Due to the recent events in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 1, the South Carolina government has been receiving pressure from its constituents, with no success as of late, to change the current gun law.

The law that is in effect now secures the right for South Carolina citizens to acquire a gun without needing a permit for purchase. However, in order to carry a concealed weapon into a public atmosphere, a permit is required.

There is also an age restriction on this permit according to the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 23.

“We have the right, if someone comes in and is either exhibiting signs you feel make you uncomfortable, or they are asking questions that would insinuate that they are planning on doing illegal things, to turn them away,” said Cavanagh.

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The transportation of a gun is also not limited in South Carolina and, once purchased, it can be moved to a different state.

“Along the line of rifles, shotguns and handguns, there is no law as to crossing state lines with them,” said Cavanagh. “You just have to abide by the next state’s laws.”

There are certain guns that are illegal for the ordinary citizen to possess, though.

Fully automatic weapons, or a gun that will continuously discharge as the shooter is holding the trigger, are not easy to get.

It is legal for people to sell fully automatic weapons in South Carolina, but they must have a license to do so, according to The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF.

In order to buy them, the purchaser must have a specific license from the ATF and go through an extensive background check.

It could take up to a year before the purchase of a fully automatic weapon is complete, but the firearm has to be made before 1986.

Semi-automatic rifles let off one round per one trigger pull.

As for “assault rifles,” those are just rifles that function like regular handguns. Both weapons are semi-automatic.

Some Coastal Carolina University students had their own perspectives to bring forward.

Grace Dreusike, a junior at CCU, does not believe that anyone, that is of age, should be able to go and buy a gun in South Carolina.

“I think this law should be reviewed for a change in the definition of any South Carolina citizen and maybe a permit should be required as well,” said Dreusike.

In contrast to this view, Brandon Richardson, a senior at CCU, saw no issue with the law.

“It has worked thus far, and you shouldn’t have to change a law just because one person went off in Las Vegas,” said Richardson.

There has been a bill in motion since April 2017 that, if passed, will give South Carolina citizens the ability to carry a gun without the need for a permit as long as it is not on private or public-school property.

There is no information on whether this bill was passed or not on the Senate level.
It has been two years since massive rainfall lead to historic flooding in Horry County that caused Coastal Carolina University to close its doors. From Oct. 1, 2015 to Oct. 6, 2015, rain poured across the Panhandle State. North Myrtle Beach recorded 33.20 inches of rain while 23.88 inches of rain fell just 50 miles south in Georgetown.

On Oct. 4, 2015, rain fell in buckets on the campus of Coastal Carolina University, quickly filling up ponds, as well as creating them all across campus.

Kelley Brooks, who was a freshman at the time, recalled what it was like to witness this type of downpour. “I remember seeing people wading in the ingles parking lot and puddling on the pond just outside Chanticleer Hall,” said Brooks. “I was at the campus at the time and got stuck at my room’s apartment, and just read what everyone was doing on these college kid doing crazy stuff on Facebook.”

While many believed that the rain was caused from Hurricane Joaquin, a “freak storm” from the Atlantic, that was actually not the case.

Piotrowski, chief meteorologist at WPDE in Conway, talked about the man-made and gave his take on what caused these historic floods. “Jayquan passed 700 miles west of South Carolina, and that you needed to prepare for flooding like you never seen.”

We just weren’t quite sure exactly what areas were going to be hit. As the event happened over the course of a week, we were able to see some areas getting hit. The event happened without a lot of warning as we were seeing some areas getting hit. It’s not easy to say these things when you are not personally dealing with the situation. It is impossible to prepare for disasters like this as you don’t know when it will strike, where it will strike, or who it will effect so – how do you deal with it when it does strike?

First things first, breathe. Stop, take a deep breath and realize that it is perfectly fine to be upset or even devastated. Know that it is perfectly okay to be sad, mad, hurt, or completely broken. Allow yourself to really feel those feelings. If you can continue to feel hurt, broken, or you feel like you will never get better, you should seek help from someone.

There is nothing wrong with getting help. I am going to say that again – there is nothing wrong with getting help. If you can, make sure you are getting help from the right people. When you are going through the motions, it is also important to make sure you are taking care of yourself.

I said I would be able to get over a devastating event is not an easy process, but do not lose love on the process of dealing with make sure you are doing. Be careful of everything you think to not put yourself out of the world. It also remember it is not just your fault. Often in times of devastation, people will blame themselves or kick themselves for not doing it.

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While going through the process, just remember that time does heal, and you can get through it.

At Coastal, we have counselors that are available to help you. While time alone is perfectly fine and understandable, do not cut yourself out of the loop. It may be hard, you need it, don’t wait. If you know you need it, don’t wait. For help when you are ready.

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Families and friends are the people that will bend over backwards to help make it the most difficult time. At first, time alone is all you will probably want, but remember that there are people who love and care about you and you will be there when you need it, even if it is just to sit in complete silence and drink coffee.

Do not push the people who are trying to help away, let them help and know that they need it.

The Dead Strand Humane Society (GSHS) in Myrtle Beach teamed up with the ASPCA to take in a handful of cats and dogs from an animal shelter in Miami, Florida.

The executive director Suzanne Roman of the shelter said this is actually quite necessary. "What we do in animal welfare, with other organizations and through those partnerships we really see a main way we can help animals, we can," said Roman. "A Miami shelter reached out to the GSHS asking if we could take the current animals they had in order to make room for the stray cats that would be found and during after Hurricane Irma. Roman said the animals they took in from Miami were already available for adoption and that none of them had potential families for them in the Mami area.

"These are the animals that came to us so that local shelters in Miami could take in victims of the hurricane that needed help, and they wouldn’t be overcrowded at that point and could tend to those animals properly," said Roman. Volunteer worker Amane Vernoise helps relocate dogs to the best thing that’s ever happened to her, and she said it’s important to rescue animals rather than burying pets together.

"First of all, these dogs come from a bad home and we are sitting here just waiting, looking for their forever home," said Lee. Roman said if people are unable to adopt, they can make sure the dogs are used as fosters for pets. They are a fosterer to help these animals get ready to go to their new homes.

South Carolina has always been a threat for severe weather, and Conway has been a tremendous storm on the planet.
Clery Report: Increase in sexual assault at CCU, decrease in other crimes

Mezzapelle gave his take on the report and what it means for students and for the community.

“Some are glad that students here are reporting that to somebody.” Coastal Carolina takes crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence incredibly seriously. There are several programs and clubs on campus dedicated to the awareness of crime on campus, especially things like sexual assault, I think that Coastal is doing a great job in that regard.

For the most part, we had less crimes across the board,” said Mezzapelle. “Some numbers went up and some numbers went down. As we grow, the numbers are going to go up.”


In regards to sexual assault, there were 17 reports of sexual assault in 2016 - an increase from the 11 cases in 2015.

Mezzapelle was grateful that the University has helped tremendously in the effort to make students aware of sexual assault and harassment.

“This University has created an environment where there are lots of avenues for people to report it,” said Mezzapelle. “That way, they can all find somebody that they are comfortable with and talk about it. They have the ability to report it without having to go through a difficult criminal case.”

Although there were more reported cases, the most common crime that is being reported is the theft of bicycles.

“It’s getting a little bit out of hand at this point,” said Mezzapelle. “A lot of that is them taking the Coastal bicycles and we are looking at a way to deal with that. It is a rented bicycle, and the person who is renting it is going to lie on the hook for it and it just goes into a strange area.”

While Horry County is facing a terrible heroin epidemic, Mezzapelle is grateful that the harder drugs have made no real presence on campus.

“Other illegal drug violations, we see here involve marijuana,” said Mezzapelle. “While laws involving it are changing all over the place, it is still very illegal in South Carolina. As for the harder drugs like heroin and cocaine, we are not seeing it in our residence halls. Many of our officers are trained in what to do with an overdose victim and have access to the Narcan to use on a victim to get them to hospital. We are going to treat it like the crime it is and we need to, to keep our community safe.”

Mezzapelle wants people in the community to know to always be aware of their surroundings here on campus and to be smart.

“We want them to be aware that while we are a college community, there are still 15,000 people here,” said Mezzapelle. “There are crimes out there and they can’t expect that nothing is going to happen. Be aware of what is going on around you. Lock your bicycles, cars and apartments because we are seeing that people are going to be there for the easy opportunities.”

There were 16 unfounded cases of stolen bicycles, four larcenies, one vandalism, one malicious damage, one theft of license plate, one fraudulent use of an FTC, one robbery, one sexual assault and one burglary, according to the report.

To read more of the Clery report, visit our website.

• Course offerings are available online at WebAdvisor.coastal.edu. (Select “Search for Sections.”)
• See your advisor to schedule an advisement session.
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Eligibility for registration is based on credit hours earned plus credit hours currently enrolled.

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- **Group 3** - Beginning 6 a.m. Friday, November 3
- **Group 4** - Beginning 6 a.m. Tuesday, November 7

Monday, November 6, registration OPEN to all students at 8 a.m. Information on searching for sections, adding preferred sections, viewing appointment date and time, and other general registration information is available online at coastal.edu/registration.
Sustain Coastal Carolina University has been hosting the Pop-Up Thrift Shop every first Wednesday of the month since 2015. All of the items sold by Sustain CCU are donated by the members of the faculty and staff or from students. Some items come from the end-of-the-year campus salvage. The clothing donated are then sold at the store.

The mission behind the Pop-Up Thrift Shop is to teach students the importance of reusing, according to Jeremy Jackson, a sustainability coordinator.

“One of First Sustains Eco-Representatives, Lina Nelson, recommends that students have cash on them because all purchases are cash only. If students do not have cash on them, there are two ATMs located in the Lib Jackson Student Union.

Monday encourages students and staff to help with the project by making donations. To make a donation, students and staff can bring items to the store on the first Wednesday of each month or email Monday at recycle@coastal.edu to set up a time to drop off items.

This was freshman Layla Elfiky’s first time at the store, and she had only good things to say about it.

“My favorite part was that everything was really cool and cheap,” said Elfiky. “They actually had stuff I would wear. I would definitely recommend it to a friend.”

Elfiky heard about the store through Roots and Shoots, a club at CCU, and enjoyed how the thrift shop is a new experience she can have on CCU’s campus.

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Barbara Willis-Bartley, a woman who lives in Conway, South Carolina, started a positive movement for the community.

What started as just a small game between a few people has now stretched to the entire city.

Started in the first week of July, “Conway Rocks” is still going strong.

“The game is simple. People paint rocks in all different designs and write “Conway Rocks” on the back. They then take those rocks and hide it around Conway for others to find. Once found, the discoverer is to re-hide the rocks for someone else to find.”

“It’s great to see so many involved with spreading a little love and kindness,” said Willis-Bartley. “You just never know how a rock you painted, or one you found and hid in a new spot, is going to touch someone’s life.”

She said it’s more than just a game for some people.

“I think it’s wonderful that someone paints a rock and sends it out into the world, and somehow that particular rock comes to life.”

The main reason she brought the game to Conway was to spread a little love and kindness.

“Anyone of any age can be involved with any part of it: painting, hiding or just finding a rock can bring a little happiness.”

Willis-Bartley said the music and makes the community stronger.

“I realized that this could be a positive thing for our community,” said Willis-Bartley. “Also, many rocks from other groups across the country have made their way here.”

Willis-Bartley is inspired on how quickly the game took off, and she loves seeing all the community involvement.

“Honestly, I really didn’t expect it to grow that fast, but I am glad to see everyone enjoying it and sharing their happiness with others,” said Willis-Bartley.

“I think it gives people a chance to do something as a family that they can all enjoy and it costs nothing.”

Those interested in learning more about Conway Rocks and seeing photos from around the area can visit the website.
Sexual violence: Coastal raising awareness

Barfiuna Caldas // Reporter

On Oct. 3, CCU hosted ‘Take Back the Night’, a rally against sexual violence. The event is part of the Sexual Violence Awareness week which took place from Oct. 2 to 5.

Take Back the Night is one of many events that the campus hosted that week, but this one may be the most powerful.

The event consisted of emotional and powerful speakers, a rally and a march against sexual violence.

The night began with opening remarks from Dean Sarah Wilds, assistant director of the Center in Myrtle Beach, talked about the importance in each survivor’s story. Nicole Service, volunteer coordinator at the Rape Crisis Center and I Wilds believes that these kinds of events are important to hear from survivors and even more important for male survivors.

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Wilds emphasized how important it feels when these events allow students that can see that they aren’t alone, there are people that will listen. It also provides a voice for those who believe that they don’t have one.

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On Oct. 10, at 6 p.m., the iconic 1985 film by John Hughes, “The Breakfast Club,” was shown during free movie night.

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Football falls to Georgia State, 27-21

Akhil Stromen // Reporter

Coastal Carolina had another comeback come up short on Saturday, Oct. 7 as the Chanticleers fell to Georgia State in a field goal range and the Coastal not putting up any points on their opening drive, there was still a lot of game left. But Georgia State took advantage of the missed field goal. They went down and scored another touchdown. It was now 14-0 with 5:21 left in the first quarter.

A second series by the Chanticleers was no better and they were forced to punt. To start the second quarter, a sack by the defense gives Coastal some life. A tackle by Anthony Chesley on third down forced Georgia State to punt and Coastal started to come alive. Coastal needed a spark on offense and that’s what Malcolm Williams was for. A tough gain of 11 yards got the chains moving and the offense was in a groove. Williams with a first down set up the offense and that's what Georgia State was for. A 6-6 record. The defense did step up big in the third quarter after being on the field for a majority of the game. The defense held their own, which led to a missed field goal for the Panthers that ultimately would keep the Chanticleers in the game for the time being. The defense did step up big in the third quarter after being on the field for a majority of the game. The defense held their own, which led to a missed field goal for the Panthers that ultimately would keep the Chanticleers in the game for the time being. The defense did step up big in the third quarter after being on the field for a majority of the game. The defense held their own, which led to a missed field goal for the Panthers that ultimately would keep the Chanticleers in the game for the time being. It was 21-7 all.
The Chanticleers had an even chance of winning the game, but, much like in the first half, coastal would record five shots of UNCW. In the final two minutes of the game, Matthews was shown a yellow card in the 81st minute, with a yellow card in the 81st minute lead to a penalty for the Seahawks.

Matthews stepped up to take the penalty and converted it with ease as the Chanticleers outshooting the Seahawks 5 to 3. Coastal was by far the better team of the first half, but none were able to get that tying goal. Then the penalty was taken. Strong did not return to the game. UNCW would convert the penalty, giving the Seahawks a two-goal lead over the Chanticleers. With 10 minutes left in the first half Coastal had an even chance of winning the game, but, much like in the first half, coastal would record five shots of UNCW.

A positive turn came to the Chanticleers in the 51st minute when a penalty was awarded to the Chanticleers after a hard foul in the box by a Seahawks defender. Junior forward Yazed Edwards stepped up to take the penalty and converted it with ease as the Chanticleers got a goal back with less than 40 minutes left to go. It was Matthews’ second goal of the season. Coastal would record five shots in the next eight minutes but much like in the first half, none were able to get into the back of the net for that equalizer.

The frustration of not being able to get that tying goal could be seen in the Chanticleers as three yellow cards would be given to three separate players from the 75th minute to the 88th minute, with a yellow card in the 81st minute lead to a penalty for the Seahawks. Four minutes later, but his shot was saved by the UNCW keeper. Coastal would record five shots of UNCW. This came after struggling in the first half that hurt the Chanticleers after a hard foul in the box by a Seahawks defender. Junior forward Yazed Edwards stepped up to take the penalty and converted it with ease as the Chanticleers got a goal back with less than 40 minutes left to go. It was Matthews’ second goal of the season. Coastal would record five shots in the next eight minutes but much like in the first half, none were able to get into the back of the net for that equalizer.

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Coastal women’s soccer overpowers Georgia State, 3-1

Ian Brookins // Reporter

Coastal Carolina women’s soccer defeated Georgia State 3-1 on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the CCU Soccer Complex.

Senior forward Daniella Famili nearly opened the scoring for the Chanticleers in the 7th-minute but saw her shot go just wide of the net, keeping the score level at zero. Freshman goalkeeper Rylee Atteberry came up with two massive saves in the first 45 minutes including an acrobatic effort in the 39th-minute that would definitely qualify as save of the season.

Following a Georgia State shot that was blocked, it took nine seconds for the Chanticleers to break down the field, and for sophomore midfielder Montana Hill to find freshman forward Elisabeth Rockhill, who poked the ball past the keeper to give the Chanticleers a 1-0 lead in the 43rd-minute. It was Rockhill’s first goal of the season.

Famili nearly got the Chanticleers back ahead as she missed a penalty in the 63rd-minute, but Coastal would find their breakthrough just five minutes later as sophomore midfielder Kendall Parks found sophomore defender Kylie Bostick off a corner kick to put the Chanticleers up 2-1.

Just three minutes later, Famili, on the breakaway, found junior forward Kayla Christian who tapped it into the back of the net and doubled the Chanticleer’s lead.

While Coastal did outshoot the Panthers 10 to 8 in the game, the Chanticleers did not register another shot on goal after the goal by Christian. The win puts Coastal Carolina at 9-4-1 on the season and 4-2-1 in Sun Belt Conference play. The team currently sits in second for now.

Coastal women’s soccer returns home to take on South Alabama on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.
The Great Dubois:

Michael Dubois and Viktoria Grimmy

During Sexual Violence Awareness Week, Women's studies professor and former student of the Department of Politics co-sponsored the Invisible War: A documentary addressing sexual assault in the military.

The documentary opens with various women reminiscing on sexual assault in the military. The survivors from the documentary also include the comradery and leadership opportunities.

The women didn’t take into consideration the possibility of sexual assault when deciding whether or not to join. In the Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military for fiscal year 2016, an estimated 6,172 service members were sexually assaulted.

Rape-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (RR-PTSD) is a common diagnosis for survivors, but those who have sexually assaulted “typically” disclose from both rape and their experiences in the military.

The documentary also provides an account of how survivors and the authorities responded to reports of rape.

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Love Your Body Day and Eating Disorder Screening
Wednesday, Oct. 18
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Student Union Courtyard

Steak and Shrimp Night
Wednesday, Oct. 18
5 to 9 p.m.
Hicks Dining Hall and UP Café

Chants Chat: “Who’s More Oppressed?”
Wednesday, Oct. 18
8:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Student Union A201

10th Student Union Courtyard
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Eating Disorder Screening

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Your grades may not necessarily be bad, but they could be better, right? I know there’s one class that I am not doing as swell in. Is it my lack of studying? No, not really. Is it my lack of understanding the class? That’s some of it. But what is the big factor for my grade? Here’s a hint: it’s stress. By being in a state of something that is considered “norms,” one does have a list of health problems associated with it.

Long-term stress can cause the life-saving responses in your body to act up. Your body will suppress your immune system, which is why I’m probably always sick. It can suppress your digestion and sleep, as well. Some symptoms people experience when dealing with long-term stress is headaches, sleeplessness, sadness, anger or irritability. Again—describe me to a “T.”

So how can we help our bodies out with these issues? There are some things we can do to help relieve some of it. First, you need to recognize the symptoms. If any of what I described above sounds like you, then you may be suffering from a list of stress.

There are some steps to help relieve some of it. It’s important to set goals and priorities, too. Decide what you need to get done now and what can wait. Also, don’t be afraid to say “no” to new tasks if they’re overwhelming you. Don’t forget to note what you have accomplished at the end of the day.

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October 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.

Oct. 6 - 7
6 p.m.: “Despicable Me 3”
9 p.m.: “Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets”
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Oct. 13 - 14
6 p.m.: “The Dark Tower”
9 p.m.: “Atomic Blonde”
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Oct. 20 - 21
6 p.m.: “Halloweentown”
9 p.m.: “Annabelle: Creation”
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9 p.m.: “Halloweentown”

Oct. 27 - 28
6 p.m.: “Hocus Pocus”
9 p.m.: “Wish Upon”
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9 p.m.: “Hocus Pocus”

*Movies are subject to change due to availability*

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