CCU welcomes Chi O

Katelin Gandee // Reporter

Over 200 girls found their sorority homes on Sept. 4, with 115 finding themselves in the newest colony of Chi Omega.

Chi Omega, also known as Chi O, did not let the evacuation from Tropical Storm Irma put a damper on their colonization. Pushing through, they did FaceTime interviews in order to find girls on CCU's campus that would create the colony. They looked for girls who would represent Chi Omega well and support their values.

When everyone returned to campus, Chi O had their final rounds of recruitment and on Sept. 14, celebrated their bid day with the Panhellenic community.

Many women on CCU’s campus, including those already in sorority life, are excited to welcome Chi Omega to the community and believe that they will have a great impact on the campus.

CCU’s Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Brittany Bowels said that the Chi Omega colony was needed because the current chapters on campus were getting fairly large.

The colonization meant that they would retain the same numbers they had in previous years.

While Chi Omega is the most recent colony on campus, there have been quite a few in the past years. Bowels said she has had a new organization almost every semester since starting at CCU.

Last year, Kappa Alpha Order as well as Alpha Kappa Alpha colonized on campus. Also joining the community this semester will be Zeta Phi Beta.

Bowels will not be alone in helping run the 20 chapters CCU has. Members of Greek Life were charged $20 in order to help fund an additional director. Bowels said this would allow chapters an easy way to contact either one of the directors.

Another sorority and fraternity could be coming to campus in the next three years, according to Bowels.

Bowels said the newest addition excited to welcome Chi Omega to the community. “They’re so excited to be here and they want to be here and I think them adding a new level of excitement to the community,” Bowels said.
Coastal Carolina running back arrested, released from team

Jah-Maine Martin, Coastal Carolina’s running back, and four other men were arrested on July 10 for illegal possession of firearms. The former Conway High School standout was released from the team later in the month.

At 11:15 a.m., police pulled over a silver Cadillac that was going over the speed limit on Highway 544. Martin, the driver of the Cadillac, pulled into the Coastal Carolina football parking lot where the officer then proceeded with a routine traffic stop, according to a police report.

The report said that during the stop, Martin, 19, gave permission to officers to search the car.

One passenger in the car, Dae’Shaun Page, 19, attempted to run from the scene but was chased down by CCU officers near Highway 544, according to the report.

The report stated while officers were searching the car, they found two .9mm handguns, two magazines and 16 bullets behind the driver’s seat underneath a shirt where Page was sitting.

One of the firearms was reported stolen out of Conway. Martin, Jerron Bellamy, 20, Quinon Burroughs, 20, and Dorein Vereen, 19, were all arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a firearm.

Martin was going into his sophomore year at Coastal Carolina and had an active freshman year, stepping up big in a 48-17 win at Presbyterian on Oct. 29 where he had 120 yards rushing to go along with two touchdowns.

Martin finished his freshman year playing in four games, rushing for 171 yards on 27 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

Interim head coach Jamey Chadwell talked about Martin’s future with the team and with the University during a press conference that was held on Aug. 30.

“It most likely is a done deal,” said Chadwell. “We are still waiting to hear from the University on what their final decision is. Once we get their decision, we will decide where to go from there but, as of right now, you won’t be seeing him any time soon.”

Moglia to take medical sabbatical, Chadwell to take over

Coastal Carolina head football coach, Joe Moglia, announced on July 28 that he would be taking a medical sabbatical for five months due to complications with allergies for the past three years.

The sabbatical will force Moglia to miss the entire 2017 season.

Moglia talked about the decision at a press conference on July 28.

“I have serious asthmatic inflammation in my lungs that was fostered by allergies,” said Moglia. “The problem is that the longer you have that, the more serious your situation becomes.”

In a press release, written by Moglia himself, he wanted the community to know that this needed to be addressed and that there was nothing to worry about.

“I want to be clear, I do not have a disease,” stated Moglia. “I am in no danger, but I need to get this addressed. President DeCenzo has offered me a five months sabbatical, which I am going to take.”

David DeCenzo, president of Coastal Carolina University, released this statement regarding Moglia.

“My thoughts and prayers go out to Coach Moglia, and I look forward to his speedy return,” stated DeCenzo.

During Moglia’s absence, Jamey Chadwell, offensive coordinator of the football team, will be the interim head coach.

Chadwell was the former head coach at Charleston Southern and was brought on to the Coastal Carolina coaching staff in January to be the associate head coach and offensive coordinator.

Moglia said that he is confident that Chadwell will make all the right decisions that is best for the program.

“While he will have full discretion, he is fully expected to build on our philosophy, processes and BAM standard,” said Moglia.

Moglia plans to be ready to go once the season is over in early December and hopes to continue his coaching career next season.
Living in South Carolina: Hurricane preparedness

Colby De Lucia // Reporter

Attending school near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, calls for some severe weather—hurricane, tropical storms and tropical depressions.

Hurricane season starts June 1 and ends Nov. 30 each year, meaning Coastal needs to continue staying weather aware.

Even though Tropical Storm Irma only caused minor damage to Myrtle Beach and Conway, it is never a bad idea to be prepared for the worst.

Students should have a set procedure, that includes a hurricane kit, in place if a hurricane is in the forecast.

According to Ready.gov, a disaster preparedness site, the proper hurricane kit consists of 10 major essentials.

The website recommends students to have enough gallons of water to last them three days for drinking and sanitation purposes: typically, one gallon per person per day.

Food is the next major priority item for hurricane kits. There should be enough food to last three days and the food should be non-perishable.

A first aid kit, a few flashlights, a cell phone with chargers and backup batteries are next on the list of importance.

Other things that may be included in a standard hurricane kit include: extra batteries, a whistle to signal for help, dust masks to help filter contaminated air, a manual can opener and lastly, local maps.

However, preparing for a hurricane does not stop at getting a kit ready.

Students should have a procedure in place for when disaster is on the way.

Hunter Skaggs, a senior at Coastal, has been through several tropical systems during his four years, Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storm Hermine, as well as the 1,000-year historic flooding in October 2015.

“I have been through two [tropical systems] and have evacuated for both, even though only one ended up hitting Coastal.”

Skaggs said he has learned to only trust certain websites for factual information and had some advice for younger generations on how to prepare.

“Educate yourselves and don’t listen to rumors,” said Skaggs. “If you want facts go on nhc.noaa.gov or the local weatherman. If your family lives close, then go home because it is a great excuse to get a home-cooked meal and see your parents.”

Skaggs also expressed how important it is to lend a helping hand to others who are not as lucky.

“Help the students who don’t have family close by or the means to get home,” said Skaggs. “Offer to take them with you or help them find safety because it’s the right thing to do.”
Hurricane season is a time that people who live on the coast constantly keep in the back of their mind, but is now getting harder to ignore on beaches of South Carolina.

Over the past two years, South Carolina has felt the effects from the historic flooding in 2015, Tropical Storm Hermine, Hurricane Matthew and now Tropical Storm Irma.

Last year, in early October, the South Carolina coast took a beating from Hurricane Matthew and many other beaches along the coast were also destroyed due to the high storm surge.

The sand dunes located along the Grand Strand were left devastated.

Now, a year later, the efforts to replenish the beaches are in full swing.

Many of the affected areas have been restored and the areas that have not are well on their way.

Right now, crews are working to bring sand off shore to the beaches, also known as dredging.

The sand is brought up to shore through a pipeline, then scooped up and placed strategically along the dunes.

When the sand is first dredged, it appears to be significantly darker than the sand around it. After a few days, it loses the darkness and matches the surrounding sand.

While it is not known when the restoration project will be complete, the crews are working hard to make it sooner than later.

With the recent impact of Tropical Storm Irma, crews were delayed for a few days but have since returned to the project.
Rhodes warns Myrtle Beach of West Nile virus case

Tyler Gross // Reporter

On Friday, Sept. 15, Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes released a public service announcement (PSA) on the Myrtle Beach City Government’s Facebook page concerning a recent case of the West Nile virus.

In Rhodes’ PSA, he alerted the public that the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) confirmed one case of the West Nile virus between Third Avenue South and Mr. Joe White Avenue.

Rhodes assured the public DHEC is doing what they can to stop another case of the virus.

“We have increased mosquito spraying in that area beginning [Sept. 15],” said Rhodes. “We also will continue spraying in that area as we have done before.”

Rhodes also said that DHEC will be treating any still-water and will be setting mosquito traps around the city which started on Monday, Sept. 18.

West Nile virus can only be spread through infected mosquitoes, not through person-to-person contact.

While DHEC is doing what they can to stop any further cases of West Nile virus, Rhodes encouraged the public to help aid the project.

“Look around your property for any mosquito breeding grounds and empty any standing water,” said Rhodes. “Do not give mosquitoes a place to breed.”

He also encouraged the public to wear long sleeves and use mosquito repellent if they choose to spend time outside at night because during this time, mosquitoes are most active.

Most people do not develop symptoms when infected with the virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Some people may experience a fever and other symptoms, such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash.

Very few people, 1 in 150, who are infected develop severe symptoms affecting the central nervous system, such as encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain.

Mary Matalin speaks for Constitution Day

Morgen Cvetko // Reporter

Mary Matalin, a highly-known political contributor, joined the Coastal Carolina University community to talk about the language of politics in the 21st-century. Her expertise comes from her time working under President Ronald Reagan and serving as an assistant to George W. Bush.

Her lecture was based around three words: Populism, polemics and polarization.

Matalin believes one of the issues with politics is that both sides have different meanings for politic words.

Populism is defined that ordinary people are working toward the concerns of ordinary people. Polemics is a debate tactic; in which it seems like the only goal of one of the speakers is to undermine everything their opponent has to say.

Matalin is optimistic that this will change because people do not like to constantly argue. It is not in our nature.

As for polarization, it describes when people become completely divided.

Throughout all of the lecture, Matalin said she was optimistic for the future.

She believes millennials are going to change the way politics is today. She said it’s not going to be a fast change, but it will happen eventually.

Matalin has hope because of the new generation. A generation of information, of new ideas and more advanced technology.
Coffee bar opening near campus

On Oct. 2, University Commons will be welcoming a new tenant, C3 Coffee Bar. This shop is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help raise money for missions in our local community and worldwide.

With a location already at 1701 Church St in Conway, they are expanding their doors to the Coastal Carolina community. Coastal Carolina students will be given a 20 percent discount with their student identification card every day.

This coffee bar takes pride in their statement of “Coffee, Conversation and Community,” according to Matt Mitchell, general manager of C3 Coffee Bar.

“We love people and our goal here is to be able to create a genuine and authentic community on a daily basis,” said Mitchell.

By using as many locally grown produce as they can, C3 helps the community by providing them business and giving back with the profits they make from their coffee sales.

With their fresh, daily-made pastries and beginning to be able to roast their coffee in house, this shop, according to the stay, is on its way to becoming an organic option for the local community of Conway.

“Our motto here is: Drink Coffee, Do Something,” said Mitchell, and it is plastered all over their walls.

This is helped by their association with The Rock Church, also located in Conway. This collaboration allows for these volunteers to do something as simple as give money to people in need.

C3 Coffee Bar has an open arm policy and welcomes every new face regardless of their religious affiliations. This is exactly what it felt like when Emily Daurity, a freshman at CCU, joined them one day.

“There was a different vibe in their store,” said Daurity. “I did not care how long it would take for my coffee to be made because I felt like I was being taken care of on a personal level rather than a corporate one.”

Upon entrance through the double doors, some customers said they immediately get a sense of belonging and comfortability from this shop. With a smile for a greeting and a genuine barista, C3 wants people to feel more than just a customer.

Not only do they sell coffee, merchandise and treats, but they also provide an open mic night whenever their schedule allows for it. Students can show off their talents in a respectable and loving environment.

Join C3 Coffee Bar on Oct. 2, and receive 50 percent off all week for all CCU and HGTC students.

Alisha Petrizzo // Reporter

Courtesy of C3 Coffee Facebook
“Just Doozy”

Kyle Borawski, an interdisciplinary studies major, started his own apparel business his sophomore year at CCU called Doozy, which has recently transformed into a primarily media-based company.

Borawski discovered his skill for marketing while learning graphic design. Graphics are a necessity in advertising because the need to attract an audience, but it is also more than that.

He said he tries to make designs that will resonate with people.

“I realized that, these days, you can truly make beautiful designs and videos that impact people through a few simple app,” said Borawski.

He also managed and implemented the ACE University Bookstore free textbook giveaway that The Chanticleer first reported on in our first issue.

Their collaboration was incidental; while Borawski was buying supplies, he began speaking to a manager about his marketing business. That conversation then led him to Rusty Elvington, the store owner.

Since Borawski has a passion for video and film, and Instagram and Facebook are the best social media to utilize, according to Borawski.

Both platforms are user-friendly and can easily be manipulated to express the user’s creativity. Borawski considers Instagram to be a “21st-century art canvas.” An example of one of his marketing inspirations for Instagram is A$AP Rocky.

Borawski wants his audience to experience marketing in a new way.

“I want people to scroll down Instagram feeds like they are scrolling down a new form of digital era art,” said Borawski.

The biggest hardship Borawski has encountered with his business is balancing being a student and business owner, but encourages others to follow their dreams.

“I would tell them to just doozy. I mean do it,” said Borawski. “If you believe what you’re doing is beautiful and impactful, then do whatever you want with it and in life. And, also, do it for a purpose. If you’re simply trying to make money, then you won’t last.”

Borawski’s goal for Doozy is to expand their partnership to other businesses, athletes and artists. He also wants to give back as much as possible and be “a company where creativity brings people together to achieve dreams and great relationships.”

#CCUFoodCrew turns food truck

Taco pizza, stir-fry, tacos, egg drop soup and sopapillas filled the plates of those who ventured into Hick’s Dining Hall on Sept. 6.

The first #CCUFoodCrew event had students filling their tables with a wide array of food ranging from Korean beef tacos to strawberry peach sopapillas. Every station had some kind of food truck inspiration to it.

With Home Zone having General Tso’s stir-fry pork and Korean BBQ stir fry tofu, the Deli having a roasted Thai chicken wrap and the Salad Bar having egg drop soup, there was not any type of shortage on the food.

The amount of people inside Hick’s made it seem like “Friday Chicken Friday” rather than just a normal Wednesday.

Nellie Forker, a senior at CCU, tried almost everything that was offered for the day.

“It’s good, but I don’t feel like it’s authentic in my opinion,” Forker said.

Other students enjoyed it, but some did not like how it was served, like PJ Hartleb.

“My favorite was the taco pizza and the Korean tacos,” said Hartleb. “I hated that they didn’t give us a plate and gave it to us in the paper. I almost dropped it.”

This event is the first of many events that the #CCUFoodCrew will put on throughout the semester.

“For the Record,” a music-themed dinner, took place on Sept. 20. The next event is “Mac and Cheese Mania” on Sept. 27.

In past years, the crew has created Disney-themed dinners and samples of food from all across the globe.
What the wallaby?!

O'Tia Prioleau // Reporter

Before Nick Muti left home to come to Coastal Carolina University, his dad said he could get any pet he wanted except a dog, so instead, he got a wallaby.

Muti had to go through a lot of hoops to get his wallaby, which goes by the name Boomer.

He contacted a breeder and in order for him to become Boomer’s owner, he had to read a book and take a test on each chapter. It was important for Muti to understand everything about the animal because there are common things that Boomer cannot have or be around that other pets can.

For example, Boomer cannot be around cats because the feline carries a parasite called Toxoplasmosis, which can be deadly for a wallaby.

Even after going through all those steps, Muti had to wait a year-and-a-half to get Boomer, which was just before he moved to Conway.

“Right now, Boomer is 21-weeks-old out of the pouch, but since [he is a] marsupial, [he was] born once as a fetus, crawled out of the pouch and then fully developed,” said Muti.

Boomer eats about five times a day, ranging between his bottle, carrots, grass, non-sweet fruits, vegetables and happy hopper pellets. According to Muti, it takes Boomer two months to go through a 30-pound bag.

He sleeps in a pouch next to Muti and has his own room in a walk-in closet.

Muti said getting a wallaby was tough on the wallet at first, but it was well worth it.

“The initial investments are expensive, but after you have everything set, not really, not expensive at all,” said Muti. “He sees me as his mom. I’m a parent, but I’m not a parent. He’ll come over and I’ll have a bottle, and he’ll look up at me in the morning and I’ll feed him.”

Events happening near CCU

Katelin Gandee // Reporter

From chicken bog to booths selling crafts, the Aynor Hoedown is so much more than the name.

The 38th Annual Harvest Hoedown went down in Aynor on Sept. 16. The Hoedown started at 10 a.m. with their annual parade and went until 9 p.m., ending with the street dance.

The hoedown itself is proclaimed to be one of the oldest and largest festivals in the Carolina’s.

The hoedown is always the third Saturday in September, so for those who missed it, there is always next year.

However, there are more events coming up in the area if you are willing to take a drive.

For those who love seafood, there’s two events coming up that will fill that love for fresh seafood.

On Oct. 6 and 7, the Myrtle Beach Seafood Festival is taking over the streets at Ocean Boulevard. There is no cost to attend the event but attendees should bring money to try out the food and drinks the festival has to offer.

Another event to curb your seafood craving is the 13th Little River ShrimpFest. That festival is happening on Oct. 14 and 15, which will not only have plenty of seafood, but also stilt walkers and two stages of live music. Tickets are $4 for locals and $5 at the gate for non-locals.

However, if seafood is not your thing, there is another option for you.

The Loris Bog-Off is running for its 38th-year on Saturday Oct. 21. The Bog-Off will be full of different kinds of chicken bogg, the southern traditional cuisine that is made up of chicken, sausage, rice and spices.

There are plenty of other festivals that are not made around food, like the Back Road Vintage vendor market. On Sept. 30, Laurel Street in Conway will be transformed into a place for people to check out items to decorate their homes with. The cost for admission is $5 for everyone over the age of 12.

Muti has had to prepare his house for Boomer, especially since he can jump double his height.

“I have a raised bed now because I don’t want him on my bed because he likes to have random accidents sometimes,” said Muti. “[In Boomer’s room, there are] tarps down, puzzle matts down and more tarps down and I put grass on top of it so he can like hop around.”

Boomer has gained quite the following on Instagram since Muti started bringing the wallaby on campus.

“Every time I come here, 50 more followers,” said Muti. “Everyone wants to see him, everyone wants to pet him and I have a good time watching him hop around because no one has ever really seen a wallaby before.”
Coastal Color Run takes over

Saturday, Sept. 16, students from all over Coastal’s campus gathered behind the Coastal Science Center at 9:30 a.m. to participate in this year’s Color Rec Run. This event is part of the free first 54 events, and although students are the ones targeted in advertisement, faculty and staff are more than welcome to come.

The group of about 30 students ran a 2.5-mile course while getting color thrown at them by volunteers of the Coastal Rec Center. It was a morning filled with lots of fun and lots of color.

This year the event began at 10 a.m. and lasted for about an hour. Runners began at the Coastal Science Center and ended at fields behind the center. Student and faculty were required to register on race day and sign a waiver.

After signing-in, everyone who participated got a free white t-shirt to run in. Along the course, volunteers stood with gloves and color preparing for when the runners came by. This year the group saved a lot of color for the finish line to end the race in an explosion.

This year, the turnout was a little less than expected, according to the Associate Director of Student Recreation Tara Josey. Last year, there around 130 runners compared to this year’s 30.

“I feel that the hurricane may have thrown people of their schedules this year and that’s why we don’t have as many as last year,” Josey said. “We have lots of color.” With these promising words, the race began and the runners were off. Everyone seemed excited and glad to be taking part of this event.

When asked about why students participated in the color run, there were varied, but all equally pleasant responses.

Freshman Noelani Coleman, stated, “I’ve always wanted to do a color run, so when I heard that Coastal was hosting one I had to go.”

Coleman was accompanied by freshman Matt Rodriguez who said it was on his bucket list to participate in a color.

Although there were not many who came, the Rec Center still considers this year’s color run a success.

The whole point of this was to have a way for students to have fun and not have to pay for it Josey said.

“It was an idea that we had about four years ago,” said Josey. “We wanted it to be low-key and keep it super simple. We didn’t want a lot of expenses, but we still wanted the ability to let the students have fun.”
Coastal’s Bryan Gallery opened their first exhibit of the semester on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Associate Professor Scott Mann’s Form and Press, the Beauty of Letters, is a clean-cut and straight forward showcase. The works of art in the exhibit were created on a printing press machine using blocks and a variety of color inks to create pictures, posters, signs and more.

Some of the blocks used were premade from old store marketing signs, and others were made from Mann’s curiosity about the newly recognized artistic form of press.

Unlike most works brought to the Bryan Gallery, this exhibit is meant more for educational purposes.

“Press can now be considered an artistic form due to new media and technology...,” said Mann.

Through this exhibit, viewers were able to take home a little lesson from the past.

Posters, such as those in the exhibit, show how advertising happened between the early 1900’s to the mid-1900’s.

“I’ve taken one of [Mann’s] classes and I love his work,” said Christian Wilson, a student.

On the opening day, visitors were able to try out the process with the help of a senior graphic design student.

Brooks Leibee said he loved this interactivity portion of the showcase. He talked about how being able to participate and seeing how it is made helped to develop a connection with endless possibilities of what could be created.

The Bryan Gallery is located in Thomas W. and Robin Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, room 129. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Those without a home make up 10 percent of South Carolina’s population. There are 492 homeless and counting in Horry County.

The county also has the highest rate of unsheltered homeless people in South Carolina at 40 percent.

These startling numbers were shown at the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership Luncheon presented by Swain Scholar Kerry Dittmeier.

Dittmeier, a junior majoring in Public Health, worked in conjunction with Emma Kroger and Nancy Phillips for two years researching the perception of homelessness in Horry County.

Dittmeier, Kroger and Phillips are a part of the Swain Scholar program, a prestigious program where students focus on combining research and community outreach.

The purpose of the “Homeless Are...” project was to show the need for communication within the community and how to combat the problem by educating and bringing more awareness to the cause.

Kenneth Swain, creator of the scholars’ program, came to listen to the presentation.

Gina Cummings, Wall Fellows Program director, was one of the many in attendance. She said she was there to learn what she could do.

“...find out the perspective of how they need help, and then learn how to help them in that particular way,” said Cummings.

Dittmeier, with her fellow Swain Scholars, conducted research for a year and a half in the form of surveys in collaboration with the Veterans Association and Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization.

In her findings, she discovered the gap between the perspective and reality of homelessness when it came to the millennials and generational was huge.

Millennials felt that homelessness was due to irresponsibility, whereas generational felt it was more so situational reasons.

From the Swain Scholars research findings, the Swain scholars also found that 84 percent believed that drug abuse was the cause of homelessness. In actuality, the leading cause of homelessness nationally is actually the loss of one’s job at 35 percent.

The Swain Scholars also worked in collaboration with the Athenaeum Press, a digital publication for Coastal Carolina University.

Alli Krandel, director of Digital Initiatives, brought this research to life with students Ashely Cochran, Katelin Gandee, Jeremey Razook, Drew Smith and Rhonda Taylor.

They essentially brought Swain Scholars research to life through three ways: it being regional, digital and sellable where the profits could go back to the community for the homeless.

Last year, students may have seen wall installations on Prince Lawn that invited the Coastal Carolina community to write with a piece of chalk, their preconceived notions about homelessness. The installations read “Homeless Are,” and this sparked many different opinions and debates.

The installations were designed by Drew Smith, senior majoring in graphic design, and inspired by Candy Chang’s “Before I Die” work.

Athenaeum Press also created a web series for when they spoke to homeless people, and a book called “492 and Counting” where the team wrote nine stories from nine different people affected by homelessness in some way.

The students were able to follow Stevens Stephens’s, who works with ECHO to deliver food and other supplies to the homeless around the area.

Gandee, senior communication major, said trust was a huge issue when trying to get an inside perspective.

“The hardest part about interviewing the homeless was building their trust so the homeless would talk to us,” said Gandee.

The Athenaeum Press also tagged along with the Myrtle Beach Police Department, where they have special unit that is trained to find camp sites and help homeless people get off the street.

One homeless person they created a series on was Ronnie. Ronnie was homeless due to some housing not allowing pit-bulls, and he did not want to give up his dog.

Toward the end of the WIPL luncheon, Dittmeier explained how the project affected her.

“I’m 19-years-old, but when I learned of Carly, who was also 19-years-old, and homeless; this emotionally hit me how we could be experiencing different walks of life at the same age,” said Dittmeier.

Those interested in helping the homeless can contact the Shepherd’s Table and Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization.

Their information can be found on our website.
Coastal Carolina football falls to UAB, 30-23

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina fell to UAB 30-23 on Saturday, Sept. 16 in Birmingham, Alabama. Senior running back Osharmar Abercrombie led all rushers with 75 yards on the ground.

The Chanticleers got down early and could not comeback against the Blazers on Saturday, going down 13-0 in the first quarter. However, a blocked point after attempt by the Coastal special team squad allowed sophomore cornerback Preston Carey to return the blocked kick to end zone.

This gave Coastal Carolina a spark and cut the deficit to 13-2 as the blocked kick return on an extra point attempt are considered two points.

Junior kicker Evan Rabon cut the 11-point deficit to eight as he knocked in a 39-yard field goal with less than nine minutes to go in the half, making it 13-5 in favor of the Blazers.

UAB began to gain momentum, getting a field goal right before the half and then getting a touchdown after forcing a turnover. Coastal found themselves trailing 23-5 with under 13 minutes to play in third quarter.

Coastal was able to get a touchdown back when Osharmar Abercrombie scored from one yard out and senior wide receiver Chris Jones would run in a two-point conversion, making it 23-13 with 6:58 left in the quarter.

Abercrombie talked about his performance after the game.

“I feel like I could have played a lot better,” said Abercrombie. “I felt like I let my team down today.”

Coastal would get within a touchdown after Rabon notched his second field goal of the game, making it 23-16 with 8:58 left in game.

UAB would put an end to the comeback, scoring a touchdown with 2:54 in the fourth quarter remaining and leading 30-16.

However, Coastal would not go away as the offense would go on a four-play, 75-yard drive that ended in another touchdown by Abercrombie.

Trailing 30-23 and less than 90 seconds remaining, UAB would seal the victory over the Chanticleers by recovering the onside kick and running out the clock, giving the Chants their first loss of the 2017 season.

Coastal did not play the weekend before their game with UAB, but Abercrombie says that is not a reason to blame for the loss.

“The bi-week had no effect on the game,” said Abercrombie. “We just have to both start strong and finish strong. We can improve by taking care of the ball more.”

Coastal Carolina had 227 yards rushing on the ground, with 75 of those yards coming from Abercrombie. The Chanticleers only had 100 yards passing with Tyler Keane throwing for 75 yards, completing 7 of 16 passes with 3 interceptions.

Coastal Carolina is back in action this weekend, taking on Western Illinois at Brooks Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 23. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.
Coastal men’s soccer drops conference opener

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina allowed two goals in the opening five minutes, ultimately falling to Georgia Southern 2-1 on Saturday, Sept. 16 in Statesboro, Georgia, in their Sun Belt Conference opener.

Georgia Southern scored a minute and 48 seconds into the game when Javier Carbonell found Gonzalo Taivera off of a free kick. Continuing with that momentum, the Eagles found a second goal not even 90 seconds later when Carbonell found Aldair Cortes who slotted home the second goal of the match.

Coastal would change keepers from Alexandre Bouillennec to Braulio Linares-Ortiz in the 10th-minute of the game.

The Chanticleers almost got a goal back in the 18th-minute when junior defender Sam Strong headed a shot on goal that was saved the Eagles.

Coastal would go into halftime down 2-0 and assistant head coach Kyle Russell hoped that will not be a problem in the games to come.

“We need to work on being the first team to score,” said Russell. “We also have to work a lot harder on defense.”

Coastal would gain a lot of momentum in the second half due to a majority of set pieces. Coastal had eight corner kicks in the second half compared to Georgia Southern’s two.

The Chanticleers were able to get on the scoreboard in the 82nd-minute thanks to a goal from senior forward Frantzdy Pierrot. Sophomore defender Morten Timm played in a cross and Pierrot smashed it first time into the back of the net.

Coastal had two chances on corner kicks in the final five minutes to equalize but both senior forward Martin Melchor’s and Pierrot’s shots were saved by the Southern’s keeper.

While the Chants are 2-4 on the year, Russell remains optimistic.

“We are really looking forward in getting some of our big players back from injury,” said Russell. “It will be good to have them healthy and back on the field.”

The Chanticleers return home on Wednesday, Sept. 20 to face College of Charleston at the Coastal Carolina soccer complex. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.
Former Coastal players living life in Charleston

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Two former Coastal Carolina men’s soccer players have made a significant impact while playing for the Charleston Battery, a professional American soccer team based in the United Soccer League.

Justin Portillo, who played from 2010 to 2013 at Coastal Carolina, has made a huge impact this season for the Battery, starting every single game for Charleston in the midfield and scoring six times. Portillo also has six assists on the year as well.

Portillo, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, attributes his success in Charleston back to his collegiate roots here in Conway.

“Coastal did everything for me,” said Portillo. “When I walked onto that campus, I was 17-year old kid and didn’t really know much. Coach Docking helped instilled in myself and all of us on that team that hard work leads to success. He wanted us to hit the books and hit the practice field hard and all of that got me to where I am at now.”

During his time at Coastal Carolina, Portillo scored 10 goals and had 29 assists. His 29 assists are sixth all-time in the Coastal Carolina record books. Portillo played in 89 matches for the Chanticleers and started 87 of those matches.

At the time, those 89 matches played was a Big South and Coastal Carolina record. However, Ricky Garbanzo broke that record after Portillo left in 2013. From 2011 to 2014, Garbanzo played in 94 matches and started 76 of them. His 40 goals are tied for fifth on the Coastal Carolina all-time list.

Garbanzo reminisced about his time in Conway.

“Coach Docking did a very good job on getting his players to the next level,” said Garbanzo. “He made our environment on the training grounds like a pro-environment, so every day we came out and gave 110 percent.”

Garbanzo, a native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, also talked about what it was like joining the team and having a former college teammate already on the squad.

“I love Charleston” said Garbanzo. “The whole team and the city, the way they come together to support the Battery here is amazing and I love it. And to have a guy like Justin on the team means a lot. He and I played great together at Coastal and he’s my best friend. I hope that I can be able to finish out my soccer career with him.”

Garbanzo has played in 11 games this season for the Battery, starting in five. He has scored a goal and had an assist. Garbanzo has been injured a bit this season but hopes to see the field in the final five matches of the season.

Throughout his career in Charleston, Garbanzo has played in 69 matches, scoring 7 goals. In his first season in Charleston, he was voted by the fans as the Newcomer of the Year after scoring five goals and notching five assists in 2015.

Portillo has played in 72 matches for the Battery since joining the team in 2014, scoring 12 goals. After his first season was over, he was voted as the Newcomer of the Year.

Both Garbanzo and Portillo hope that this year’s team keeps up the same effort they did and hopes the players here now enjoy their time at Coastal.

“Keep working hard and keep improving each day,” said Garbanzo. “Always listen to coach and do what you have to do to win the Sun Belt again.”

In a recent United Soccer League game that took place on Sept. 16 in Charleston, the Battery defeated the Richmond Kickers 1-0. Garbanzo did not see action, but Portillo started and played all 90-minutes.
Coastal women’s soccer bounce back after tough losses

Ian Brooking // Reporter

After a 9-1 loss to Georgia on Sept. 10 and dropping their Sun Belt Conference opener on Friday, Sept. 15 to Georgia Southern, the Coastal Carolina women’s soccer team took down Texas State on Sunday, Sept. 17 by a score of 1-0 in Conway.

Coastal took on Georgia Southern at home on Friday and fell to the Eagles 1-0.

It was a battle of the keepers in Friday’s game as both goalkeepers combined for 15 saves. Freshman goalkeeper for Coastal Rylee Atteberry had seven saves.

The Chanticleers had three chances for a breakthrough goal in the first 20 minutes of the game. Freshman forward Elisabeth Rockhill had her shots in the 9th and 16th-minute saved by the Eagles goalkeeper.

Sophomore defender Kylie Bostick almost had a goal but her shot hit the post and the Georgia Southern defense cleared the ball out of danger.

Georgia Southern instantly responded with a shot off the post and then the rebound shot was saved by Atteberry.

Going into the half, Coastal outshot Georgia Southern 7 to 5. However, as much as Coastal had the advantage, it was the Eagles that would strike first.

Following some craziness and confusion inside the box after a corner kick, Nicole Aussin found the back of the net and put the Eagles up 1-0 in the 55th-minute.

While the Eagles did outshoot the Chanticleers in the second half 6 to 3, the Chanticleers controlled the final 10 minutes and almost found an equalizer through senior forward Daniella Famili.

Famili made her way into the box on a perfect one-one-one situation with the keeper and was brought down by a Georgia Southern defender. However, no foul was called. The play went on and the Chanticleers fell to the Eagles 1-0.

The Chanticleers would bounce on Sunday, Sept. 17, defeating Texas State 1-0 in Conway.

In a game where Coastal had very little scoring opportunities, they made the most of the few chances they were able to create. Coastal opened the scoring in the 10th-minute thanks to a goal scored by junior forward Kayla Christian.

Famili played in Christian on a through ball and Christian pushed the ball past the keeper and into the bottom left corner. Christian’s goal would be one of five shots that the Chanticleers had in the entire game.

Texas State outshot the Chanticleers 15 to 5 in the game, and Atteberry had another seven save game for the Chanticleers.

Atteberry has made 42 saves this season already, the same amount legendary Coastal keeper Becca Austin had—42 saves in her sophomore season back in 2012. Atteberry’s play has definitely helped Coastal Carolina get to where they are at this season.

The win on Friday put the Chants at 6-3-0 on the season and return to the pitch on Friday, Sept. 22 at the CCU soccer complex in Conway. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.
Hurricane Irma causes schedule changes

Ian Brooking // Reporter

When Hurricane Irma looked as if it would be a direct hit to Myrtle Beach, the athletics department at Coastal Carolina University scrambled to work out a new schedule for the teams coming to Conway and those traveling to away games.

Coastal Carolina women’s soccer was supposed to play Jacksonville University at home on Friday, Sept. 8, but due to safety concerns for Jacksonville, the team could not make the trip to Conway.

The Coastal men’s soccer team was supposed to play a home game on Saturday, Sept. 9 against former Big South Rival, but instead, Radford invited the Chanticleers to come to their field in order to avoid postponing or canceling the game.

One of the biggest concerns that the University and the athletic program faced was the chance that teams who traveled away to play could not return to campus if it was closed.

Coastal Carolina University President David DeCenzo elaborated on that topic a bit more.

“If we had teams that would have to travel midweek or late-week, and the areas where they were going were safe and we here at Coastal were closed, it would have been safe to take those student athletes to those locations,” said DeCenzo. “They would be in a hotel anyway and they would work with people in the area where they were staying to coordinate practices. And then when the time is right and we get the all clear, we would have brought those student athletes a time when it was safe to do so.”

The football team was supposed to leave late Saturday evening for Birmingham, Alabama, and practice in Alabama had Hurricane Irma not shifted west.

There were several other athletic events that were canceled.

A Coastal Carolina Classic that featured Coastal Carolina volleyball was canceled and the team was able to travel to play American University and Florida Atlantic at UNC-Greensboro.

The Fleet Feet Invitational for Coastal Carolina Cross Country was canceled, as was the men’s tennis team’s participation in a tournament in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Department of Athletics hosted their Hurricane Harvey relief supplies drive this past Saturday, Sept. 16 after Irma canceled the event on its original date of Sept. 9.

Coastal looks to bounce back after UAB loss

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina will play their second of six home games of the 2017 season on Saturday, Sept. 23 against Western Illinois at Brooks Stadium.

The teams have only met twice, with each team winning once. Both games have been in Conway at Brooks Stadium.

The first meeting was on Nov. 27, 2010 when the Leathernecks knocked the Chants out of the FCS playoffs with a late touchdown that gave Western Illinois a 17-10 win.

The Leathernecks scored in the final two minutes, breaking the Chants hearts.

Coastal would have to wait five years to exact revenge, defeating Western Illinois 34-27 on Sept. 19, 2015. Both teams went back and forth all game long with Western Illinois leading Coastal 27-26 with under ten minutes left in the game.

De’Angelo Henderson would score from three yards out to give Coastal the 34-27 lead and ultimately winning the game. This game was also the first game on the Surf Turf.

The Leathernecks come into Conway
2-0 on the season and coming off a bi-week. Western Illinois won their opener at Tennessee Tech 41-14 on Aug. 31, and then went on the road to defeat Northern Arizona 38-20.

Western Illinois has some players that Coastal will need to keep their eyes on. Running back Max Norris has averaged 5.6 yards per carry this season and has rushed for 236 yards. The Leathernecks biggest threat for Coastal Carolina is Jaelon Acklin. Acklin has 102 rushing yards this season to go along with 180 receiving yards. Acklin has also found the end zone four times.

Interim head coach Jamey Chadwell has used seniors Tyler Keane and Dalton Demos as quarterbacks, calling the plays. While Demos has been a ground threat, the Chants have only thrown for 180 yards this season, the lowest amount of passing yards in the first two games in the Joe Moglia era.

It will certainly be an interesting matchup this Saturday as Coastal will look to avoid having a losing record for the first time since 2012. The Chants will also look to avoid losing back-to-back games since 2015.

Kickoff between Western Illinois and Coastal Carolina is set for 6:30 p.m.
Last week was National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week, a week devoted to shedding light on a topic that is not talked about as much as it should be.

Suicide is the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd-leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 24. With these numbers, the question remains—why are we not talking about this, especially in college?

Chris Donevant-Haines, the assistant director of Wellness Outreach at Coastal Carolina, gave her thoughts on why we are not talking about this when we really should be.

“I think there are several reasons as to why it is not discussed,” said Donevant-Haines. “However, one of the big reasons is the stigma attached to mental health. People associate the word mental health with crazy and not that as normal as it really is.”

According to statistics by the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP), sixty percent of people who die by suicide have major depressive disorder. While the statistics given are quite alarming, many suicide attempts go unnoticed and unreported due to the stigma and AFSP believes that these numbers are unfortunately higher than what is reported.

In order for more people to feel comfortable about the topic, there have been several events created around the nation and here, on Coastal’s campus, to bring light to the topic.

Coastal Carolina has participated in the “Out of the Darkness” walks for the past three years and will be holding another walk this spring.

The “Out of the Darkness” campus walks are the AFSP’s signature student-fundraising series, designed to engage youth and young adults in the fight to prevent suicide.

Last year, Coastal Carolina students set a goal to raise $6,000 and exceeded that goal by raising $10,000.

During these walks, there are several speakers, some being victims of suicide, that talk with students and faculty about what we can do to help raise awareness.

Victims tell their stories about dealing with suicide in hopes to inspire others and give hope to those who feel that they do not matter.

Kelsey Brooks, a junior theater education major from Danvers, Massachusetts, opened up about her battle with suicide and why she has become so open to talking about it with people.

“Why should I hide my story when it could be used to help someone,” said Brooks. “I was super-negative all the time. I would isolate myself and not want to go out and high school was a big struggle. And based on the struggle and the things people would say to me, whether it was about me as a person or my body, it just added to that struggle to where I developed body dysmorphic disorder. I would constantly be thinking about my flaws and not be happy with my true self.”

Brooks is an advocate for Suicide Prevention and Awareness and hopes her story will encourage others to be open about their struggle and seek the help that they need.

While awareness for suicide prevention may not have been a big talking point, it certainly became front and center after rapper Logic’s performance at the VMA’s on Aug. 27.

During the award show, the rapper performed his song “1-800-273-8255” with Alessia Cara and Khalid.

The title of the song just so happens to be the number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and after that performance, calls to the hotline nearly doubled within 24 hours.

Donevant-Haines talked about the impact that the performance had on the topic of suicide awareness.

“To have a public figure like that come out and be so open about his struggle did so much for the cause,” said Donevant-Haines. “Not only that, the title of the song was the number for the hotline and that just made a huge impact. It is so great to start having public figures come out and talk about this.”

As someone who has struggled with suicide and who lost someone to suicide this past summer, I honestly can say that, to anyone out there who feels that they
Tropical Storm Irma cancels classes, University responds

Yaicha Ocampo // Assistant Editor

With what once was Hurricane Irma threatening our coastline, CCU enacted their contingency plans for the campus and residential students on Thursday, Sept. 7.

At the beginning of the academic year, each resident at Coastal Carolina University was required to complete a Personal Evacuation form on MyCoastalHome.

The form consisted of questions like “In case of an evacuation, do you plan to travel with University Housing?” and “Where would you travel to?”

No one anticipated that the information would be utilized before the end of the first month of school.

The first step in CCU’s Personal Evacuation Plan was to notify students. The first email from the Office of University Communication regarding the cancellation of classes, events and activities was sent Thursday at 1:28 p.m. There were to be no University sanctioned activities starting from Thursday at 8 p.m. until further notice.

The next crucial step was to take care of residential students. Students living in University Housing were told that the residence halls would close on Friday at 9 a.m. and were given less than a day to make arrangements to evacuate.

Even though students were placed under a time constraint, their safety was President David DeCenzo’s main priority.

“Safety is going to be our first and foremost thought,” said DeCenzo. “If the Governor wards an evacuation, then we will do what we need to do to close down campus.”

The Office of University Communication sent another email to nonresidential students informing them of Governor Henry McMaster’s intent to call for an evacuation of South Carolina’s coast no later than Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

He later announced that schools and state government agencies would be closed Monday and Tuesday, including Coastal Carolina University.

DeCenzo spoke on coordinating with professors in order to make up the missed time.

“Everybody is supposed to be putting in place something that could be done online so that you can try to maintain class time,” said DeCenzo.

A list of operation hours was sent; including the CCU shuttle service, dining halls, Kimbel Library and HTC. The shuttles transported students to the airport and to the Amtrak train station Thursday and Friday to help students enact their evacuation plan.

University Housing had mandatory meetings with residents Thursday night to address closing procedures and to answer any lingering questions that students may have had. The meeting was also used to determine the amount that would be traveling with the University to a safer location.

Two hours before residential students were required to leave Housing, the Office of University Communication sent a follow-up email informing students that campus would not be closing.

This change came with Irma’s track shifting further west which decreased the “likelihood of our campus being impacted with hurricane-force winds,” according to the email.

The University continued to encourage students to follow-through with their personal evacuation plan, regardless of University Housing remaining open and the delay of evacuating remaining residents.

Since CCU was no longer in the 5-day error cone, students who remained in University Housing were lucky enough to have a reliable source of Internet in order to complete their online makeup assignments.

An updated list of hours of the dining halls and other campus facilities was also released for residential students.

South Carolina did not see much damage from Tropical Storm Irma.

“The best-case scenario is if it doesn’t hit,” said DeCenzo. “But, given that it could happen or given in the event that it does, the best-case scenario is where you don’t have any loss of life.”

The “best-case scenario” did occur and classes were able to resume on Wednesday. The Coastal community is still intact due to the quick action of the University, faculty and staff, and the willingness of students to comply at a moment’s notice.

1-800-273-8255 continued

do not matter or that their life is not worth living, let me say that you do matter and that someone is there for you.

Your life is important and you can always turn to a trusted friend, adult or counseling services here on campus to talk.

The number for counseling services is 843-349-2305.
Getting into the Fall season

Katelin Gandee // Reporter

Fall is finally here as of Sept. 22. It’s time to pull out those sweaters from those dusty, storage bins, watch the leaves fall to the ground, prepare your Halloween costumes, get your sweatpants ready for the big Thanksgiving feast, save your dollars for Black Friday and plan a trip to Starbucks for your Pumpkin Spice Latte fix.

The class sizes are. It allows you to get to know your professors at a personal level. For example, you may not be an English major, but your professor from English 101 will probably still recognize you when passing one another years later.

The professors we have here are some of the best and will take time out of their day to help you figure out what you want in life. They will push you and motivate you to reach all your goals.

One big thing you need to realize as a freshman: You have to put the work in. This is no longer high school where you can bank on your great memory to get you through class and talking your way out of due dates.

Professors want you to pass but they are not afraid to fail you if you slack off. To do this, you may have to sacrifice going out every night.

Nellie Forker, a senior, said freshmen need to understand they cannot go out every night and expect to pass. Forker said that could cause freshmen to get behind on classes and, ultimately, end up failing. While C’s get degrees, they rarely get jobs.

Forker said she wishes she would have mixed some of her concentration classes with her core classes, instead of taking all her core classes at once. Now as a senior, she is in all her more difficult classes without having an easier class to break up the workload.

Julia D’Aiello, a sophomore at CCU, recommends freshmen to trust their gut on hard decisions because it is always right. Looking back on her freshman year, she would have told herself that friends are people who you treat with care, and anyone who does not, is not worth your time.

Dear Class of 2021, enjoy your time here at CCU and make the most of it.
Underrated movies: Why they flopped

Samuel Rutherford // Reporter

Throughout Hollywood’s long history, countless movies have been made; some became culture-defining masterpieces while others became utterly reviled messes of cinema, and many end up as largely forgotten films that came and gone from the box office. Most of these forgotten films were forgotten because they were generally bad, boring, generic/clichéd or just plain forgettable. However, some of those forgotten films were actually decent movies that never got the audience they deserved if it were not for a variety of factors. Here are 3 such movies that need a larger audience.

Dredd (2012)

With the overwhelming success of family-friendly comic book movies in recent years, audience members wondered if the more mature and darker comic books would get adapted to the big screen. Sure enough, there was with 2012’s “Dredd,” based on the long running comic “Judge Dredd.” The movie takes place in a dystopic super city where all crime is dealt with by brutal law enforcement officers known as Judges who act as judge, jury and executioner. The movie follows a Judge known as Dredd, who is tasked to take down a crime gang that controlled a massive 200 story high rise of flats but gets thrown into a life or death ordeal. The film was praised for having impressive visual effects, intense action scenes and for having a brutal and ultra-violent tone, much like the comic it is based on. So, if the movie is faithful and got positive reviews, then why is this movie not remembered by many movie fans?

Well, there are a few factors that contributed to its obscurity. First and foremost, this movie is actually a reboot of the 1995 predecessor “Judge Dredd,” which is, pardon the pun, dreadful. That movie was critically panned for being loosely based on its source comic and for being unoriginal and its awfulness had an impact on the 2012 iteration. Another factor that contributed to its obscurity was its release date was close to “The Raid,” an intense action movie that shared the same premise with “Dredd;” the concept of a tough police officer fighting his way through a crime filled building to take down a gang. Finally, “Dredd” was even pulled from select theaters early in its theatrical run for its content, drastically reducing the potential box office earning it would have gotten. In short, “Dredd” had bad timing, a short run at the box office, and the misfortune of having to be related to a horrible movie, but regardless, “Dredd” is still a gritty, mature comic book movie that is not for kids.

The Iron Giant (1999)

This movie appearing on this list might come as a surprise for movie fans, as “The Iron Giant” was, and still is, heralded as one of the greatest animated movies ever made. The movie is set in 1950’s America, where a young boy discovers a massive robot that came from outer space that develops a friendship for him. However, the government soon discovers the existence of the hulking giant and tries to destroy it, leaving the boy to protect it from the military and the public. As mentioned before, “The Iron Giant” is held in high regard by both its audience and critics for its stellar animation, touching themes, great voicework and compelling story. With this in mind, it begs the question: how did such an esteemed and highly praised animated film be considered underrated?

Surprisingly, “The Iron Giant” is considered a box office failure, despite the critical praise it received. The movie only managed to pull in $31.3 million against a budget around $70 to $80 million, which makes the movie a flop. Its failure is blamed on the stunning lack of advertising the movie received prior to its release because the release date was given on short notice. Due to the abysmal commercial promotion, “The Iron Giant” mostly flew under the radar and never really got its intended audience during its box office run. However, “The Iron Giant” is still worth a watch.

Pandorum (2009)

Space thrillers are nothing new, so finding one that stands out can be rather difficult. “Pandorum” is not like most other space thrillers however. The movie takes place in the future where Earth is dying and humanity must find salvation on a distant planet that can support life. However, something goes wrong, naturally, and a few survivors must escape the ship while being chased by grotesque monsters. “Pandorum” may sound like a typical space thriller, but it is a movie that requires close attention to get maximum enjoyment and has an incredible twist that completely changes the way viewers see the movie. So why is this movie mostly forgotten about?

Well, aside from the part where it sounds like a generic space thriller, “Pandorum” also suffered from an abysmal advertisement campaign, much like what happened to “The Iron Giant.” The studio making the film spend almost the entire budget on the movie and had almost no money for an ad campaign big enough to garner enough attention. Because of this, “Pandorum” flopped and inevitably became forgotten. Despite all of this, “Pandorum” might be worthwhile, as long as the viewers pay close attention to the whole thing.

A lot of movies that can be called underrated or overlooked for never getting the audience they deserved, but those movies would have been considered classics if everything went according to plan and had a smooth run at the box office without incident. Thankfully, there is nothing stopping people from watching these overlooked films and there are plenty to choose from, the only requirements for these movies are an open mind and attention to enjoy these underrated movies.
Editor’s Note

Kaley Lawrimore // Editor-in-Chief

Last week was Suicide Awareness Week and it is a week that resonates with me on a personal level. On Oct. 13, it will have been four years since I lost one of my close friends to himself. At only 21-years-old, he removed himself from this world, and I am left wondering what I could have done to prevent it.

What weighs the heaviest on my heart is guilt. I feel guilty because I’m a survivor. I feel guilty because I said I would always be there for him and I was not. I feel guilty because I am living a wonderful life and his is just a distant memory.

He reached out to me before he took his life. A simple, “how goes it?” and I ignored him. I was mad over petty reasons, and I never got the chance to apologize or make things right.

Four years later and I’m still kicking myself for not replying.

He was the second person I lost to suicide. My cousin killed himself when I was a freshman in high school. Since then, I made a promise that I would be as kind as I could be to everyone I meet.

I promised I would smile at strangers, hold doors open for those with their heads’ down, compliment others when I have the chance and think before lashing out.

People do not like to talk about suicide or suicidal thoughts because it is viewed as “crazy” or “weird,” but over 16 million Americans have been diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder.

This leads me to ask: why is it not being talked about more often if so many have this disease?

It is time to break the silence on this stigma and understand that just because someone has a disease does not make their life, or their value, any less than that of those who do not.

We have to be there for those who cannot be strong for themselves.

It is time everyone stepped up.
Kaley Lawrimore was promoted to Editor-in-Chief of The Chanticleer for the Fall 2017 semester. New to Coastal, Lawrimore decided to join the paper as a reporter after deciding to pursue broadcast reporting in October 2015. After reporting for only a semester, she was promoted to Assistant Editor. When Lawrimore is not on campus, she works part-time at WPDE ABC 15 News in Conway. There she does a multitude of behind-the-scenes work which includes editing video, gather video and information from breaking news scenes and writing web stories. Lawrimore graduates from Coastal in December 2017.

Yaicha Ocampo is the Assistant Editor of The Chanticleer for the fall 2017 semester. Ocampo is a junior English and philosophy major at CCU with a women's and gender studies minor. She focuses on social issues in her writing and began to pursue journalism in hopes of educating and disillusioning the public to false information. Ocampo will graduate from Coastal in May 2019.

Alexa Stress is serving as the Art Director for The Chanticleer. After transferring to CCU her junior year, she immediately began working around campus as a graphic designer for organizations such as Tempo Magazine, The Athenaeum Press and the Career Services Department. She is excited to revamp the visual narrative of the newspaper to create a more engaging publication. She hopes to work for a design firm after she graduates from CCU in May 2018.

Jason Renne is the Business Manager for The Chanticleer, studying communication at CCU. Since becoming part of organization, Jason has been focusing on building relationships with potential clients and serving the student body. He hopes to work for a large advertising agency once he graduates and knows that his experience with The Chanticleer will help him along the way. Jason will graduate from Coastal in May 2019.
September Movies

The Coastal Theater Box Office hours: Friday and Saturday, 5 - 11 p.m.
Ticket prices: $2, includes one free popcorn.
Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Lib Jackson Student Union Office (A-103) during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Must show a CINO Card, CCU Alumni Association Card or HGTC ID card to purchase a ticket.

Sept. 1 - 2
6 p.m.: “Rough Night”
9 p.m.: “It Comes at Night”
6 p.m.: “It Comes at Night”
9 p.m.: “Rough Night”

Sept. 8 - 9
6 p.m.: “Wonder Woman”
9 p.m.: “All Eyez on Me”
6 p.m.: “All Eyez on Me”
9 p.m.: “Wonder Woman”

Sept. 15 - 16
6 p.m.: “Cars 3”
9 p.m.: “The House”
6 p.m.: “The House”
9 p.m.: “Cars 3”

Sept. 22 - 23
6 p.m.: “A Ghost Story”
9 p.m.: “Baby Driver”
6 p.m.: “Baby Driver”
9 p.m.: “A Ghost Story”

Sept. 29 - 30
6 p.m.: “Spider-man: Homecoming”
9 p.m.: “The Hitman’s Bodyguard”
6 p.m.: “The Hitman’s Bodyguard”
9 p.m.: “Spider-man: Homecoming”

*Movies are subject to change due to availability*