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Rear Admiral Ryan Scholl, deputy director of Plans and Policy for United States Strategic Command in Omaha, Nebraska, spent his day here on campus on Tuesday, Feb. 19 to talk to students that are studying intelligence and national security, and political science and the National Security Club.

An important part of his appearance was to promote STRATCOM’s academic alliance with Coastal Carolina University. "The core aspects of that program are really to promote strategic thinking in terms as the University, both its faculty and students, as well as inside US Strategic Command, so we can get a better understanding of the security landscape and application of a strategic thought process that will allow us to create a more peaceful security environment," Scholl said.

Scholl was excited to be on campus and believed that students would benefit from the events. "Hopefully, they’ll get a better appreciation from military thinking, and, then an aspect of the process overall, and then, specifically, if they’re interested in national security studies and a career path that might lead to involvement in strategic thinking at a national level and opportunities that exist in the path of that process," Scholl said.

He also has some advice for students going into intelligence and political science fields. "I’m an engineer by trade, very technical, but one of the things that we talk about is understanding different viewpoints, so one of professor Scholl. “So, I would say advice would be to think broadly, think deeply about decisions, and specifically when you’re looking at decisions of either our country or of others that you look not just at how that decision was based, but then how that decision has second and third order affects across different avenues as we execute national policy.”

Scholl spoke with assistant professor of intelligence and national security Christopher Ferrero’s Weapons of Mass Destruction course.

“The visit was terrific,” said Ferrero. “Admiral Scholl was clearly impressed by Coastal Carolina and intrigued by our focus on experiential learning. We are going to continue discussions about how we can increase our students’ experiential learning opportunities via STRATCOM’s Academic Alliance.”

Ferrero looks forward to taking a few students on a trip in Omaha next month. I hope I can continue to do this every spring. We will also work on bringing representatives of STRATCOM back to campus in the future for workshops and exercises,” said Ferrero.

Ferrero is optimistic about the future of this partnership. “The distance between Conway and Omaha could present a challenge to really large-scale cooperation, but I am optimistic that we will be able to get some real-world exposure for several of our students out of..."
CCU clubs participate first ever Shark Tank

Sydney Burgbacher // Reporter

On Thursday, Feb. 14, Coastal Carolina students gathered in the Student Union theater as Coastal Student Government Association hosted its first ever “Shark Tank”. Students and faculty listened to what many organizations had planned.

Many students thought the event was a great idea for CCU clubs and organizations. “I would say this was a success, and I really hope this becomes an annual event for organizations to take part in,” Sarah McHale said.

The Shark Tank panel was a panel of five judges that included the Dean of Science, the Vice President of Student Life and Engagement as well as three students from SGA. Clubs and organizations that participated spoke in front of the panel and gave a proposal of an event to be held for CCU students.

The winner with the best proposal could be given up to eight thousand dollars to make their event happen. There was a total of twelve organizations that gave a proposal on what they thought could make a day of fun for Coastal students.

The proposal of events ranged from walks and runs, festivals, fun on the courts and more. Each organization had to have a name for their event, a budgeting plan, a list of everything that would be needed, and the approximate number of students that would be participating.

Organizations like Chant Nation, Delta Sigma Theta, Pre-Vet club, Psychology club and many others came prepared to speak in front of the judges with their best plan. All of the proposals were great and gave opportunity for all students to have fun and relax before the end of the semester.

All of the judges asked tough questions in order to ensure the organization had everything prepared. Michael Roberts, the dean of science, always asked about the organizations’ rain plan in case weather became an issue for the event that the organization proposed.

The judges worked together and concluded that many of the organizations had similar ideas and decided to group those of the similar ideas together.

At the end of the proposals, the judges discussed all the ideas and chose three separate groups that would be in the top choices, and the winner would be up to the audience. Nearly a hundred students got to vote for the winner, and they chose the combined ideas of Delta Sigma Theta, the Track and Field team and Alpha Delta Pi.

Both organizations had a proposal for a walk/run, one being awareness for ovarian cancer and the other being glow in the dark. Now with both groups winning they can combine the ideas and make it an even bigger event with the eight thousand dollars that they are given.

Mikayla Morris, a member of Delta Sigma Theta, talked about the planning her organization put into this proposal. “Our organization has had this in the works for a while now and I am very excited to make it happen,” said Morris. “It is going to be fun for our CCU students along with the community who will be allowed to attend.”

Restaurant Rotation: hit or miss?

Lizzy Notaro // Reporter

Some of the upperclassmen might remember “Queso Corner” in CINO Grille but as of last year, this was replaced with the new Restaurant Rotation in August. This started out with “Chopsticks, which carried modern stir-fry options. Since then, the restaurant has been rotating every month featuring all new menu items. The types of food that have been offered so far have been Asian, barbecue, Mediterranean and the newest addition ramen noodles also known as “Pho”.

Students have been speaking out upon their thought on the recent CINO Grille changes. There have been mixed opinions from students on the changes regarding the rotation. The restaurant rotation is meant to deliver a wide variety of options for students.

Chelsea Spivey, a junior at CCU, gave her opinion on the changes. “Those who never had ‘Queso Corner’ are really missing out,” said Spivey. “It was just like having a Moe’s Southwest Kitchen on campus! I understand CCU wanted to try something new and I respect them for that. Although, while having these options is nice, I do miss having the luxury of getting my favorite nachos on campus whenever I want! I will say the barbeque station is a nice addition, but is disappointing when it’s gone the next month.”

Bronson Neil, a sophomore at CCU, is a regular at CINO Grille. “I think the new rotation is pretty cool, it’s really nice to have so many options to eat on campus,” said Neil. “The barbeque was definitely my favorite option we’ve had so far. I think it’s nice to have changes every month in the dining hall. I always look forward to trying the new option offered in March. I am curious to what kind of food they will add in the future.”

We reached out to Aramark for their thoughts on the new rotation and what benefits they feel new changes have brought for students, they were unable to respond by the deadline.
CCU Board of Trustees approves of new degree program

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

On Friday, Feb. 22, the Coastal Carolina Board of Trustees approved a new degree program, the Bachelor of Arts/Science in Women’s and Gender Studies.

The new program is designed to provide students with critical skills and abilities to understand and evaluate the dynamics of identity categories. These categories range from gender, race, class, sexual orientation, ability, age and citizenship status.

The addition of the degree reflects a fast-growing movement in higher education that addresses limitations in the current workforce that, if remedied, will foster innovation, develop stronger corporate operating practices, and promote a just world in which all individuals can develop to their highest potential.

CCU’s program is unique in offering a Bachelor of Science degree that focuses on women in STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This is in direct response to a recognized need for gender and racial diversity within the STEM fields.

In a release sent out by University Communication, University officials anticipate that this focus will serve as a recruitment and retention tool for women who choose to major in STEM fields.

According to the release, graduates of the new program will be well suited for leadership careers in management, communications and administration within the STEM industry.

University police secure area outside of HTC Center near the Campus Walk apartments during a reported incident of shots fired.

Photo by Ian Livingston Brooking.

Standoff at off-campus apartments leads to shelter-in-place

Alyssa Brennan // Assistant Editor

Tonight at 7:50 p.m. students were notified via CCU Alert that there were shots fired at private off campus housing.

Campus Walk is only about one mile away from campus so many on campus buildings were also put on lockdown.

Police are still investigating, and it is advised students seek shelter and stay indoors.

“HCPD is on scene of an incident involving a barricaded person near Hicks Circle. Neighbors in the surrounding area have been evacuated. Others are asked to shelter in place, or avoid the area until advised otherwise,” the Horry County police department tweeted.

CCU tweeted around midnight that the individual involved was in police custody and the area is now safe.

According to Horry County Police, it was determined that no shots were fired and no charges have been filed in Thursday’s barricaded person situation at the CampusWalk Apartments near Coastal Carolina University.

In a release put out by Horry County Police Department, HCPD spokesperson Mikayla Moskov elaborated on the investigation in Thursday night’s incident.

“Our investigation since the resolution of the incident shows that no firearms were located in subject’s apartment, and it is believed that no shots were fired,” HCPD spokesperson Mikayla Moskov said in a press release on Friday. “At this time, there are no charges in relation to this incident, and it remains an active investigation. It is believed that the subject was making the aforementioned “popping” noises through other means.”

In a statement from the university, Coastal Carolina University wanted to extend their “sincere appreciation to local law enforcement agencies and emergency responders who have been involved in resolving this incident.”
Four Great White Sharks spotted off the Myrtle Beach coast

Jordan Monroe // Reporter

For the last couple weeks there have been numerous pings on the OCEARCH of Great White Sharks hanging around the coast of Myrtle Beach. A ping is when a shark breaches the surface of the water and if they stay above the water long enough, their tracking devices will send a signal to the satellite dish that will show their exact location.

OCEARCH is a data-centric organization built to help scientists collect previously unattainable data in the ocean. According to their website, their mission is “to accelerate the ocean’s return to balance and abundance, through fearless innovations in scientific research, education, outreach, and policy, using unique collaborations of individuals and organizations in the U.S. and abroad.”

The four Great White Sharks vary in size, age and gender. Jefferson is of two adult males that measures 12ft 7in long. Hal, the other adult male, measures at 12ft 6in long. Luna, is the lone female and measure 15ft long and weighs up to 2131lbs.

Recently (include date) pinged Gurney a juvenile male 4.5ft long Great White Shark. It is not unusual that many sharks including Great Whites hang off the coast of South Carolina since they are migratory animals.

Rachel Hildebrand, a junior studying marine science and the President of the Coastal Elasmobranch Society, explains the main reason why there are more and more sharks pinging off the Carolina coast.

“These sharks are around is because we are apart their migratory routes,” said Hildebrand.

Not only does OCEARCH tag sharks but they also tag sea turtles, dolphins, whales, seals, and even dolphins.

However, Hildebrand states that “it is also not very clear yet why they chose these routes.”

One of the many mysteries that surrounds great whites is their mating habits. Researchers have long wondered where these animals go to give birth either but scientists here on the Grand Strand are now trying to figure out the main reason why they keep coming so close to shore could be because their prey is in this location.

Dr. Dan Abel, a marine science professor at Coastal who’s research focuses on shark biology, says that there are “potential dangers and it’s a minimal risk and we can weigh and measure risks of our everyday lives.”

Great Whites have been known to bite people, but they typically don’t consume them, and they mistake us as their prey.

They will come back and eat them when the sharks see they don’t pose any sort of danger to them. However, when they do come back and bite us it can be too late.

“We don’t even know what they are eating down here they maybe even eating whale carcasses, but we don’t know about their diet habits,” said Abel.

The likelihood of being attacked or bitten by a shark is very low likely to happen. If you are in the water knowing that there are sharks in the water it is best to be calm because if you are calm they will leave you alone, and if you don’t swim where their prey is the likelihood of being attacked will be low which would keep a healthy ecosystem in the ocean.

As warmer temperatures in our area start the increase of more beach visits from residents, students and tourists alike, remember to always be mindful of when you enter the water and be safe while enjoying your time at the beach.
CCU hosts alumni trip to Seattle

Donovan Moore // Reporter

In March, the Chanticleer baseball team embarks on a cross-country trip to Seattle to play in a three game tournament with San Diego, Washington, and Oregon State. “We knew we were having some community members of Horry County that were actually making the trip,” says Diane Sanders, Executive Director of Alumni Relations at CCU. “It was the perfect opportunity to tag on an alumni event.”

Seattle is a new destination for an event out of the Alumni Relation Office at Coastal Carolina, and the event is not limited to just alumni.

Because of the 2000 mile distance separating Conway and Seattle, this event has been extended to many members of Teal Nation including parents of current students in the greater Seattle area, family members of the athletes, and more.

Seattle is just one of many new destinations for the Alumni Relation office, when asked about how the location of these events are planned Sanders responds, “we are always planning alumni events in different areas, so that when alumni can’t always come back to campus, we can bring Coastal to them.”

The event will be held on Friday, March 8, in order to allow people to attend the baseball tournament and for anyone who works in the Seattle area to go in the evening.

The alumni relation office has other events planned for this spring including trips to Boston, Washington D.C., and a baseball tailgate for Coastal’s home stand against in-state rival Clemson.

Save the Date

The Office of Alumni Relations wants to

CCU in Seattle

Alumni & Friends Gathering

Friday, March 8 • 5-7 p.m.
PYRAMID ALEHOUSE AND BREWERY
1201 First Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98134

Also, cheer for the Chanticleers at the
Seattle Baseball Showcase at T-Mobile Park.
The Chants will play Friday at 11 a.m.,
Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.
DJ Williams nears 1,000 points in weekend sweep down in Georgia

Akilah Stroman // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina women’s basketball team pulled out a close win as they beat Georgia Southern 76-73.

DJ Williams scored 25 points and had a clutch assist to Caitlin Roche to win the game. Roche ended the game with 15 points. Naheria Hamilton had 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Georgia Southern started the game hot and caused Coastal to take a timeout early. Out of the timeout, the Chants were able to go on a run but couldn’t quite break the lead. At the end of the first, Southern went on a 11-4 run and went into the second quarter with a 22-13 lead.

Finding a small click, the Chants were able to tie the game 30-30 late in the second quarter but Georgia Southern scored five unanswered points and held Coastal’s offense scoreless for over four minutes in the remainder of the half.

Taking the largest lead in the third quarter with a score of 50-40, Georgia Southern didn’t seem to be letting up as they went on a 12-4 run.

In the fourth quarter, it became a tight game and it came down to the final seconds of the game. Georgia Southern hit one-of-two free throws and were able to tie the game. Williams dribbled through the defense and made the pass to Roche and she nailed the triple as the Chants were able to take the game.

Not only did they take down Georgia Southern, they also beat Georgia State 67-62 on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Williams was on a hot streak again as she scored 26 points and six rebounds. Hamilton had herself a game as she scored 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. This is her sixth double-double of the season.

Coastal started off the game strong and ended the first quarter with a 21-19 lead. In the second quarter, the Chants scored the first six points and went on a 10-3 run that gave them a nine-point lead.

The Chants and the Eagles both went on 9-0 runs. To close the quarter, the Chants scored six straight points.

Leading by eight points the Chants had to get it together as the Eagles went on a 10-2 run to tie the game. With 3:40 remaining, the Eagles were able to take a one-point lead. The Chants would then win the game 67-62 from the free throw line.

Williams has now scored 995 points and is on pace to become the 16th Chanticleer in program history to reach 1,000 points.

The Chants are now 15-10 overall and 7-7 in conference play. They return to the HTC Center on Thursday and Saturday to host the Louisiana schools.
On Friday, Jan. 18, Joe Moglia stepped down as the head football coach at Coastal Carolina after seven seasons at the helm. Offensive Coordinator and former Charleston Southern Head Coach Jamey Chadwell was immediately announced as the successor to Moglia.

“We all believe that the future is bright for Coastal Carolina football,” said Moglia in a statement released by GoCCUSports.com. “We also have tremendous confidence in Coach Chadwell as well as the rest of the staff.”

The news came as a shock to many in the Coastal Carolina community, including several former players like running back De’Angelo Henderson. Henderson played at Coastal Carolina from 2013 to 2016 and holds numerous Coastal Carolina records including rushing yards, rushing touchdowns, points scored and touchdowns scored.

Henderson opened up about what went through his mind when he found out that Coach Moglia was stepping down.

“When I heard the news, I was up and down with my emotions,” said Henderson. “I was shocked, filled with uncertainty and curious to see what was about to happen next. I didn’t really know the direction that the [program] was going to go.”

Henderson reflected a bit more on his time with Moglia as his coach and said it was hard to select the best memory he had of him.

“The way that Moglia came into the program I think tops everything,” said Henderson. “Our first meeting with him in 2012 just sticks with me because he came in with such confidence, a plan and a goal. And we achieved that.”

Moglia went 56-22 as the Chanticleers head coach, winning three Big South Championships.

Despite Chadwell’s lone season as the head coach of an FBS program was in 2017 when he was the interim head coach, Henderson says that Chadwell’s resume at Charleston Southern speaks for itself.

“I don’t think anyone could have done what he did at Charleston Southern,” said Henderson. “He took a team that only won five games in two years to winning championships in the Big South. The direction that I believe that Coastal Carolina is headed is in a good way.”

Chadwell went 35-14 during his four seasons at Charleston Southern, including besting the Chanticleers three out of four matchups.

While Henderson is looking forward to what the future has in store for Coastal Carolina, he is also looking ahead to see what his future has in store for him after a crazy 2018 for the former Chanticleer.

In May of 2018, Henderson was involved in an automobile crash. A driver t-boned Henderson, causing his vehicle to flip and roll. Over six months later, Henderson still is thankful for making it out without a scratch.

“That accident was one of the most traumatizing things I have ever been a part of,” said Henderson. “It jammed me up a little bit. I had to seek out some people to talk to so I could get through it mentally. If there was anything I got from that wreck, it was to live honest and not take anything for granted. It is a blessing to wake up each day because you never know when your number is going to be called.”

A week after the accident, Henderson managed to get through Organized Team Activities (OTA’s) and solidify his spot on the Denver Broncos for the 2018 season. However, the Broncos waived Henderson on Sep. 1, 2018.

Two days later, Henderson was signed to the practice squad of the New York Jets. He was promoted to the active roster on Oct. 27, 2018 and despite being waived on Nov. 2, Henderson was resigned to the practice squad and was promoted to the active roster for the final three weeks of the season.

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Morgen Cvetko // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina Women’s lacrosse team had their opening game on Feb. 9 against Old Dominion University. The Chanticleers were able to defeat OD by nine goals, with a final score of 19-10 which made it the third consecutive year that the CCU Women’s lacrosse team has started the season off with a 1-0 record.

The two main scorers of the Old Dominion game were captain Madeline Bromley with four goals and Haley Alexander with five goals. Alexander also assisted three others with goals during the game. Harley Barret, goalie and reigning Athletic Sun Defensive player of the year, had 12 saves during the game.

The Chanticleers next game was against the #15/10 Syracuse University. The Chanticleers were unable to hold off their opponent and fell to SU with a score of 5-18. The Chants were, however, able to claim the first goal in the game against Syracuse, being the only team that has scored first against Syracuse this season. Haley Kyger, starting midfielder, was able to claim three goals for the lady Chanticleers during the game.

Kristen Selvage, Head Coach for Women’s Lacrosse at Coastal Carolina University, was happy with the team’s performance against Syracuse and their ability to perform after returning to Coastal from Syracuse at 2 a.m.

“We didn’t do as well against Syracuse as we wanted to, but we walked away with such a great attitude as a team and having learned so much as a team,” Selvage said.

The CCU Women’s lacrosse turned around to face Campbell University on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. in Brooks Stadium. The Chanticleers held Campbell to four runs and won the game with a score of 16-4. Alexander was the first to score during the game, putting Coastal ahead in the first four minutes. Alexander and Samantha Courtemanche led the team in goals scored, each scoring four during the game.

The CCU Women’s Lacrosse team will be traveling to Rock Hill, SC next Wednesday to face Winthrop University.
Men’s basketball drops game against Georgia Southern, rebounds with win over Georgia State

Brendan Donoghue // Reporter

On Thursday, Feb 21, the Georgia State Hawks defeated the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers by a final score of 79-74 in what was a back-and-forth game for most of the contest.

Zac Cuthbertson scored a game-high 21 points for the Chanticleers, with guard Devante Jones right behind him with 20 points for the night. The next highest-scoring Chanticleers were Amidou Bamba and Ebrima Dibba, who both dropped 9 points on the night.

For the Eagles, Tookie Brown led the team with 17 points, while Montae Glenn (16), Quan Jackson (15), Simeon Carter (13), and David-Lee Jones jr (12) all reached double figures.

Georgia Southern outshot Coastal Carolina for the game, 47.2 percent to 43.5 percent. Coastal did shoot better from three-point range 32 percent to 28.6 percent. However, Southern outshot CCU from three 42.9 percent to 26.7 percent in the second half) and from the free throw line (85.7 percent to 83.3 percent).

Coastal Carolina took a 34-30 lead into halftime, but the defense collapsed in the second half as they let Georgia State outscore them 49-40 in the second half.

The trouble for CCU came on the mental side of the ball, as they committed a whopping 27 fouls and turned the ball over 16 times, which resulted in 17 Georgia State points.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Chanticleers opened their game against conference leaders Georgia state in one of the fastest starts of the season propelled Coastal Carolina to a 95-82 victory over the Panthers as the Chanticleers snapped their four-game losing streak.

Thanks to a first half in which they shot 54 percent from the field, CCU took a 58-33 lead into halftime and never really looked back. Georgia State was able to shrink the lead to 9 in the second half, but Coastal Carolina’s damage control reached peak form en route to the 7 point victory.

Tyrell Gumbs-Frater continued to be a spark for CCU as he came off the bench to score 29 points thanks to 9-19 shooting from three point range. Zac Cuthbertson and Tommy Burton added 15 points apiece, and Ajay Sanders dropped 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to pick up his second double-double of the season.

Georgia State was led in scoring by junior D’Marcus Simonds who dropped 31 points. Guard Damon Wilson joined Simonds in double figures as he added 18 points of his own.

Coastal shot better than Georgia State from three point range (35.9 percent to 28.6 percent), from the free throw line (70.4 percent to 69.2 percent) and overall (44.3 percent to 42.4 percent). Coastal Carolina also dominated on the glass as they outrebounded Georgia State 53-34.

Coastal Carolina will travel to Louisiana to face off against the Rajin Cajuns on Thursday, Feb 28. Tipoff is at 8p.m. ET.
Coastal Carolina club ice hockey wins 2019 ECCHA title

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

After being in existence for only five years, the Coastal Carolina Club Ice Hockey team became the first club sport at Coastal Carolina to bring home a major championship. The Chanticleers defeated Liberty by a score of 4-3 on Sunday, Feb. 10 in Lynchburg, Va.

Center Curtis Rattner has been on the team for four years and talked about what went through his head the moment the final horn sounded, crowning Coastal Carolina champions.

“I was shocked,” said Rattner. “In years past, I have been on teams that have blown games so for us to not let it slip. It was a surreal feeling.”

Rattner went into detail about a few games that the Chanticleers were close in sealing a win but allowed the team to come back in the final stages.

“We blew a three-oh lead to Christopher Newport earlier this year and then we gave up a goal to UNC-Wilmington in the final eight seconds of the game,” said Rattner. “I had seen it happen so many times, I was nervous that it was going to happen again.”

Luckily for Rattner, he did not see his fear play out on the ice again and the Chanticleers were able to come back from being down 3-1 at the start of the third period to defeat Liberty for the title.

While Liberty is not a big rival on the ice for the club hockey team, there is just something about ‘that team from Virginia’. The rivalry dates back to when Liberty joined the Big South Conference in 1991 and things quickly escalated when Coastal Carolina began their football program in 2003. That was when everything sports on campus became about “beating Liberty”.

Defensemen CJ Guarino talked about the rivalry on the ice with Liberty and what it meant to be a part of that history.

“We had never beaten Liberty,” said Guarino. “So, for us to do it in a championship game on their home ice was pretty sweet. After we won, I had phone calls from players on other teams call me and say that they were so happy that we won and beat Liberty. It was like all our rivals wanted us to win because no one likes Liberty.”

The Coastal Carolina Club Ice Hockey team has faced some pretty big challenges throughout their season.

The closest ice rink that the team can practice and play on is in Wilmington, North Carolina. That poses a challenge in itself because it withholds the team from practicing multiple times a week like how other teams get to do.

Hurricane Florence hitting Wilmington in Sep. 2018 did not make things any easier for the team. Not only was the team evacuated from campus for nearly a month, the Wilmington Ice House – where the team plays and practices – was shut down due to power loss from storm.

Ricky Cincotta, who plays right wing for the Chanticleers, opened up about what winning a championship meant to the team after all the struggle that the team had gone through.

“Our first games back from Florence were against Liberty and we hadn’t been on the ice for over three weeks and it showed,” said Cincotta. “We were out of shape and we lost both games. After that series, we told ourselves we were going to get them in the playoffs. We tied them in the first game of the playoffs. And then while we were down throughout a majority of the championship game, we pulled through and were able to come out on top.”
Former Coastal soccer player ready for pro career in Charleston

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

As teams across the United Soccer League prepare for the 2019 season, a former Coastal Carolina soccer player is reading to begin his professional career.

Former forward Romario Piggott will play for the Charleston Battery this upcoming season after signing with the club in Sept. 2018. However, due to the paperwork on Piggott’s work visa it took longer than expected.

Piggott expressed his gratitude towards the Charleston Battery for sticking with him throughout the process and keeping him for the 2019 roster.

“I am very grateful because it is very difficult for an international player getting in on an American roster because of the paperwork,” said Piggott. “There are a lot of skilled international players that have a hard time coming to play in the States because teams don’t like to mess with visas and that kind of paperwork... but the coach at Charleston saw me play and he liked what he saw so I am very happy.”

Piggott spent a year at Coastal Carolina University where he scored six goals and added six assists in 22 games for the Chanticleers during the 2017 season, helping lead the team to the round of 16 of the 2017 NCAA Tournament.

After his time at Coastal, Piggott joined the Myrtle Beach Mutiny of the United Soccer League Pro Developmental League (USL PDL). Piggott scored seven goals and tallied six assists in 14 games for the Mutiny during the summer of 2018. Piggott earned All-Conference honors and helped the Mutiny to a South Atlantic Division Championship and playoff berth.

Piggott came to the United States in 2016 but prior to coming to America, Piggott played at the professional level in his native country of Panama.

Piggott talked about how different playing and training at the professional level in America was compared to the style of play at the professional level in his home country.

“It is kind of similar but it is more about adapting to the new plays, new teammates and the coach’s system,” said Piggott. “Here in the States, they push you a lot harder because they want to see you at your best.”

Piggott is one of 17 Coastal Carolina soccer players to have made it to the professional level. Piggott talked about how the program helped him get to the level of play where he is at today.

“Coastal really helped me adapt to the American soccer style,” said Piggott. “[American soccer] is a lot more physical than the soccer I was used to back in Panama. College soccer at Coastal really helped me with that.”

The Charleston Battery began preseason play on Feb. 16, falling to FC Cincinnati 2-1 in the 2019 Carolina Challenge Cup. The Battery followed up that game by drawing 2008 MLS Champion Columbus Crew 1-1 on Feb. 20.

The Battery open their 2019 USL season at home on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at MUSC Health Stadium in Charleston, SC.
Coastal Carolina softball firing on all cylinders

Morgen S. Cvetko // Reporter

The Coastal Carolina Women’s Softball team headed down to Orlando, Florida to participate in the UCF Tournament, on Friday, Feb. 22.

The Chanticleers walked away from the weekend with three wins and one loss. Making their overall record, 12-2.

The first opponent for the Chanticleers was the No. 48 Pittsburgh. The Chants walked away with a win of 5-0. Kaitlin Beasley-Polko pitched for five innings during the game and only allowed for six hits with no runs scored.

The ladies second game was against University of Central Florida. The Chanticleers fell to UCF by one run, with a final score of 0-1. Ashley Guillette pitched the game and allowed for seven hits and one run.

The Chanticleers played Penn State on Saturday, Feb. 23. CCU walked away from the game with a win of 3-1. Beasley-Polko pitched a great game against Penn, allowing only two hits and one run.

The final game of the weekend was against Pittsburgh and the Chanticleers were able to secure another win. The final score was 11-3. Kassidy Smith claimed the only homerun of the weekend for the Chanticleers in the third inning. Guillette pitched five innings and only allowed for five hits and three runs.

The CCU Women’s Softball team is traveling to The University of South Carolina on, Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The Ladies will also be hosting the Chanticleer Shutdown starting on, Friday, March 1.
How anybody can start a club at Coastal

O’Tia Prioleau // Reporter

A way to find yourself and learn what you are passionate about can be through the clubs and organizations at Coastal Carolina University. CCU wants their students to feel free to express themselves in whatever way they feel is necessary.

Director of student activities and leadership, Jessica Combess, has been a part of CCU for two and a half years now; working with the clubs and organizations. She always knew she was going to live in one of the Carolinas and that is what enticed her to join Coastal Carolina University. If you are someone who is looking to start your very own club or organization; Combess is the person to see.

“[First you have to] come up with an idea, then you go to coastal.edu/coastalconnections to see if [your idea] already exists here at CCU and if it does not exists then [you] need six friends,” said Combess. “One has to serve as the president, one as the treasurer, and [you] need a faculty or staff adviser.”

Be persistent; if you have a plan follow through with it.

“Go ahead [and] start having meetings; you can table off on campus [and] you can see what’s available and what’s out there and really get your member base going,” she said.

Combess is willing to help anyone with anything. Whether it’s just support on getting started or if you’re at a standstill.

“The office of student life is here for you, your advisor is here for you; myself, [I am here for you,]” she said.

Some of the new clubs and organizations that exists at CCU are as follows: Alpha Sigma Phi, Birds and Bees, CCU Jump, Club Be Your Own Boss, DaughterSafe of CCU, Designer Dimension, Dungeons and Dragons, Exercise Science Club, Game Makers Guild, Mountaineer Club, Ski and Board Club, Speed Racer Club, The Chantettes, and Zeta Phi Beta Inc.

Zachary Green, the president and co-founder of Speed Racer Club came up with the idea when he was sitting in his FYE class during the getting to know you icebreakers. Green’s favorite movie is Speed Racer which surprised him when another student joined him in that interest.

“It is an old cartoon that [a lot of people do not like],” he said.

But, it has always been special to him.

“The movie came out in 2008 and it was really just this love letter for the craft of anima and the way cartoons were made at the time by the Wachowskis,” he said.

They meet once a month to watch the movie Speed Racer and take regular retreats for more bonding.

“It’s anyone between theater kids, intel majors, everyone will come out of the woodwork,” he said.

Green took a moment to thank the university for being supportive in students’ interests.

“I would like to thank my coastal family for supporting student led organizations. It is incredible if you see an opportunity that you want to pursue; the amount of support that this university provides is [unbelievable],” he said.

For more information on the Speed Racer Club, visit their organization’s page on Coastal Connections.

If you are interested in any of the clubs that were listed in this article, be sure to check out Coastal Connections online and scroll through the many clubs and organizations that Coastal Carolina has to offer.
Jill Dudley crowned Miss Teal and Bronze 2019

Lizzy Notaro // Reporter

The annual Miss Teal and Bronze Pageant, a qualifying event for the Miss South Carolina Pageant (Miss America Organization), took place on January 25, 2019 in Coastal Carolina University’s Wheel Wright Auditorium.

Jill Dudley, a sophomore studying English with a political science minor from Syracuse, NY, was crowned at the 2019 Miss Teal and Bronze Pageant.

Former Miss Teal and Bronze, Brooke Vu, has been competing in pageants since she was young. In her Sophomore year at Socastee High School, she competed in the Miss Socastee pageant, where she was introduced to the Miss America Organization.

As a pageant competitor and former Girl scout, Vu is drawn into using her pageant titles to make a difference in the community. She works throughout Horry and Georgetown country school districts to fight childhood hunger, by creating healthy snack bags for students to take home every weekend.

Vu was excited to see how Jill uses her very own platform to make a difference in our community and offered this advice to the new holder of the crown.

“Any chance you get to sleep, take advantage of it,” said Vu. “Enjoy every moment whether you’re on or off-stage crown or no crown, you’re building who you want Jill to be.”

Vu recently just captured the title of Miss Georgetown County and is excited to announce that she will be returning to the Miss South Carolina stage this year.

Dudley competed in four phases of competition which included a person interview with the judges, onstage question, platform, Luke’s Legacy, is in honor of her younger brother who has type one diabetes. Dudley’s platform is to bring education, awareness and to clear up common misconceptions about the autoimmune disease.

Dudley decided to compete at Miss Teal and Bronze because she wanted to try something new. She had never competed in the past and she really wanted of my life and college career. The experience is going to be difference for everyone, but it’s a great confidence builder and a great way to put your name out there.”

Donna Gilbert, a junior psychology major and sociology minor student at CCU, is the Assistant Director of Pageant and Showcases for CAB (Coastal Activities Board). Her

talent, and evening gown. She says her favorite area of competition is talent where she performed “Never Enough” from The Greatest Showman.

Dudley is very excited for her year as Miss Teal and Bronze and cannot wait to get to know and work with other on campus organizations. She is ready to not only serve her university, but also serve her community. Her
to be able to display her talent. Dudley says that having the chance to represent Coastal Carolina University at The Miss South Carolina pageant was something she could not pass up.

“For those who have never competed in a pageant that are skeptical, try it,” said Dudley. “Just like joining a sorority, it was one of the best decisions

Chase Freshman year she competed Alpha Phi Alpha’s Miss Black and Gold pageant and instantly fell in love with pageantry. She was hired last spring and is proud to be able to give students this amazing opportunity.

“I love being able to see the girls work so hard and create new interpersonal relationships with each and every one of them,” said Gilbert. “I love seeing how they all blossom and how everything comes together.”

Gilbert is thrilled to work with the reigning Miss Teal and Bronze as her local executive director for Miss South Carolina. She will help Dudley through every step of her journey to the state competition.

Gilbert seconded Dudley’s comments about doing pageants despite some people who have never participated in one.

“If you have never done a pageant, it doesn’t matter. Come out and compete next year,” said Gilbert. “You learn so much about yourself, you get the chance to meet new people on campus, and it is a wonderful confidence booster.”

“I am so excited to represent Coastal Carolina University at the state level and being a super big people person, I cannot wait to meet these women from all over the state of S.C.”, said Dudley.

This Miss South Carolina pageant will be held June 25 through June 29, 2019 in Columbia, S.C. The winner of the Miss South Carolina pageant will go onto compete for Miss America held in Atlantic City, NJ.

You can follow Jill throughout her journey to Miss South Carolina on her “Miss Teal and Bronze” Facebook page.
The Coastal Carolina Department of Theater will be performing ‘Steel Pier’ at the end of February and early March.

“Steel Pier” is a musical that was written by John Kander and Fred Ebb in 1997. Be prepared to enter a 1930s ballroom when you go to see the show.

“[It] is set in a 1933 Atlantic City ballroom, where a crowd has gathered to compete for a $2,000 prize and a shot at showbiz fame. The story follows aging celebrity Rita Pacine as she embarks on her last dance marathon, surrounded by a cast of partners, contestants and evolving relationships,” according to CCU’s cultural arts website.

“Described as an American fable in two acts and 20 scenes and nominated for 11 Tony Awards, Steel Pier Lindy hops its way, by turns dark and hopeful, across the dance floor.”

An original Broadway cast member, Adam Pelty, who is assistant professor and associate chair of CCU’s Department of Theater is directing. Alongside him is another Broadway alumnus, Kevin Stites, who is helping with musical direction, according to a CCU email.

“This production is a big deal,” he said in a CCU email. “It’s exciting for the students, and it takes a lot of chutzpah and stamina. It’s fast-moving, yet involves a lot of heavy drama. [This musical] is about a heroine who has reached her own hell on earth and needs to be lifted out of that.”

“Steel Pier” will be preformed Thursday, Feb. 21- Saturday, Feb 23 at 7:30, Wednesday, Feb. 27- Saturday, March 2 at 7:30. Before the 7:30 performance on March 2, there will be one at 3 p.m. They will be performing in the Wheelwright Auditorium and tickets will be $25. Be sure to show your student ID for a discounted price of $7.

Coastal Carolina University’s Department of Theater put on a wonderful performance of “She Kills Monsters”.

In this tale, Agnes Evans, portrayed by Quinn Jones, begins playing “Dungeons & Dragons” after she finds the notebook of her late sister, Tilly Evans, portrayed by Autumn McNutt, which was dedicated to information about the game.

With an amazing cast, this show came to live. Autumn McNutt, Quinn Jones, and Zach Montou, who played Orcus, put on an unforgettable performance. It was definitely fun and interesting to watch.

The costumes were done extremely well, thanks to the designer Maddie Prentice. The Bugbear costumes were my personal favorites.

The director, Benjamin Sota, was very proud of the whole production, and for good reason.

“Words do not express how proud I am of the cast and crew of this production and the way we have played the game,” he said in his director’s notes.

If you didn’t catch this performance, make sure to see the next performance put on by the Coastal Carolina University Department of Theater as they put on their rendition of “Steel Pier”.

‘Steel Pier’ will open Thursday, Feb. 21 and run until Saturday, Feb. 23, with all performances starting at 7:30 p.m. The show will then return the following Wednesday, Feb. 27 and run until Saturday, March 2. From Feb. 27 to March 2, all shows will start at 7:30 p.m. and special 3 p.m. performance will take place on Saturday, March 2.

All performances are happening at Wheelwright Auditorium and tickets are $25 each but if you show your student ID, you can get a discount.
Coastal Carolina takes a look at the meaning of Black History Month

O’Tia Prioleau // Reporter

Every year in the month of February, people across the United States take a minute to celebrate Black History Month. The month of February is our cultural landscape and a way to honor our ancestors’ legacy. Being proud of who we are is an amazing thing and it is what we should do on a day to day basis. Coastal Carolina University is a predominantly white institution, but allows minorities to have a voice.

Intercultural and Inclusion student services takes part as one of the spokesmen. Students of any race and ethnicity can set foot in their office and feel at home. It is serviced by Director Ashley Gaddy, Assistant Director Franklin Ellis, and Program Assistant Bertha C. Fladger.

The “Black And’ series was created by the Intercultural and Inclusion student services which consisted of: Black and Asian and Black-Jew Dialogues. The last two events in the series will be Feb. 21, which will the Black and Disabled: expected and unexpected at 6 p.m. and Feb. 28, which will be the LGBTQIA+ Drag Show at 7 p.m., both located in the coastal theater. You can head to intercultural and Inclusion events on the CCU website and follow them on Instagram @iissccu and Twitter @IISS_CCU for more functions.

Director Gaddy embraces the fact that “what’s really important about the Black And series, out of this office this year, is that we wanted to focus on an intersexual framework; there are so many stigmas that black is monalific and it equates to one other identity like black and Christian, but in reality it doesn’t. Black varies and blackness varies.”

Gaddy had a part in choosing what the other identities that may not be as popular for “us” to team up with blackness. She began doing her diversity work in Virginia.

She first started out in housing and residence life at George Mason University. Gaddy was over their night operations which meant she worked from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. starting on Wednesdays and ending on Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, she attended two classes. Then, she became a community coordinator and over saw a residence hall; that is where she did a lot of diversity work and because of that she took on a job at Virginia Commonwealth University where she was the assistant director of housing and multicultural.

“I wanted to move to strictly multicultural affairs and that’s how I came to [CCU]; to be the director and to focus on inclusion and interculturalism,” she said.

She is currently working on her sixth year in doctoral school in cultural studies. Her vision for when she first arrived in the Intercultural and Inclusions Office was to “respect the legacy that was [at CCU], but also start a shift.” IISS wants students to learn and have a desire to take initiative about what they can do at CCU. Gaddy has a goal to move that energy “back into the students so that they can put it in themselves.”

Gaddy gives response to Black History Month.

“As people of color I think the goal should be to celebrate the fact that we have power [and] always had power; in our knowledge, in our brilliance, in our beauty; it was just stripped away, we have always been legit. For non-melanated people, they need to realize that we’ve always been legit. Black History Month is to celebrate that and to make folks aware of that,” she said.

Assistant Director Franklin Ellis would like the students of CCU to attend more events.

“We do some great programming and people just don’t show up to them, so they are missing out on this culturally rich information,” Ellis said.

Ellis wants students to come by the office.

“Stop by the office, the doors are always open, or give me an email. We serve everyone; everyone has identities, everyone has multiple identities and we all have to navigate each other. Step in and find a place where you can be yourself and be appreciated,” he said.

The National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) just celebrated their founders week this past Wednesday, Feb. 12 of 110 years of service. President Armando Alford has been a part of NAACP for three years now. Ancestors of the struggle is a segment that allows the members of NAACP to portray a past ancestor. Right now, the date of Feb. 25 is selected, but if you check out their Instagram and Twitter, @ccu_naacp, you will receive more information on upcoming events.

“We include everybody in NAACP; not to be discriminated against, but to take all those racial and political issues. We try to be somebody to lean on. Getting our generation interested in the politics and [knowing what is going on around us] like the presidential election approaching,” Alford said.

NAACP believes and encourages that we have a voice even if you do not think you do. They held a voters registration in October that lead to the November election and another one may be in place soon.

“Be up to date with everything that is happening with our government; pay attention to all your local, worldly news. Remain aspirered and know you have potential to be who you are and never forget that,” Alford said.
Tempo looks to be ‘reborn’ in latest issue

Lizzy Notaro // Reporter

Tempo magazine is distributed twice a year at Coastal Carolina University, at the end of each semester. The most recent edition of the magazine is made up of artwork, poems, photo-essays, and personal stories from students on campus.

Tempo’s purpose is to engage CCU’s diverse growing student body. The Tempo Fall XVIII Volume XXI, Issue I covers relatable stories on personal hardships, overcoming your past, and how to cultivate the future.

Editor-in-chief Anne Kelley shares a letter in the beginning about the rebirth of the magazine and what the staff faced as they worked to complete this issue during Hurricane Florence and its aftermath. Kelley and her team really outdid themselves, especially while working through a natural disaster.

The personal stories shared in the magazine are some that take a lot of heart and bravery to share with the world. The writers stepped out of their comfort zones to share personal stories on some deep topics, from dealing with body dysmorphic disorder, depression, coming out, hardships, mental suicide, friendships. It is really inspiring to read these stories from these strong young men and women around campus.

In this issue, you will also find some interesting cultural stories on superstitions from different countries, and even some really amazing journeys through a student’s family’s heritage. Six different students also shared their stories through poetry.

The artwork is incredible throughout Tempo. Throughout the magazine, you will find illustrations, digital artwork, photos, and even paintings, all of which are really amazing. The artwork and photographs really tie in beautifully with the stories and poetry.

Tempo magazine can be found in locations all over campus. Check out these stories and challenge yourselves to read all of them, because one of your fellow students could be someone you can strongly relate with.

Follow Tempo on social at @Tempo_CCU on Twitter or Instagram.
Will we ever see a two-way player in American professional sports?

Ian Livingston Brooking // Editor in Chief

Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders. Two different prolific figures in sports with two different personalities.

Vincent “Bo” Jackson, played college football and baseball at Auburn University from 1982 to 1985, running for over 4,300 yards and winning the Heisman Trophy in his senior year. After tearing it up on the field in the fall, Jackson wowed spectators in the spring with his performances on the baseball diamond. At Auburn, Jackson recorded a batting average of .330, had 96 hits, 28 homeruns and 70 RBIs.

It should be noted that Jackson missed the 1984 baseball season due to injury and could not play for much of his 1986 senior season due to being deemed ineligible by the NCAA after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers lied to Jackson that his visit to team facilities was approved by the NCAA.

In a 2012 ESPN 30 for 30 documentary, Jackson said that he believed the failure to obtain NCAA approval was deliberate and was intended by the Buccaneers to get him to play football instead of baseball.

Jackson stuck with his vow and signed with the Kansas City Royals despite being drafted by the Buccaneers in 1986. During his time in baseball, Jackson would record 598 hits, 141 home runs and 415 RBIs. Jackson was pegged as an All-Star in 1989 and was named the MVP of the 1989 MLB All-Star Game.

In 1987, Jackson was able to get drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders in the seventh round. When he stepped back onto the football field, it was as if he never left. In his four seasons in the NFL, Jackson rushed for 2,782 yards and 16 touchdowns with an average yards per carry of 5.4. He also caught 40 passes for 352 yards and two touchdowns.


Jackson wowed audiences in both sports with a sense of humbleness. Jackson was known to not express himself, much unlike the other well-known multi-sport athlete: Deion “Prime Time” Sanders.

Sanders played at football at Florida State from 1985 to 1988. He was known return man and an excellent defender on the football field. As for his work on the baseball diamond, Sanders was known for stealing bases. Sanders was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1988 and made his major league debut on May 31, 1989.

Sanders baseball career spanned from 1989 to 1995, with stints in 1997 and 2001. During his time on the diamond, Sanders hit close to 40 home runs and stole over 185 bases.

When it came to football, Sanders was regarded as one of the best defensive players in the league, winning Defensive Player of the Year in 1994. Sanders played for the Atlanta Falcons from 1989 to 1993 while also playing for Atlanta’s MLB team, the Braves, from 1991 to 1994.

Sanders’ football career included time on four different teams from 1989 to 1995.
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New England South: What it is like to be a Boston sports fan at CCU

Brendan Donoghue // Reporter

On Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, the greatest quarterback in the history of the National Football league, along with the greatest head coach in the history of the National Football League secured their sixth (SIXTH) Super Bowl Championship. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick led the New England Patriots to a 13-3 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in what is sure to go down as one of the best defensive performances by the Patriots in franchise history.

With their Super Bowl victory, the Patriots ended a trying and difficult time in the lives of Boston fans. It had been a long and grueling three months since the latest Boston championship, when the Red Sox defeated the Dodgers in the World Series. With the Boston Celtics currently in position to secure a playoff spot and make a run at an NBA championship, who knows how long the next championship drought for the city of Boston will be? I guess we will just have to suffer through.

As a native of Attleboro, Massachusetts (a Boston suburb located in southeastern MA) I have grown up my entire life living and dying with each play, each game, and each season of the Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics, and Bruins. So, I was definitely curious as to how life in South Carolina would be when I came down to Coastal Carolina for college last fall. What I have found has been a plethora of fans from all over the northeast. New York, Boston, and Philly seem to me to be the cities most represented on campus judging from the hats, jerseys, and sweatshirts I see on my fellow students. There certainly is no shortage of people who are away from home representing their hometown teams.

What stands out to me the most is the difference in camaraderie amongst the people of South Carolina as compared to the people in Boston. Anywhere you go in Boston, most people are aware of the upcoming game, playoffs, or star players. Turn on the radio, and someone is being called a bum for their recent play or patrons at local restaurants are playing General Manager as they declare which moves the team should make in the offseason. Down here, you find none of that. This is not the fault of anyone, it is merely the result of a culture that has not grown up with local professional sports teams to root for. Down here, people are a mix of supporting their hometown team, fans of Charlotte, or Atlanta. This was a complete and utter culture shock. It never occurred to me that some people go through their life not having a hometown team to cheer for in the professional level. In my opinion, most native Bostonians would share my disbelief.

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I guess I just need to survive the scary months between the Super Bowl and the NBA Finals while I await more dominance from the greatest sports city in the world.
Real talk? Lube is awesome.
If you use safer sex barriers, then you should be using lube anyway because latex can break from friction. And if a penis-haver says condoms, no matter what size they are, don’t feel good? Put some lube on the inside of the condom. And, if a vagina can’t deal with the feel of latex, put some lube on the outside of the condom. Use lube with other barriers, like gloves and dental dams, too.

But, even if you choose not to use safer sex barriers, sometimes bodies don’t act the way we want them to. For instance, no matter how aroused a vagina is, sometimes it stays dry. This happens to people of all ages for loads of different reasons. When that’s the case, it usually helps to add some lube to the mix!

Besides the previous two points above, lube feels awesome, period. It’s wet and slick and can help sex feel better. Lots of people use it for masturbation, manual sex (touching someone else’s genitals), and oral sex. And if you ever choose to do anal, lube is an absolute must. The rectum does not produce lubrication on its own and the sensitive tissue can tear.

Lots of people find their skin irritated by the ingredients in lube. If this happens to you, read the ingredients. The most common culprits are glycerin, parabens, and other additives.

Water-based lube is the cheapest you will find. Since the main ingredient is water, it absorbs right back into the skin, so it usually needs to be re-applied. (Hint: they have little individual packets of these at Health Services! Go grab some!)

Silicone-based lube is more expensive, but it tends to last a bit longer than water-based lube. It does not absorb back into the body, making it ideal for anal sex, but it also stains sheets. It can also leave a lot of residue that can take a while to wash off afterward. Silicone lube isn’t compatible with silicone sex toys, since it will warp and damage the toy.

Oil-based lubes are not recommended. They degrade latex and can cause vaginal infections. While some people like coconut oil, others don’t. It’s better to stick to store-bought stuff that’s Safe.

Flavored lubes are great for oral sex! But they’re not good for penetration since sugar doesn’t bode well in the vagina or anus.

To get started, a bottle of plain old Astroglide from Walmart works wonders! For sensitive folks,

I’ve heard good things about the brands Pink and Sliquid. You can find these online at adult toy sites like lovehoney (which offers student discounts) or at drugstores like Walgreens and CVS.

Sampler packs also abound for those who want more variety!
Lube is cheap, easy to find, and good for people of all genders and orientations! So, remember to stay slick, and slide into using some lube for better sex!

Feel free to ask me sex and sexuality questions at chdouglas@coastal.edu. Even if your name shows up on the email, please note that I will keep all questions anonymous and that I will report any harassment emails to the university. Do not send me emails about my personal sex life, and please, no pictures. Otherwise, ask me anything you need to know! I’m eager and excited to help!
Approaching casual sex with the right mindset

Courtney Douglass

**Question**

I am a virgin and I just want to have sex one time with a girl. The problem is that I don’t know how to find a girl who will do it.

**Answer**

If you’re looking for casual sex like this, there are a few questions you should ask yourself.

1) Why do I want to have casual sex?

2) Am I ready to treat the people I have sex with like full people and give them the respect they deserve?

These questions aren’t to deter you from seeking casual sex per se. These are sound questions to ask yourself to figure out if it’s right for you.

See, if you just want to “get it over with,” you might want to hold off for right now. Too many people express regret over this kind of first-time sex. Often, when people wait, better opportunities show up later, and its sex everyone can feel good about afterward.

On the other hand, if you want to have sex to “get off,” then you aren’t in the right mindset to think of a partner and their needs. Masturbation, where it’s only about you, is the best outlet for when we feel this way. If it’s only about your needs, wants, and feelings, it’s best to wait for a partner until you can consider them, too.

I’d also like you to recognize that virginity—whatever that term means to you—isn’t a bad thing. Sometimes not having partnered sex gives us a good time to learn to be sexual with ourselves. It lets us focus on great nonsexual relationships and hone our communication skills.

All these things become useful when we do choose to become sexual with someone else.

Being a virgin doesn’t mean you’re a loser or a prude. It means that you haven’t had partnered sex yet. That’s it. Virginity doesn’t have to be burdensome. Like I said, it’s a good time to explore other avenues of your sexuality, all by yourself!

However, if you’re looking to experiment as two people that are having a whole lot of fun together, then that’s wonderful. It’s a great feeling to share your sexuality with others, no matter if it’s casual or committed.

The truth is there are a lot of girls in the exact same boat as you, who are seeking one-time, relationship-free sex. There’s no one place to find them, either. Try to talk to different girls and gauge the situation. After a while, if you’re sensing it’s ok for you to do so, tell them the kind of sex that you want, and ask if they want that too. That’s the best, safest way for everyone to benefit.

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Of course, you also need to make sure the other person is getting the respect they deserve. This means communicating with your partner and figuring out what they want out of sex. It means asking about their likes and dislikes.

Respect is using safer sex because you care enough to prevent STIs and pregnancy. It also means being upfront about what it is you want to do. Tell them you want this to be a one-time act and that you don’t want a relationship out of it. Then, only continue from there if that person wants the same.

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March Movies

The Coastal Theater Box Office hours: Friday and Saturday, 5 - 11 p.m.

Ticket prices: $2, includes one free popcorn. Previews start five minutes before show time.

Tickets may be purchased in advance beginning on Friday of movie night at 8:30 a.m.

Must show a CINO, CCU Alumni Association or HGTC ID Card to purchase a ticket(s).

March 1 - 2
6 p.m.: “Mary Poppins Returns”
9 p.m.: “Bumblebee”
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March 22 - 23
6 p.m.: “The Hate U Give”
9 p.m.: “Aquaman”
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March 29 - 30
6 p.m.: “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse”
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