BRANDON BROWN, COURTESY PHOTO

Driving in the fast lane with Brandon Brown

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Brandon Brown, a sophomore at Coastal Carolina University, has been driving in the fast lane, literally.

Since Brown was about 10 years old, the thought of racing around a track and bending the standard speed limits was an absolute thrill. His passion for racing would ultimately lead him to an incredible future of full size stock car racing.

Brown is a part of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series is a pickup truck racing series owned and operated by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. It is also the only series in all of NASCAR to race modified production pickup trucks. This year will be Brown’s third partial season in the series. Brown is also a part of the Brandonbilt Motorsports.

In the 2015 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, Brown was ranked 40th out of 100 other racers. One of Brown’s biggest accomplishments so far happened in 2010 when he won the Virginia State Rookie of the Year. He also claimed the state championship that same year.

From 2007 to 2009, Brown won the National Championship and in 2010, Brown won for the state full size stock car championships. Brown will be racing at the Daytona International Speedway in Florida on February 19. For all the non-race car driving fans, Daytona is known to hold the most popular races for the NASCAR series. Brown is the only person at Coastal Carolina University known to be a race car driver and has proudly represented the University.

Brown said representing Coastal is important to him. “It means a lot,” said Brown. “I would have never expected another university to jump behind me like they did.”

Race car driving is not a NCAA sport or something widely practiced.

Towards the end of their college journey, students are writing initiatives to family and friends to join them in celebrating one of the best days of their lives. They are ordering their cap and gown, getting appointments set up, and trying to get all the paperwork necessary done so they can get their diploma.

Some students go through all the steps to find out that they really didn’t graduate, even though they walked alongside their classmates. This is because they did not meet all the requirements needed from Coastal Carolina University to receive their diploma and actually graduate.

The Monday after the commencement ceremony is when grades are due from the professors, and it takes about a week to get them finalized.

University Registrar Chair, Dan Lawless, said the university works very hard to get all the paperwork completed. “We pretty much work like demons the following week to make sure we get all the grades certified to make sure everyone is where it needs to be before we post any academic probation or suspensions,” said Lawless.

All the planning for the commencement’s weekend is done the semester before graduation. Students will meet with their advisors and get all the paperwork done for graduation to make sure they are able to participate in the ceremony.

This has caused some students to join in on all the fun, but find out later they did not quite make the cut.

“Commencement is a ceremony that’s celebrating the pending graduation,” said Lawless. “The graduation doesn’t actually occur until the students meet all the requirements.”

If the student does not graduate, the academic department will review all the paperwork and grades to see if there is any way possible that the student could get a diploma.

“That college and that department will then look at the student’s academic record to see whether or not there might potentially be something else that might be able to be
EDITOR’S NOTE

Get Inspired from WIPL

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This past week, I had the opportunity to attend the Women in Philanthropy and Leadership conference. I was really excited to attend because I have been yearning to feel inspired. I learned a ton of valuable information, but there is a few pieces of advice that really stuck out to me.

Advice Tip 1: Do not push away friends
My Assistant Editor, Katie Estabrook, attended an event on inner beauty. The main piece of advice she gave me from the session was that when women are busy, they push away their friends. This is extremely unhealthy for women to do this. In women, friends decrease stress levels almost as much as being active. Instead of pushing our friends away, we should be with them even more when we are stressed.

Advice Tip 2: Do not allow people to define you
Charlotte Beers did a discussion entitled “The X Factor: How Women Lead Differently.” During her talk, she discussed how you should not allow other people to define you. How we each need to make a path towards self-discovery. During this path, one should monitor their responses and reactions to others. From doing this, you can discover who you really are and who you want to become. You can see what you like and what you want to change. Most importantly, you can then create your own self-portrait of who you are.

Advice Tip 3: Being Committed
My favorite piece of advice came from Polly Letofsky. Her talk was about her walk across the world. Letofsky’s opinion on commitment was really inspiring to me. She said commitment is when you find a way and that not one was quitting an option for her. If you are really passionate about something, you will find a way no matter what obstacles may seem to be in front of you.

Advice Tip 4: Launching into Success
My biggest takeaway was a quote from Charlotte Beers. She stated that what makes you forward, can lead you back. Sometimes what pushes you to be successful, can sometimes lead you back. We all need to be aware of these things that can push us back when chasing our dreams.

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The Chanticleer is hiring a leadership team for the 2016-2017 year. Come work for us.

In addition to great hands-on experience with a student-run publication, each position is a paid position. Applications can be picked up at the Office of Student Life, Lib Jackson Student Union Room B213, during regular business hours.

Applications are available now and must be returned no later than Wednesday, February 17, 2016 by the close of business. Applicants whose backgrounds fit the job descriptions will be contacted by the individual publications to set up interviews during the week of February 22, 2016.

If you have questions about the positions, please contact Paul Olsen at polsen@coastal.edu.
Everyone has something similar come to mind when they hear about online dating. Swiping left an excessive amount of times or making a lengthy profile that may or may not produce a load of creeps and crawlies are just a few lovable attributes of the social practice.

Although these mishaps happen, dating sites are still a lot of fun and a valid form of dating.

Online dating has gotten a bad rap in recent years with the introduction of Tinder and other popular hook up sites. They do seem to cater to the romantically challenged hookup culture that is prevalent today. However, it is actually a very successful business and a great way to meet people. Traditional ways of dating are at an all time low.

Results from a study by Match.com state that only 9% of women and 2% of men say they found a relationship at a bar or a club.

Creating a profile gives creates a way to match with someone who already shares similar interests and morals before having to take the time to investigate on the first date. Junior graphic design major, Jaid Martin and her boyfriend met online.

“My boyfriend and I met on OkCupid.com and have been happy for 8 months now,” said Martin. “You’ll receive more than several creepy messages, but you might get lucky.”

According to Match.com, one in five relationships begin online and one in six new marriages stem from online dating.

Safety is always a concern when dealing with meeting people face to face for the first time.

Make sure to plan to meet in a public place.

Utilize using Snapchat to see live pictures of them making sure they are the person they say they are before meeting them.

According to TheChive.com, the number one complaint filed by users of Tinder was that their date in no way resembled their profile picture.

Beware of catfishing and always let someone know where the date is being held.

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SPORTS

High Point not enough against Coastal’s comeback
been as close as they were,” said Elijah
have been out there with us these last
injury. After missing the last five games due
to the injury, he returned to the court Thursday,
and has been coming off the bench to
go along with 8 points. Marcus Freeman
grabbing 15 of the team’s rebounds to
Tristan Curtis came up big for Coastal,
having 17 points for Coastal. After High Point
on Thursday, Marcus Freeman was right behind him with 12 points.
“I felt really good being back out
there,” said Freeman. “I feel a little bit
better than after that one. I really want
ed us to get that win.”

After High Point, only two home

games remain this season. Coastal has a tough road schedule with games at Winthrop and the season opener at rival UNC-Ashville.

“It’s very important to get wins in these last two home games,” said Wil

son. “In a conference as tight as the Big
South, every win matters whether you are home or away.”

Coach Ellis praised both teams’ t

efravity and never say die spirit.

“With three games left, there are
seven teams in the dogfight. We have to
take it one at a time and see where it
gets us come tournament time.”

In Coastal’s last eight games, the average margin of victory has been just
under 10 points. Coastal has won all of the last eight games were won in double
digit fashion. Four of the last eight games have been decided by three points or less.
“If we knock down free throws, we’ll
be alright,” said Ellis. “And if we protect
the ball, we will be alright.”

Coastal will travel to current Big South
leaders Winthrop on Thursday, February
11 for a 7 p.m. tip. The Chanticleers
will return to the HTC Center for their
final home game of the regular season on
Thursday, February 25, it will be Senior
Day. It will also be the last time Coastal
Carolina will be playing as a Big South
team in the HTC Center.

The Chanticleers and Audi were second in the Big South.
Chris Brown delivered another sensational album called Royalty, named after his daughter who he found out he had earlier last year. The cover of the album is a beautiful picture of him and his baby girl in black and white.

The third song on the album, "Wrist," is layered over an interesting backdrop as he talks about being "sacrificed" in expensive watch ads. The fifth song on the album, "Liquor," has a very sultry feel as he sings about how liquor makes one feel sexy.

Another interesting song on this album is Chris Brown's rendition of "Nobody" by Keith Sweat, in which he calls "She's Gonna (Sobberly)." This is a great modern version of this song that is both very sexy and sultry.

It was learned that Chris Brown offered this album after his daughter. Most of the songs on the album refer to sex and women, which is not what one thinks of when looking at a picture of a father and daughter.

Overall, Chris Brown created a great piece of art through his new album, Royalty.

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Master Splinter serves as a father figure throughout the movie, raising the Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles and teaching them the ninja moves they are known for.

The director includes flashbacks to show how the ninja turtles and master splinter were first created and found. The plot overall was pretty basic, and could have a little bit more thought put into it.

This movie is rated PG.

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The Sea Captain’s House has become a famous spot for friends to get together and enjoy delicious seafood, as well as Jambalaya, Steak, Pork Chops, or Chicken. The menu is filled with a variety of classic seafood dishes such as Sautéed Crab Cakes, Shrimp Cocktail, Sea Scallops, or The Catch of The Day from the Captain’s Menu. There is also a variety of non-seafood lovers such as Cheese steaks, Port Chops, or Chicken. The menu is also has options for Gluten free and Vegetarian eaters.

If you are still hungry, then take a look at the dessert menu. Options range from cheesecake, hot fudge sauce cake, key lime pie, and much more to fill in that sweet tooth.

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You'll have too many choices. Find the best way to apply your skills to ensure that you make the biggest gain. Don't limit what you can do. Explore all the possibilities and stay on course.

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