

Visitmyrtlebeach.com also provides coupons for locations all along the Grand Strand. Another great website that updates daily and keeps the public informed is www.shrimpaholic.com.

ListenUp Myrtle Beach updates the Grand Strand with local shows that occur daily.

Instead of going out to a dance club, try supporting local bands, have some drinks and meet new people.

It’s always hard to narrow down what’s going on, because honestly there’s so much more happening here than most people realize,” said Chris Mowder, founder and Editor of ListenUp Myrtle Beach.

There’s a lot more going on in the area than most students realize.

“A lot of folks only get out to their own little portion of town or for students the Conway/cam-"cam" area,” said Mowder. “There is a lot of awesome live music going on in almost every genre and some really great festivals and other events happening year round.”

With all these shows, there is really no excuse for college students not to go out and explore what their new home has to offer.

Looking forward to this spring, some of the biggest shows folks should keep an eye on are the shows at the House of Blues, which will have acts such as Jane’s Addiction and the Dub Nation Myr-undle show,” said Mowder. “There’s an amazing Reggie show we’re doing at Pirate’s Cove March 1st with Tribal Seeds and Fortunate Youth.”

It’s free if you’re looking for free, consider these options.

“Check out the Basic-Euphoria events hosted by a local group of DJ’s called Lowcountry Dub-"step”, said Mowder. “The next one is Jan 27 at Bygatsa dinner in Surfside. It’s free to get in and they do a “Power Hour” from 11 to midnight with good deals on drinks.”

If you are into live music and maybe want to dance more, the beach has that too.

Events that would appeal to the college crowd are put on by folks like Taylor J. Belt, Impulse Productions, Kono Lounge, Zulu Lounge, and Club Boca,” said Mowder: “They’re all doing some pretty big partying for folks who prefer that scene.”

Having a hard time finding shows? ListenUp Myrtle Beach, there are a lot of other reliable resources.

“Are there such things as the Weekky Surges, The Digital Myrtle Beach, and of course Reverb nation and Facebook, which can help people find what’s going on locally,” said Mowder.

There are loads of activities to keep college stud-"us" entertained for months at a time. Whether your style is laid back or energetic, it’s not hard to find something enjoyable to do.

“Don’t be afraid to come out and see what’s going on and try something or someplace new,” said Mowder. “Places such as The Sound Hole, Cool Daddy’s Bar & Grill, Fresh Brewed Coffee House, Pirate’s Cove, Hot Fish Club and Stool Pigeons are all spots that I’d consider kinda “hidden gems” that Coastal students may not know about.”

So after a good look of what the Grand Strand has to offer, put the paper down and go enjoy one of the many events mentioned. You never know what you will find.

WCCU Radio hosted its very first benefit concert on Friday, Jan. 15 at Cool Daddy’s Bar & Grill from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. WCCU Radio held the benefit to raise money for a new pro-gramming system to help the station grow.

With the community’s help, the station will now run for years to come. Death of Paris, American Parts, DJ OP and Shimmock, The Shible and Drew Jacobs and the Sauce performed at the concert. Close to 100 people attended the event and because of WCCU’s great response, WCCU Radio will host another benefit concert sometime in the spring.

WCCU Radio management is looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in host-"ing your own radio show, please contact anyone on the WCCU Radio staff to set up an audition date. Complete with a complete concept of a show, your availability and a ready to show off your radio voice! Look around for flyers giving you all the information you need.

If you are having trouble listening to the sta-tion online, it is available on iTunes Radio, then College Radio, watch “Coastal Carolina.” There is also an app available on Android and iPhone, “Tune In” and search “Coastal Carolina.”

Listen live every hour of everyday to WCCU Radio.

The Chanticleer would like to address an er-ror in Vol 50, Issue 12 on the cover story “New Apartments Surrounding Campus.” The last ses-son’s version of the story should have read: “Both construction projects express the similar goal of providing Coastal’s upperclassmen with conven-ient housing within a mile from the main campus.” Thank you to Laura Arroyo for pointing out the error.
WHY THE WRONG FINGERS

SHANE NORRIS

Okay, normally I leave the sports opinion stuff to TJ, but there’s been something bugging me lately at all the CBU basketball games. I never was a huge basketball fan until I came to Coastal, but after four years of exposure I know a thing or two about college basketball (I think the NBA is a joke... but that’s for another editorial).

Coastal Carolina is a fun place to watch basketball. Many people ridicule Kimbel Arena for its small size, but I think it just makes the fan’s influence on the game that much more intense. And with Coastal’s usual fan base for basketball there is no doubt that the new arena will make Coastal an even harder place for visiting teams to succeed. I just love going to watch the Chants play on the hard court, and I make it to almost every men’s and women’s home game.

All that being said, there is one thing I’ve noticed among the student section this year that drives me nuts. Maybe it’s just a little dumb thing, but to me it makes our fans look dumb, so I’m using my editorial privilege to address the problem. There seems to be some confusion about which fingers to hold up at the right times. I’ve consistently noticed fans holding up three fingers (See Image 1) during a free throw instead of a single finger (Image 2).

Now think about it... when shooting a free throw the player is attempting to score ONE point, fans would, logically, hold up ONE finger. There is, however, an appropriate time for the three fingers (Image 1) and that’s when a player puts up a THREE point shot.

Like I said, maybe it’s not a huge deal to the rest of the world, but it bugs me. So I implore you, my fellow fans, to use the correct hand signals at the correct time next time you’re cheering on the Chants on the hardwood.
Dear Oz,

Two weeks in and I am already having roomate issues. We rent a house with 4 rooms, and one guy in particular stays up all hours of the night making a ton of noise and has been smoking inside the house, which our landlord specifically prohibited. I’m allergic to smoke and have early morning classes. I am not sure how to approach the guy about it but still keep the peace in the house. Any suggestions?

Sleepy-and-Snoozy

Dear Sleepy-and-Snoozy,

Your dilemma is likely shared by hoards of other College students, so you are certainly not alone in your plight. Of course, you want to feel comfortable in your living space while also maintaining friendly interactions with the people who share that space with you.

First, when you approach your roommate, do not be aggressive, angry or judgmental. Politely, ask your roommate if you can talk about the issue you have and ONLY talk about why what he is doing is hurting YOU (i.e. a school work is suffering and you feel physically ill). DO NOT go on a rant about the health hazards of smoking or the regulations of the lease because you will distance yourself from him and he will likely tune you out quicker than you can say “NAHOOOO!”

Second, expect a compromise. One person is not going to meet you all the way at your end; they will want to meet in the middle. For example, it would probably be fair for you to request that all smoking occur outside and that loud gatherings be limited to weekends and nights on which no one in the house has early classes.

Finally, do not make it a political game. I would not recommend talking to other roommates about the issue behind the guys back, forming alliances or ambushing him at all once with tons of grievances. Doing so will put him on the defensive and, perhaps, pave him for a counter attack of his own. Besides that, you would generally just seem like an asshole and probably lose any backing you might gain.

If, after asking your roommate to be a little more cooperative by changing his behavior some, he still does not comply in any capacity and only then is it time to pull out the bigger guns. If he won’t change for your sake, tell him that these rules were outlined by your landlord and that you will go to him/her if you two can’t work it out on your own. If you still don’t get a response, follow through with your landlord. Be persistent. It’s your health and happiness, which is in a cause certainly worth fighting for. Just remember, don’t start a fight unless you are ready for a war.

Hope this helps.

Oz

Dear Oz,

I recently witnessed my roommate cheating on his girlfriend with a mutual friend. I know that your heart resides in the right place, but it simply isn’t your duty to interfere with their relationship. If you speak to anyone who knows he is cheating and all they say is “I’m just keeping an eye on him” and then you should speak with the perpetrators of the act. If they are indeed your friends then you should feel comfortable addressing them with your concerns of their well-being. Cheating is a dishonest act and it might already be weighing on the minds of either of your friends. If you were straight to his girlfriend, two things are certain to happen: 1) YOU WILL jeopardize your friendship with both carowers and 2) he will eliminate any chance that your friend might have had to own up to his mistake. What if your roommate was already planning on leaving you? By interfering, you have no idea how you will affect your friend, his girlfriend or their relationship. You’d be his hand off here.

Talk to the guy who cheated on his girlfriend first. Tell him what you know, why you think it is bad for him and his girlfriend, and that he should, on his own accord, own up to the truth and face the situation that is looking to group, respond by saying “I don’t really care to talk about it”, neither can I own up to admitting the fact. If you are approached by the girlfriend of the cheating boyfriend, then I would state very simply what happened and then leave the ball in her court.

Most importantly, do not feel guilty yourself for not telling the girlfriend. It is not your responsibilty nor your burden to bear.

Sincerely,

Oz

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Goodbye Old Friends

CHAD YATES

If you are a consistent reader of my editorials, I apologize if at times they seem to be full of constant preaching and life lessons. I know I am but a 22 year old who is still yet to experience the events of life, but I hope I do have a firm grasp of things and a decent outlook on how to handle the things life throws at you.

Last week, a very good friend of mine passed away from an apparent drug overdose. While I am certainly upset about it and have had my fair share of bitter questions about the situation, I have come to realize that death is an inevitable part of life. At times, things may not always seem very well may not be. It’s certainly not fair that someone 20 years young takes his last breath before even grazing what life has to offer, but it happens nonetheless.

And while this is an editorial about rolling with the punches and accepting the hand you are dealt, it does have an underlying theme. That there is a real comfort to be gained from the many people our age to keep in perspective: stay away from drugs.

I love my friend, and I wish anything to have him back. Hell, I grew up with the kid five doors down from me and can’t even remember a day where I didn’t know him. And while no speculation or hindsight view can change what happened, I can’t help but imagine what his life could have amounted to if he would have stayed clean.

Following a stint in rehab for a pill addiction, I saw my old friend for the first time in months when I was home for Thanksgiving break. Needless to say, I was pleased to see him clean for the first time in what seemed like forever. It was great to just chill with him and know that we were both looking at things through a similar lens.

But then I came home for a while over Christmas. As is the common nature of drug addiction, I would hear how he was slipping off and reverting to old habits. Over the course of the break, I saw him a few times, and the change since the last time we hung out was unmistakable.

As I stood at his coffin looking at his glazed eyes and overly powdered face, I would have never thought that is where I would have been at that point in time not even two months after seeing him in such better condition. I guess it just goes to show how quickly things can change.

Watching his coffin lower and his story here on Earth come to an end, I realized that a chapter in my life is over as well. With him gone, so is a part of my childhood. As sad as it is, it is something as the universe’s way of telling me that it is time for a new page to turn. I never expected it to be so short, but it is what it is.

Consider this a warning. It’s not even my preacher voice. It’s my college kid voice. I love the culture we live in. I know the lifestyle. There’s a readily accessible way to get anything, but it’s not worth it. It’s really not.

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CRIME LOG

Home Invasion- 1/18
CCU/DPS officers responded to University Place in reference to a home invasion burglary that took place there before. The officers interviewed the victim and collected evidence. The victim described the suspect for the officers. This incident is under investigation.

Larceny- 1/17
A man was reported to the CCU/DPS office to report someone removed property belonging to the victim from the area of Ingle Hall. The victim described the missing property and the circumstances of the incident for the officers. This incident is under investigation.

Public Drunk- 1/16
While on patrol a CCU/DPS officer observed two subjects one standing and one on the ground. The officer stopped to investigate. Both subjects were interviewed. The subject first observed on the ground was found to be intoxicated and was taken into custody. The subject was transported to the Conway Medical Center and upon release was transported to the Horry County Detention Center.

Traffic Stop/Informational- 1/14
While on patrol a CCU/DPS officer observed a vehicle being driven in an unsafe manner and stopped the vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle were interviewed and found to be underage and unlicensed. The parents of the four occupants were notified and responded to pick up their children. The vehicle was driven home by its owner.

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WE WANT YOU!

We are currently seeking as many contributing writers as possible. We encourage any prospective writer to attend our weekly meetings on Mondays at 6:00 p.m., in the LB Jackson Center room 206. The Chanticleer 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 Chanticleer via email at chanticleernews@gmail.com. You can follow us on Twitter @ChanticleerNews and look for us on Facebook at The Chanticleer. We look forward to receiving your articles and welcoming you to our staff.

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WHAT'S THE WORD?

COURTNEY MOSER

Each week the Chanticleer asks our readers a random question.

We asked GGU students... Who do you think is going to be in the Super Bowl, and who do you think is going to win?

"Giants and Pats are gonna match up one more time. Eli's brother isn't playing now, so he's gotta do something for the family."

Jerry Kelly, Junior

"The Pats and New York are goin' to go at it head to head. Ready's gonna throw for 300 yards and the Pats are gonna win and crush em.'"

Esmer Guilloud, Junior

"The Ravens and Giants are goin' to be in the Super Bowl. The Raven's got it, that's all I have to say."

Mary Jakuba, Sophomore

CHAUNCEY'S CINEMA

The editors weigh in on upcoming movies

One for the Money (Jan. 27)
In this action-comedy, Stephanie Plum (Katherine Heigl), a desperate lingerie buyer, gets on board with her bondman cousin to become a professional bounty hunter. While it is certainly better than being unemployed, Plum is given the task of tracking down the crooked cop who left her heart in shambles years before. I wonder how this will turn out...

 Chronicle (Feb. 3)
In what seems to be an X-Men-like theme of movie filmed in the shaky home-made style of Paranormal Activity or Super 8, three high school kids stumble upon a secret that will change their lives forever. But, as said by Ben Parker, with great power comes great responsibility. How will their adolescents embrace their newly acquired gifts?

The Woman in Black (Feb. 3)
If you watch the trailer for this film, it will send chills up your spine. If it doesn't, you don't have one. A lawyer, Arthur Kipps (Daniel Radcliffe...yeah, you read that right) travels to a mid­dle-of-nowhere town to find the spirit of a bitter woman wreak­ing havoc on the town's inhabitants. While it looks to be creepy as all hell, there may be an insatiable urge to scream out for Harry to use the power of love to scare off the ghost...

TEAL TUNES

What's coming from the headphones of The Chanticleer staff?

Shane
Letters To You by Finch
"Finch I want you to know I miss you...I hate when bands break up."

Chad
Rewind by Nas
"Listen up you can figure out the poem real clear."

Jenna
Little Bit of Life by Craig Morgan
"If you are any bit country, you need to jam out to this in your truck!"
Danny Nieman

Men's Basketball
The Concord, NC junior guard went a perfect 6-6 from the field (4-4 3PT, 2-2 FG) in a win against Presbyterian. It was by far Nieman’s best performance since his return to the starting lineup after taking a semester off.

Sophie Perry

Women's Indoor Track & Field
Perry, a freshman mid distance runner, is a Camberbury, Australia native. She was a member of the distance medley relay that set a new school record of 12:13.7 at the Virginia Tech Invitational Jan. 18. Perry also took fourth in the mile at 5:07.

Sam McLaurin

All-Time Blocked Shot Leader for CCU

On Tuesday Jan. 17, 2012, Sam McLaurin passed Joseph Harvis's school record of 142 career blocked shots. McLaurin is in his fourth season at Coastal. Through 19 games, he's averaging 10.1 points, 8.1 rebounds, and 1.4 blocks per game.

Tj’s Take

Was the NBA lockout a good thing?

TJ Sündberg

When the NBA Lockout went into effect, it was a big deal, but it didn't hit the sporting world quite like the NFL Lockout did. But in my opinion, the NBA Lockout was one of the best things that happened to the NBA. It's no secret that NFL and college football run the sports world from August through February (January for college football). So for the NBA to shorten their season by 16 games and start on Christmas Day, it does two things for the league. First, it makes each game matter more. And second, it gives the league better ratings because less of the season intertwines with the NFL and college football.

Even I find myself watching NBA basketball on television, and I used to never watch it until the playoffs because it dragged out so much. And the ratings so far for the season are through the roof. So if David Stern were smart, he'd make the season shorter every year instead of blocking superstar trades. Because as exciting as 'Lob City' is in LA, it would have been a lot nicer to see Chris Paul suit up in the purple and yellow hoisting the trophy and helping Kobe tie MJ instead of becoming a divisional round knockout throwing alley oops to Blake Griffin.

For Sale

NORMAN SHINES AT THE SHRINE BOWL

TJ SUNDBERG

Everyone knew former Coastal Carolina corner back Josh Norman had a shot at the NFL, but no one knew he would make this much of a buzz.

Norman was invited to the Shrine Bowl, which is normally where middle round draft picks are invited before they put on a show at the official NFL Combine next month. The FCS All-American is performing so well, in fact, that some draft experts like Mike Mayock have placed Norman as a third round draft pick.

In Norman’s three days at the combine, he has outdone scouts’ expectations with six interceptions, six pass break-ups, and four touchdowns. He’s only given up three catches the entire week of practices.

The actual East-West game occurred last Saturday on NFL Network. For Norman’s complete stat line from the game, check up on NFL.com.

Josh Norman in his final season as a Chant

Photo Courtesy of Billy Nickell

JANUARY SCHEDULES

NEXT BASKETBALL:
1/17 Radford
1/20 at Presbyterian
1/22 Gardner-Webb

NEXT SOFTBALL:
1/21 at High Point
1/23 at Campbell
1/28 at Charleston Southern

WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD:
1/27 Clemson Invitational
1/30 Atlantic Coast Invitational

NEXT FOOTBALL:
1/30 Jacksonville Invitational
1/31 Jacksonville Invitational

NEXT TENNIS:
1/28 at The Citadel
1/29 Mercer

RECRUITS' TENNIS:
1/29 Georgia Southern

FORMER CCU STANDOUT HEADS OVERSEAS

Mario Edwards pursuing professional basketball career

KIM SHERAYKO

Mario Edwards, a graduate of Coastal Carolina in 2010, looks overseas to better his professional basketball career.

Edwards leaves the South Carolina Warriors, which he helped lead to their 10th start. During his stint with the Warriors, he averaged 13.8 points, 6.8 assists, and 5.0 rebounds.

Edwards, along with teammate Justin Scott, will join KB Peja in Kosovo. KB Peja is one of the most popular teams in the Kosovan Basketball League.

Warriors coach Chris Bovard presented the opportunity of signing KB Peja. Edwards will remain with KB Peja through May.

FORMER CHANT HEADS TO MAJOR LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING

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Austin Fleet received a non-roster invitation to the San Francisco Giants’ Major League Spring Training. This marks Fleet’s first invitation to big league camp.

During Fleet’s four years at Coastal, he totaled 22 wins and nine losses in 76 games. His career ERA at Coastal was a solid 2.53. In 2010, he was ranked the 9th best pitcher in the Big South, according to Baseball Cube statistics.

The San Francisco Giants selected Fleet in the 16th round of the 2010 Draft. During his first two seasons with the Giants organization, Fleet pitched in 44 games in variety of leagues, including the permanent Arizona Fall League.

Fleet totaled 15 wins and eight losses in states with mid-level Arizona, Class A-Augusta, and Double-A-Richmond. He served as a starter and relief pitcher, while posting a 3.61 ERA in his two minor league seasons.

Fleet is expected to report with pitchers and catchers on February 18th.
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FACT: The vast majority of the 1.4 million people who are stalked each year are ordinary citizens.

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