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# THE CHANTICLEER

April 6, 2023

## Chants rock out for fundraising



Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Chi Rho and other student organizations came out to compete in the Chant Rock dance competition to raise money for the American Cancer Society as part of Relay for Life. Read more on page 5.

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# Provost Daniel Ennis named ninth president of Delta State University

**By Joshua Carroll**

Provost Daniel Ennis plans to leave for Delta State University after spending more than 20 years at Coastal Carolina University.

According to an announcement from Delta State University, Ennis has been appointed as their ninth president by the board of trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. He will begin serving in his new position starting June 1.

During the faculty senate meeting March 29, Ennis spoke on his departure and apologized for the circumstances under which the news was broken. He said he took part in a closed search for candidacy as a president in order to explore new job opportunities without giving the impression to his colleagues that he had “one foot out the door.”

However, due to the nature of this type of search, he said there was a news

leak March 28 four days before the official announcement was planned. As such, he said Delta State University wanted to advance the announcement.

“So, instead of having multiple days to go to all of the important people that I care about and let them know my news,” Ennis said. “I only had a few hours, and so there are many people in this room and on this campus and in this community that found out on social media. I wish it had not been this way.”

Ennis has been with Coastal since 1999 starting as an assistant professor of English. He’s served in his current position as provost and executive vice president since 2021 but has also served in many others since he was first employed at the University.

In his address, Ennis spoke about his

history with the university and said leaving is a bittersweet moment for him.

“I didn’t know that I would ever leave this institution. I’m very excited about what I get to do with the next chapter of my career, but I do not diminish my gratitude or my love for Coastal Carolina and all of the people that make this place—have made this place what it is,” he said.

President Michael Benson also spoke on Ennis’s departure during the meeting and said there are plans for an advisory committee that will find a successor.

“I’ll miss him as a friend and a colleague,” he said. “We will, however, as we move forward, make sure that our process is open and transparent and participatory, so you’ll hear more about an advisory committee that we’re anticipating will probably be seven people.”

# New class withdrawal policy approved

**By Joshua Carroll**

Coastal Carolina University’s Faculty Senate approved a motion to change the withdrawal policy during their meeting on Wednesday, March 29.

The motion, which was submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee, included changes to the timing and limits of student withdrawal from classes. These proposed changes are to limit the number of credits that an undergraduate student can drop with a W grade to 18 credits total. W grades are recorded on a student’s transcript but are not factored into GPA calculation.

It also included an extension of the date to drop a course with a W grade to the last day of class and a proposal to eliminate the WF grade, which is given when a student withdraws from a class after the deadline for withdrawing with a W. However, a WF grade is recorded on a student’s transcript and is factored into their GPA as a failing grade.

The proposal for the motion was

justified to improve student retention and decrease the number of students who lose financial aid due to excessive course drops. According to the proposal, this policy change will not impact students admitted prior to Fall 2023.

Provost Daniel Ennis spoke at the faculty senate meeting and said addressing withdrawal rates and increasing student retention is something he and his team have been working on since 2019. Despite his upcoming departure from the University on June 1, he emphasized the importance of policy changes in increasing retention and the upcoming challenge for his successor to achieve this.

“I just want to note that things like withdrawal dates and pace are actually extraordinarily important when you look at student success,” Ennis said.

The motion passed in a 52-3 vote with no members abstaining.

The only motion that wasn’t passed

was one to make calendar changes to the Spring 2024 semester.

The motion proposed for the start date for that semester to begin on Jan 17 instead of Jan. 8. This also included changing April 24 as the last day of classes and May 2 as the last day of finals to having May 3 be the last day of the term and allow final exams within the last week of classes.

Some senate members expressed concern about this policy change such as Associate Professor Jonathan Acuff. He said he initially voted in favor of this policy change when the provost office had sent a survey out but then reconsidered.

“I am married to a lecturer who proceeded to bang me over the head for voting for that, reminding me that people who teach [May 5] will have a very different grading experience at the end of the semester if they vote this in,” Acuff said.

The motion was voted to be postponed and discussed at a later date.



# Clock is ticking for TikTok on college campuses

## Horry-Georgetown Technical College bans the video sharing platform

By Maci Kaye Anderson

Horry-Georgetown Technical College implemented a TikTok ban on March 23 effective immediately from its campus network.

The ban of the video sharing platform is in response to South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster's request for state agencies to ban the app. In December, McMaster began to take action to ban TikTok off all state government electronic devices from the advisement of federal law enforcement, national security officials, and the South Carolina Department of Administration. Since then, the governor requested for agencies like colleges and universities to follow out of cyber security concerns.

Federal bills have been introduced to attempt to primarily ban TikTok from its 150 million American users and originally received bipartisan support. Senate Bill 686, the Restrict Act, would evaluate any apps owned by "foreign adversaries" with over 1 million active U.S. users for national security purposes.

According to Associate Vice President of University Communication and Marketing Ashley Holloway, current discussions are taking place regarding the status of implementing a TikTok block on Coastal Carolina University networks.

"We are committed to keeping our network safe and secure and protecting the safety and privacy of our students, faculty and staff," Holloway said. "In the event current discussions result in policy changes at the university level, a directive will be shared with the campus community."

Senate Bill 1477, the DATA Act, was proposed by Senator Josh Hawley who attempted to receive unanimous consent, but it did not pass due to opposition.

Majority of TikTok users and communities oppose the proposed bill due to the concern of whether the bill would be a viable constitutional framework or would interfere with basic American freedoms. According to some TikTok users and creators on the app, they said they

enjoy the platform's source of creating communities within education, news and business. The Restrict Act has been ridiculed for appearing as "the Patriot Act on steroids" as it could pose larger challenges to civil liberties and censorship.

Sophomore psychology major Madison Johnson said she understands where the government and colleges are coming from but sees this as an issue for users who rely on the app for content and as a source of income.

"I'm not on TikTok, so it wouldn't offend me, but I can see how it would affect those who are making a living from it," Johnson said.

Joseph Fitsanakis, a professor of intelligence and national security studies, believes the concern is not TikTok itself but the fact the Chinese government could demand TikTok to share the privately owned information legally in hopes to violate one's privacy.

"Companies in China cannot really get much traction in terms of getting permission to do things unless they essentially promise to work with the government to accommodate any requests for accessing data that is stored in their servers," Fitsanakis said. "TikTok has

said that they are going to comply to U.S. request to store data on American servers. To me, it would solve part of the problem, but I think it is too late for Congress, or whomever, to believe in what TikTok says."

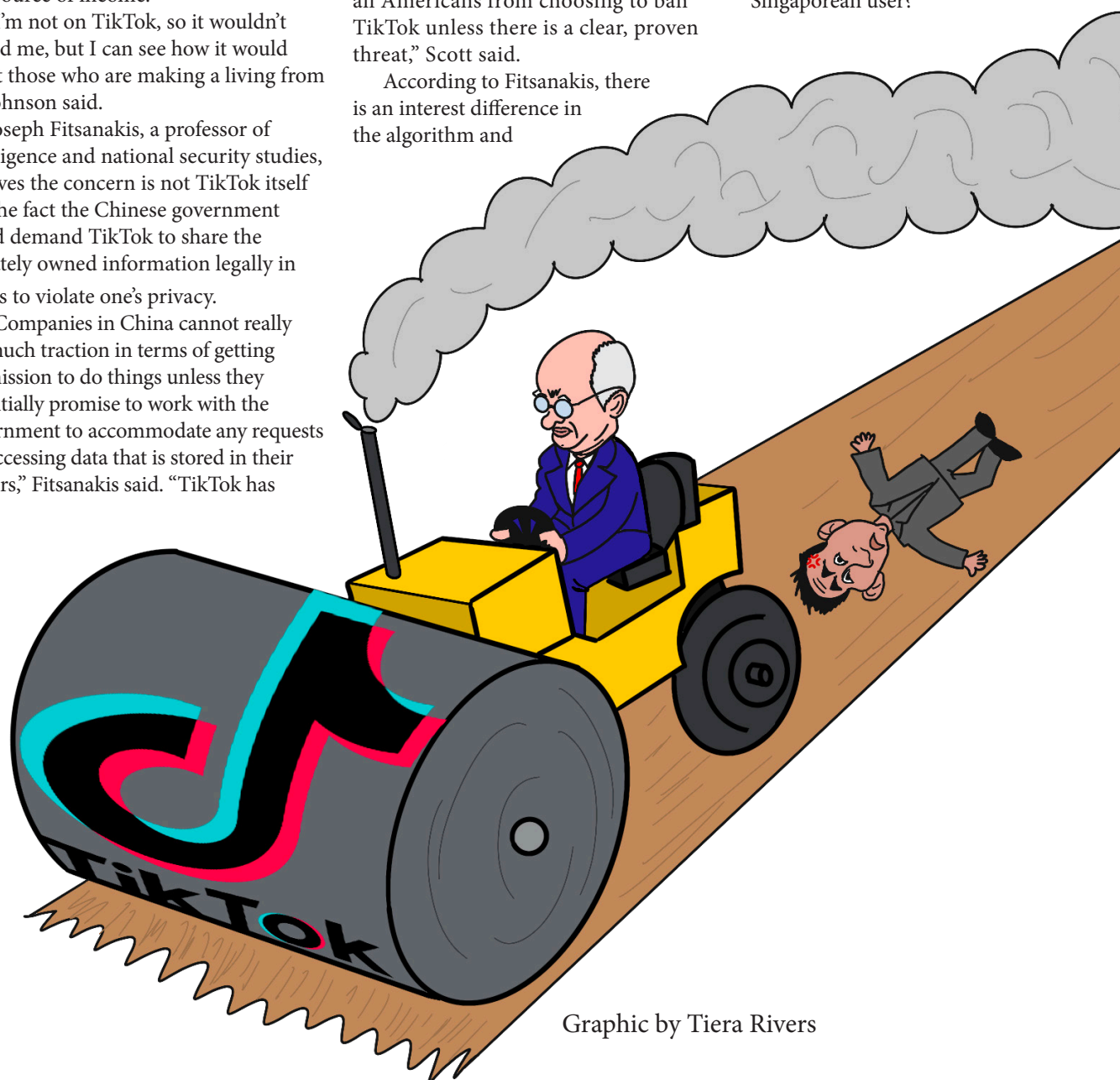
Nicole Scott, a sophomore philosophy and criminal justice major, said she understands the concern of foreign security, but does not know if banning an app at the federal level is a feasible solution.

"I do think it's ridiculous to ban all Americans from choosing to ban TikTok unless there is a clear, proven threat," Scott said.

According to Fitsanakis, there is an interest difference in the algorithm and

content between America and China, as Chinese feeds focus more on inspirational content compared to America. He said it is important to consider the type of information that is promoted to consider who exactly is determining the algorithm.

"Is this an attempt to deprogram an entire people and make them focus on frivolous things?" Fitsanakis asked. "Who decides what algorithms we get to see as Americans verses a Chinese or a Singaporean user?"



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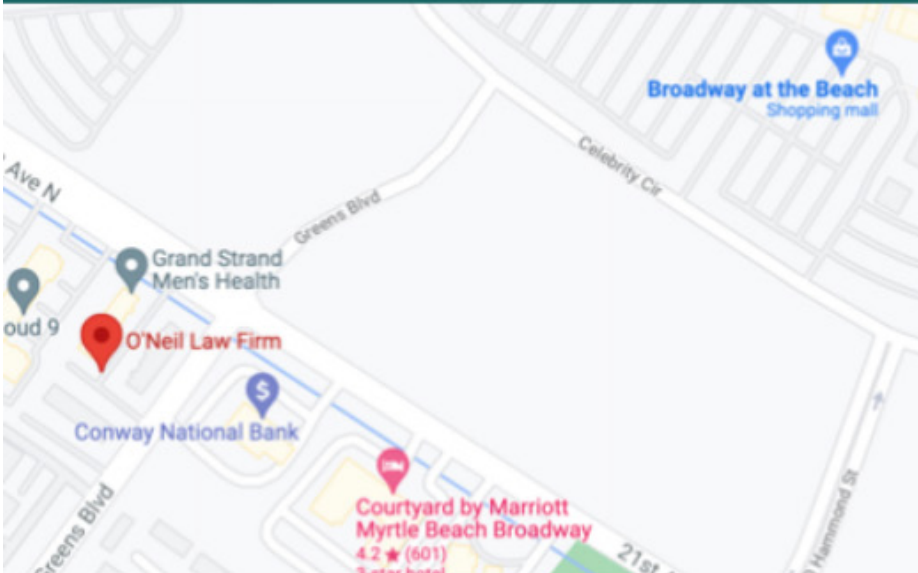
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# Saddle up for Chant Rock

**By Dyneira Brown and Madison Sharrock**

Crowds jam-packed the HTC Recreation and Convocation Center to raise money and awareness at the second annual dance competition known as Chant Rock.

This year's theme was "Give Cancer the Boot" and all money spent to attend Chant Rock, a part of the University's Relay for Life program, was donated to the American Cancer Society.

To go along with the theme of the event, many organizations presented themselves with a focal point of country music, dances, and other aspects of the genre. There were various organizations who performed original dance routines for the crowd to enjoy.

Senior biology major Marissa Mansfield said she was impressed by the amount of effort each team put in for their performance.

"I love how some groups branched out from the usual country songs and had their own theme for the competition," Mansfield said.

The seven groups that took the stage were all combinations of fraternities, sororities, university recreation, and the PGA Golf Management program. Each

group had unique styles and had parts in their routines that gave everyone a chance to shine in the spotlight.

After all the organizations performed, the judges deliberated and eventually chose the winner of the Chant Rock event. The students from PGA Golf Management and the University Recreation organization won the competition and accepted their trophy.

Taylor Balint, a sophomore communication major and member of Gamma Phi Beta at CCU, said she was happy with the turnout this year and congratulated the winning team.

"It literally had me crying like a big baby because they did such a phenomenal job," Balint said. "I felt like the emotion was through the roof. It was very touching."

This year, Balint passed her goal of \$5,600 and raised \$6,732.82 in honor of her mother, Jennifer, who died just a day before her 18th birthday on May 7, 2021.

She described her mother as the most "beautiful, self-less, inspiring and strongest woman" Balint has ever met. While her mother was battling cancer, Balint said she always had a smile on her face. Her mother's courage, she said, gives her a reason to continue to live her life after the loss.

She said her grandfather Michael, who is currently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, gave her another reason to fundraise in Relay for Life. A donation of just 50 cents meant a lot to her to surpass her expected goal.

"It literally left me speechless. My jaw was on the floor," Balint said about seeing how much money was raised.

She said she plans to continue raising money for Relay for Life in the future and possibly work with the American Cancer Society to bring the cause to her hometown. Balint encourages students who have lost a parent to cancer or are facing a similar situation to reach out to her.

"I don't want, especially someone my age, to feel what I did, watching someone I love and care about go through that," she said.

Team members spoke in a video during the performance about the people they danced for and were happy to win the competition knowing their loved ones were with them.

CCU alumni and fitness instructor Kayla Stewart said it was a special moment for her to dance with her teammates and felt like it was an honor to be a part of the event. She said it meant everything to help raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

"For me personally, I've watched close

family members and friends battle it," she said. "I've also lost both of my grandmas to it."

Stewart said when she heard her team was announced the first-place prize, she was in shock. She said she felt surreal and proud to bring energy toward an event that supported a good cause.

"Being out there in front of friends, family, and CCU was extremely special, but being alongside my team members meant the world to me," Stewart said.

As performers competed for the Chant Rock trophy, there was a panel of judges that featured some familiar faces that students may know from campus. At the judging table was marketing professor Matthew Gilbert, dance director of the Chanticleer Girls Dance Team Lady Dance, and head football coach Tim Beck.

Between performances, the DJ would play fan favorites such as "Tennessee Whiskey" and "Sweet Caroline" to keep the crowd engaged. Announcers would also remind the audience about the goal for Relay for Life and how much the money would mean to anyone who was affected or has a loved one affected by Cancer.

# Giving cancer the boot

**By Paige Sullivan**

After spending 12 hours in Blanton Park, the Coastal Carolina University community raised \$82,877.04 in total on April 2 for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life began in May 1985 when Gordon Klatt walked and ran around a track for 24 hours straight in Tacoma, Washington, to raise money for the American Cancer Society. He raised more than \$27,000 from pledges after walking and running 83.6 miles. A year later, 19 teams were a part of the first Relay for Life event.

Now, over 5,000 Relay for Life events take place every year.

According to the American Cancer Society, one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. For many people, participating in Relay for Life was a way to support loved ones who had been diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers.

Biology major Brooke Dimery said she plans to research cancer treatments on marine organisms in the future. She said she joined relay in honor of her mom, grandmother, and "everyone that is affected by this terrible disease"

"Relay brings hope and awareness to everyone that is affected and the people

who care for them," Dimery said.

During the event, attendees were able to participate in a variety of games, such as water balloon toss, cornhole, and even ride a mechanical bull.

"My favorite part of Relay for Life was getting to walk with everyone," Tristan Rice, a member of organizations Coastal Elasmobranch Society and The Sea Floor said. "They were all so kind and energetic."

Coastal Carolina's Relay for Life was organized by the membership team, which consisted of students and staff from all majors and departments. They fulfilled the American Cancer Society's mission of

saving lives, celebrating lives, and leading the fight for a cancer free world.

On top of participating in games, teams were able to collect money by running raffles, games and much more.

"I enjoyed representing Phi Sigma Sigma and being able to make a difference in my community," business management major Joann Nammachack said.

Later, a Luminaria ceremony was held in honor and remembrance of loved ones who were impacted by cancer. This was followed by a moment of silence for those whose lives were lost to cancer.

People can learn more about cancer and how to get involved at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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# Your Astrological Forecast

## Horoscopes for the week of Apr 10<sup>th</sup> to Apr 17<sup>th</sup>

### Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19):

This week, you may be feeling extra passionate and ready to embark on new challenges. Use this energy to pursue your goals and don't be afraid to take risks. Just be sure to take breaks and rest when you need to, so you don't burn out.

### Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20):

You may be feeling more introspective this week, Taurus. Take time to reflect on your past and use it to guide your future. Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

### Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20):

This week may bring some unexpected changes or surprises, Gemini. Embrace these changes and see them as opportunities for growth. Don't be afraid to speak up and share your thoughts and ideas with others.

### Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22):

You may be feeling more emotional than usual this week, Cancer. Take time to prioritize self-care and feel your emotions. Use this week to connect with loved ones and nurture your relationships.

### Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22):

This week may bring some challenges, but don't let them discourage you, Leo. You have the strength and determination to overcome any obstacle. Use this week to focus on your goals and trust that everything will work out in the end.

### Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22):

You may be feeling scattered this week, Virgo. Try to prioritize your tasks and focus on what's most important. Don't be afraid to ask for help or delegate tasks to others.

### Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22):

This week, you may feel more social and outgoing, Libra. Use this energy to connect with others and build relationships. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try new things.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21):

You may be feeling conflicted this week, Scorpio. Take time to reflect on your values and beliefs, and use this reflection to guide your actions. Don't be afraid to make tough decisions and stand up for what you believe in.

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21):

This week may bring unexpected opportunities, Sagittarius. Keep an open mind and be willing to take risks. Use this week to pursue your passions and explore creative ideas.

### Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19):

You may be feeling overwhelmed this week, Capricorn. Try to prioritize your tasks and focus on what's most important. Don't be afraid to ask for help or delegate tasks to others.

### Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18):

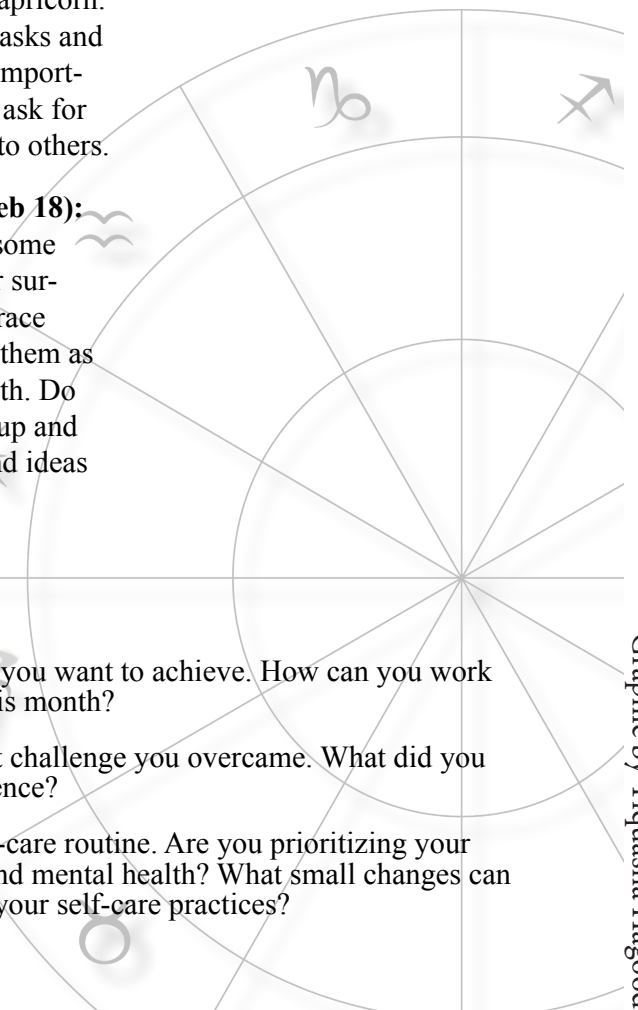
This week may bring some unexpected changes or surprises, Aquarius. Embrace these changes and see them as opportunities for growth. Do not be afraid to speak up and share your thoughts and ideas with others.

### Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20):

You may be feeling more intuitive and creative this week, Pisces. Use this energy to pursue your passions and explore creative ideas. Don't be afraid to trust your instincts and take risks.

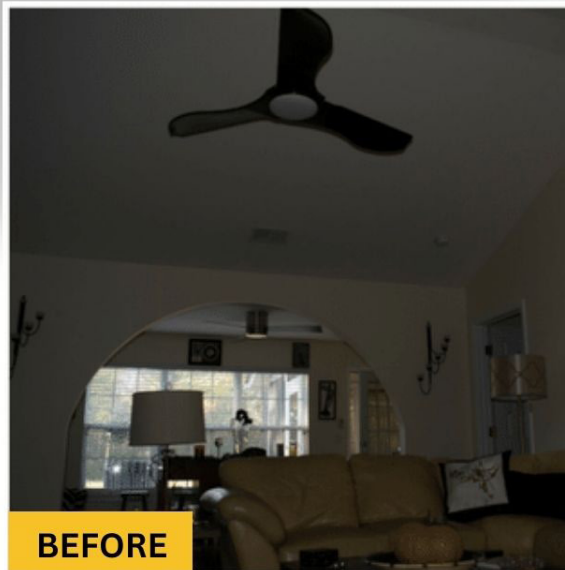
### Journal prompts:

1. Identify three goals you want to achieve. How can you work towards these goals this month?
2. Write about a recent challenge you overcame. What did you learn from this experience?
3. Reflect on your self-care routine. Are you prioritizing your physical, emotional, and mental health? What small changes can you make to improve your self-care practices?

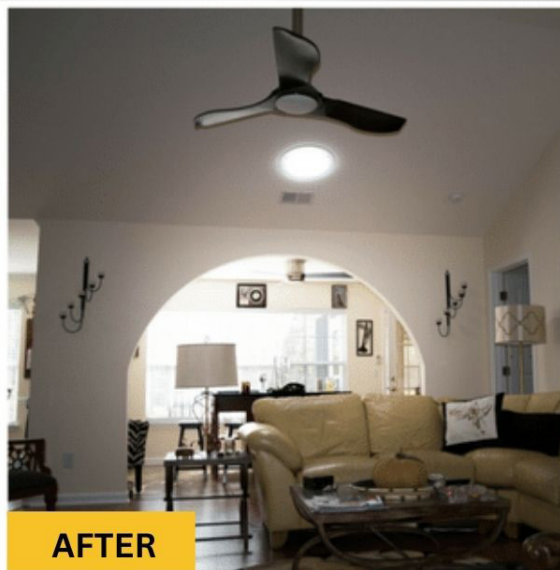




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# The Kid Laroi performs for students on tour

By Caroline Surface

The Kid Laroi began his “Bleed For You” tour on March 22 at Syracuse University. In total, the singer is set to perform at 18 college campuses, as well as Coachella, in mid-April.

I love concerts in general, so as soon as the dates were announced I knew I had to go. I bought tickets when they first went on sale in early February, and they were around \$50 each. I went to his show on April 2 in Columbia, South Carolina, which is about a 2 ½ hour drive away from Coastal Carolina University.

The venue for the show was Colonial Life Arena, home to the University of South Carolina’s basketball team. The whole floor of the venue was general admission and seats were in the venue’s first tier. I sat in section 105 Row 2, which offered a great view to the right of the stage.

The show opened with a performance by Jeremy Zucker. He is an up-and-coming artist with some great hits. I have heard many of his songs like “comethru” and “you were good to me” from TikTok.

You could feel the emotion through Zucker’s set. Before a lot of his songs, he would tell the crowd the story behind

his songwriting process. Like many artists, a lot of his inspiration comes from love and heartbreak.

About 20-30 minutes after Zucker’s set, Laroi came on the stage. He began his set standing on a cage-like structure encased with fake lions. The set was cool, and added to his genre-switching performance as he went from rap to pop.

He performed his greatest hits like “Without You,” “Go (feat. Juice Wrld),” “Thousand Miles,” and “Stay (feat. Justin Bieber).” Additionally, he performed a new song that he told the crowd would be on his next album.

Besides the music and set design, something I really enjoyed from the show was how he interacted with his audience. During a part of his set, he asked the crowd if they had ever been heartbroken. He then asked a fan in front of him the name of the guy who broke her heart, and then had the audience all boo the heartbreaker.

The concert altogether lasted around two hours including the breaks in between. The Kid Laroi is an energetic performer, and I would see him again if given the opportunity.



Photo by Caroline Surface

Singer The Kid Laroi interacts with the crowd during his set April 2. He went into the general admission section and sang with fans directly.

# Crowning royalty at Miss Black and Gold pageant

By Trent Fitch

To help recognize and applaud women as role models for the community, Coastal Carolina University’s Nu Phi Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted the annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant on April 2 in Wheelwright Auditorium.

Students Camiyah Binns, Alexis Cornelius, Kaylin Daniels, Aumani Green, Kaci Dozier were the five contestants competing in the event. They were judged on their poise, personality, charm, beauty and intelligence in a series of onstage questions, active wear, talent, and formal eveningwear that progressed throughout the competition. The showcase led to various awards and scholarships being given to all the contestants, a decision that

was up to the opinions and thoughts of the judges and audience.

“If you always stay true to yourself, you can accomplish all your dreams,” first runner up Miss New Phi Green said.

Entertainment did not just occur during the events but also between and after so the contestants could get ready. Amos Wise gracefully sang “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson, The Gospel Warriors spectacular “Praise Dance,” and featured some kind-hearted jokes from host and student Shaun Wyatt to pass time. There was even a man named Kevin Emily selling various art pieces inspired by the event in Wheelwright’s lobby.

It all led to Dozier being crowned 2023’s Miss Black and Gold.

“Congratulations to all the girls since they are the epitome of excellence, grace, and beauty while I wish them the best,” Dozier said. “I am grateful for both New Phi and the opportunity.”

Once the event was over, contestants thanked the judges and audience members for this opportunity, a moment that was leading all parties to tears. Photos, flowers and admiration were originally supposed to be held in the lobby, but guests could not wait that long and quickly ran on stage to quickly capture the moment as soon as possible.

“This was a great experience, and I am so glad that I could be a part of everyone and this event,” second runner up Miss 1978 Kaylin Daniels said.



Photo by Trent Fitch

(Left to right): Aumani Green, Camiyah Binns, Kaci Dozier, Alexis Cornelius, and Kaylin Daniels. Contestants congratulating themselves and everyone else for this amazing experience.



# Career services

## By Brooklynn Hughes

Offering a variety of opportunities, Career Services at Coastal Carolina University has the mission of helping students build their own professional success.



### Major and Career Selection

Helping students find their perfect career path is part of the job of career and major counseling. Through the provided career assessment tool, students can fill out a self-report to investigate different majors and find the one that best fits them.

Additionally, students can see occupations and companies who hire graduates with majors they have selected. Job shadowing opportunities are also available through the Career Services web page.

### Resume Help

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### Internships

While gaining professional skills, experience in their fields, and academic credit, students can access links to internships all across the world. Career Services provides both individual assistance during every step of the process as well as opportunities to encourage students from all majors to review available resources.



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## Job Search

The job search page found through career services provides multiple employment search engines for students in search of internships and careers. Handshake, CareerShift, Big Interview, and BuzzFile are linked on the website to help students in their post-graduation job search. Also linked online is a salary negotiation guide to help students achieve their highest potential.

## Graduate School Information

Free resources and guides are available to help students research and explore graduate school options. Along with test preparation, the website includes tips on writing a personal statement and links to graduate school exams.

## Chants Career Handouts

Including links and worksheets to all previously mentioned academic opportunities, Chants Career Handouts is the place to go when looking for tips and guidelines for career search aid. Steps to curate the perfect LinkedIn account can be found on the webpage.



# “Nevermind” by Nirvana

By Jacob Ackerman

Nirvana needs no introduction for their legacy and music left behind, everyone should know about them somewhat. That shirt with the squiggly smiley face, yeah that one, that’s their logo.

We are going to take a look at the album that changed radio. “Nevermind,” paved the way for grunge and alternative rock into mainstream radio in the ‘90s.

You would have to be living underneath a rock to have never heard the opening song, “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” The music video alone has over 1.6 billion streams as of right now with almost 5 million comments. This would be one of the infamous songs to iconify the Seattle sound.

Next is “In Bloom,” a song that really was made to make fun of fake fans who didn’t read into the meaning of their music and just liked them because they were gaining popularity. The following tune is “Come As You Are” with one of their most famous riffs and what became a darker tone of fortune telling of lead vocalist Kurt Cobain’s death.

“Breed” packs some serious drumming, and it’s rumored to be focused on Kurt’s ex-girlfriend Tobi Vail. There are many ways to read into this song as it talks about being against society or just not conforming to the norms, but I see it as a guy having some doubts but also really wanting to stay with his girl. Next up is “Lithium” which is named after the drug some people use to deal with depression. It’s mainly focused on depression and trying to hold out through the ups and downs and misfortune life may throw at us.

Then comes “Polly,” a dark song based off an actual court case from Washington state about a girl who was kidnapped, raped, and tortured until she escaped. Cobain was horrified and based the song on how the rapist was released early in 1980 for rape charges and went on to allegedly rape

another girl dubbed “Polly” in 1987.

Switching the flow back into a more intense song is “Territorial Pissings.” This is repetitive, but it also conveys the feeling of everyone being against you or the whole “us against the world” feel. I have heard people say the song is about Native Americans. Personally, I don’t really see the connection, but Cobain usually had some ambiguity in his lyrics to make them more applicable to everyone who listens.

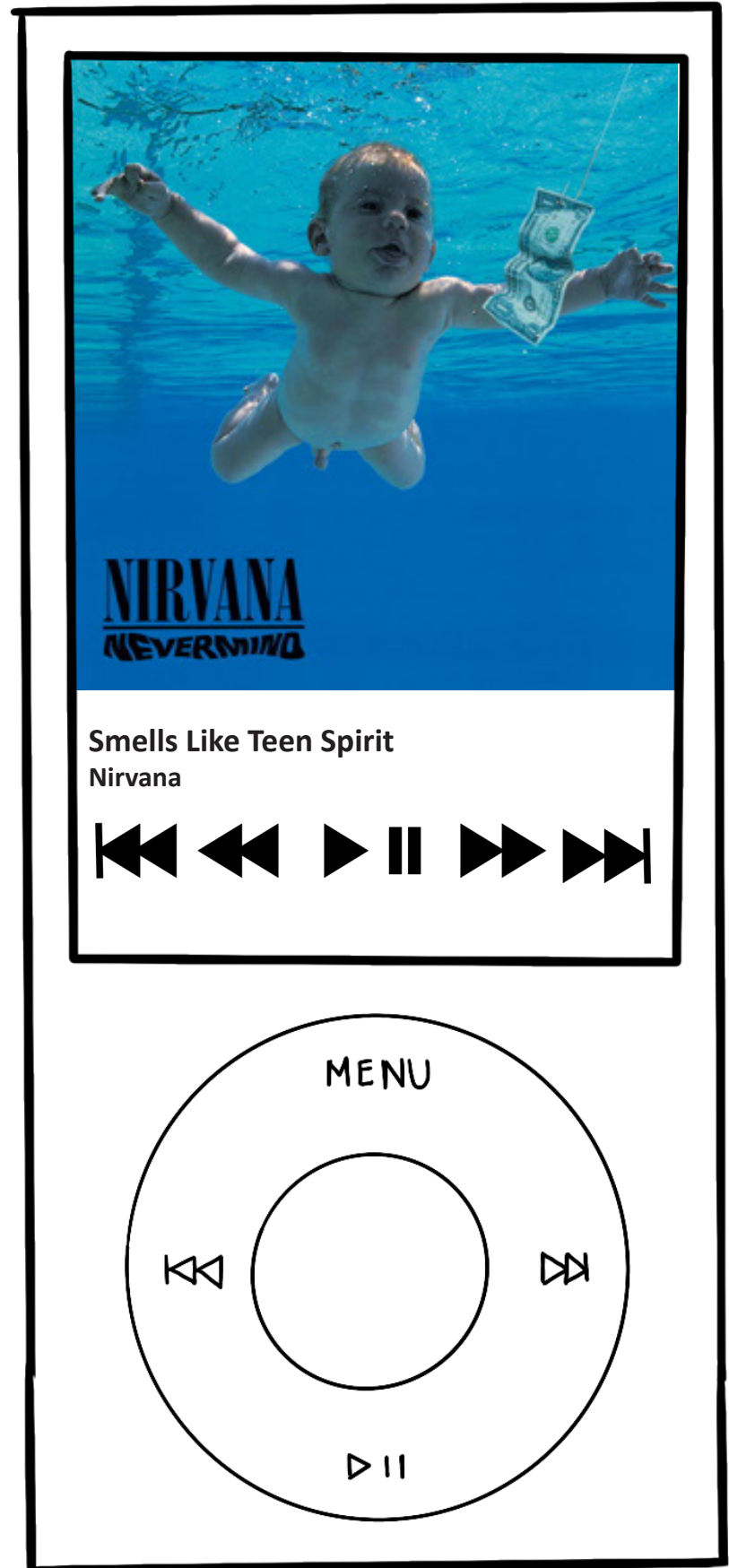
The album features the underrated song, “Drain You,” which is overlooked too often for how good it is and is rumored to have been one of Cobain’s favorite songs he made. After that is “Lounge Act,” named for the bass line after bassist Kirst Novoselic and Cobain made jokes about how it sounded like lounge music.

No album is perfect, and each has its shortcomings. This album’s shortcoming is “Stay Away” because it does not live up to the other songs on the album and is stale in comparison. This song does not capture that Nirvana feeling and feels as if it was written by someone else.

“Nevermind” picks back up with “On A Plain,” a bop that strangely is a song about writing songs.

To finish off the album on a high note, we have “Something In The Way,” a darker, slower song with a more acoustic tone to it that really hammers the emotion in. I always felt this song was slept on and finally was greatly utilized in the 2022 film, “The Batman,” where it gained traction and popularity. It is a soft melancholic way to dial out a great album.

Overall, “Nevermind” is a solid album, and almost every song is definitely worth a listen. For my top picks, I won’t choose the ones everybody knows. That would be too easy. My top picks are “Drain You,” “Polly,” “Territorial Pissings” and “Lounge Act.”



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# Megamind sequel coming to TV screens soon

By Maci Kaye Anderson

“Megamind” from 2010 is receiving a sequel television series which is expected to be on Peacock streaming services in 2024, and there is a lot the viewers can expect to see.

Lately, studios have released sequels to fill nostalgia in viewers and draw in a new audience, and DreamWorks Pictures has continued to follow in their footsteps from the success of the sequel “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish.” Instead of following the same approach, DreamWorks has chosen to shift to a series format of the show which may be more beneficial to more lore and storyline than only a movie can provide. Many shows like Disney’s “Tangled” and “Tangled the Series” have accomplished this approach successfully in the past to continue an existing storyline.

There are little details on the content, but I comprised four main possibilities of how the show and its tentative title, “Megamind’s Guide To Defending Your City” could approach this new chapter.

In the first film, audiences saw the character Megamind leave his evil ways to realize that heroes are made rather than destiny setting their purpose in stone, and he becomes the city’s new hero. The sequel is very likely to show Megamind battling his roots and taking the form of

the anti-hero, or possibly struggling with adjusting to the good side.

This approach could be compared to Disney’s “Descendants 2” where the main protagonist Mal reconsiders who she is and returns to her evil ways to ultimately understand how she isn’t who she once was.

Similarly, one could expect to see the city question Megamind’s capabilities due to his past choices, destruction of the city and unresolved 85 life sentences he was charged with. He may be on a quest to prove his need of service to the city, which could be best compared to Disney’s “The Incredibles 2” where the city wants to legally suppress heroes with supernatural capabilities.

Another route the television series could take would be similar to Illumination’s “Despicable Me 2” where the villain becomes a hero through taking up similar roles, such as a spy or father. An approach of Megamind pursuing a similar career that would still require him to showcase his mastermind and plotting qualities would be a supportive way to showcase the character.

Lastly, another method DreamWorks may use is creating an independent series with a completely new storyline, where viewers could watch the show with little to no knowledge of the original. Successful movies that have been able to

redirect their focus on a new aspect rather than a sole continuation can be seen in DreamWorks’ “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish” and Disney’s “Frozen 2.” These sequels allow a completely separate story

and adventure altogether.

Until more information is released, fans can only speculate how the series will cater to new and old audiences alike in an entertaining manner.



Poster provided by DreamWorks

## Meme of the week

By Sarah T. Jackson

This meme of the week pokes fun at those who need to wear glasses.

The meme has gone viral reaching over 3 million likes on social media platforms including Instagram, as well as Facebook.

The photo associated with this meme is from a very popular children’s book known as “Winnie-the-Pooh. The titular character is looking at a piece of paper trying to see what is on the page and by doing so the character is squinting to see what is on the page.

The text on the meme says, “Me showing my bestie a funny meme.”

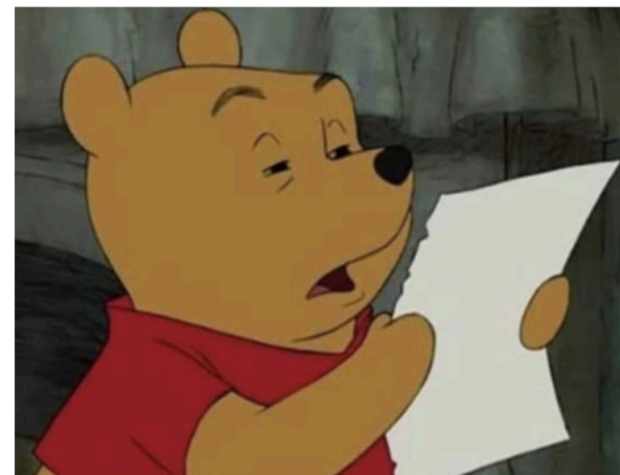
This meme going around perfectly captures the look when you try to show someone a funny meme on

your phone. Meanwhile, you have already seen the meme and processed its humor while your friend is making a face at the phone trying to read the caption.

A student asked if memes were going to fade and become irrelevant. My response to this question was memes are somewhat new and it would take a long time to dissect every popular meme that has been shared on the internet.

However, the viral and notable memes are cultural movements that provide a memory of a moment in time and a foundation for understating the constant evolution of communication.

**Me showing my bestie a funny meme**  
**My bestie:**





# Chant Tea: Moving in, moving out

By Sazie Eagan

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOUSING PLANS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER?



### Ella Dietzel

Hometown: Aiken, South Carolina

Major: Design and production theatre

Year: Junior

“I am planning on living in University Place student housing.”



### Rachel Jeric

Hometown: Conway, South Carolina

Major: Interdisciplinary studies

Year: Junior

“I live with my sister, and we live about fifteen minutes away from campus. So, we’ll have a little apartment together.”



### Janessa Lopez

Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts

Major: Marine science

Year: Freshman

“I plan to get my hold lifted and apply to live at [University Place].”



### Bernard Brown

Hometown: North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Major: Geography, anthropology

Year: Freshman

“I’m going to be at [University Place] next year. Hopefully either Piedmont or Blue Ridge.”



### Jacob Phillips

Hometown: Waynesburg, Pennsylvania

Major: Theatre

Year: Junior

“It’s kinda up in the air right now. The last three years I lived off campus with my family and it might still be that way come fall. If things go well over the summer, I am going to be moving into off campus housing with some friends, but probably not anything affiliated with Coastal.”



### Paolo Roditti

Hometown: Ecuador, South America

Major: Business management

Year: Freshman

“I am going to say off campus at Bellamy that is across [S.C. Hwy 501].”



# The Chanticleer wins big alongside other Palmetto schools

By The Chanticleer staff



South Carolina Press Association (SCPA) award winners from *The Chanticleer* brought home plaques of first, second and third place awards as well as Coastal Carolina University's first Mundy Scholar. The SCPA hosted the ceremony at Clemson University and invited other collegiate newspapers from the state to celebrate their achievements. *The Chanticleer* won three awards in Division H (over 5,000) and three in the Open Division.

Photo by Jacob Bashura

Left to right: Tiera Rivers, Jacob Bashura, Megan Wallace, Madison Sharrock, Jacob Hensley, Sarah T. Jackson, Shelbi Ankiewicz and Josh Carroll.

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"The fact that the newspaper in general won an award is great because we haven't won an award for the actual newspaper in years because there was a period of time that the newspaper wasn't doing good. Even though it was third place, it shows that the newspaper is actually going somewhere and heading in some sort of direction. It just shows how the newspaper is coming and how much more we have to advance."

- Shelbi Ankiewicz

"I think it's very, I guess, humbling to see people that came before me, people that I'm currently working with, to see just how the great things that they've been able to do and that they are being recognized for it. I think sometimes it can be difficult to keep going and to keep working and to feel like you're not making progress, but then to see someone that does recognize that."

- Josh Carroll



## 2023 Mundy Scholar: Madison Sharrock



Photo by Jacob Bashura

"It kind of makes me want to cry. I never expected any of this to happen. I joined the newspaper as a fun hobby, and quickly became the assistant editor and now am the Mundy Scholar and now won an award with the old editor-in-chief Megan, who became a very close friend with me. It's exciting and humbling and surreal. I hope to stick around to see the growth of the newspaper to even further compete with universities like Clemson and *The Tiger* newspaper or University of South Carolina in *The Daily Gamecock* because I think one day *The Chanticleer* could be a legacy newspaper."

- Madison Sharrock

The Mundy Scholarship is named after the late president of the South Carolina Press Association Foundation, Frank R. Mundy. The scholarship is awarded to one rising junior or senior student journalist in the state. *The Chanticleer's* Madison Sharrock was named the 2023 Mundy Scholar for her recognition of her outstanding promise as a journalist. Sharrock is the first Mundy recipient from Coastal Carolina University.

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## 2nd Place News story: Madison Sharrock and Megan Wallace



Photo by Megan Wallace



Photo by Jacob Bashura

In their article, "Housing hiccups as enrollment increases," former Editor-in-Chief Megan Wallace and current Assistant Editor Madison Sharrock addressed the overflow of students and lack of beds in September 2022. To combat the issue, Coastal Carolina University students lived eight miles from campus at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. In the fall semester of 2022, Wallace and Sharrock reported 2,693 freshmen were admitted but only 2,530 beds in on-campus housing were available. Each year, President Benson said administrators expect what they call a "summer melt" when students are accepted to CCU but do not commit, which did not happen.

"I was really excited when I first found out I won the award because I had never won any awards for journalism. We did a really good job, but I need to give myself some credit. I can do good and impactful things that will help people. At the beginning of the year, we branded ourselves as Woodward and Bernstein. And so, when we won this award, it was like the culmination of that whole fantasy."

- Megan Wallace



## 2nd Place Page one design: Jacob Bashura, Tiera Rivers and Sarah T. Jackson

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"After three years of working with the newspaper, it's pretty exciting to finally be able to earn one of these awards for myself. And throughout the ceremony, as I'm listening and looking at the different awards, I'm also thinking of how I'm going to improve and do better for next year."

- Jacob Bashura

## 3rd Place Specialty page design: Tiera Rivers

### New arboretum in the works

A place to explore, learn and relax in nature

By Jacob Hensley

The students who are behind the construction of an arboretum, which they proposed back in Fall of 2019, are finally seeing it become a reality.

The arboretum is located between Wheelwright Auditorium and Baxley Hall.

Robert Mealy, the Sprout club president and a junior at Coastal, was part of the original group that proposed the arboretum development.

Sprout is a student organization that promotes sustainability activities and provides educational experiences for students on campus.

Mealy said conservation is a big part of his career path in marine biology, so he has been on board with the project from the beginning.

He said the arboretum was placed beside Wheelwright because of the area's high number of native trees. He said there are plans for many new developments.

"We're planning on turning the whole campus into an arboretum with native and non-native trees," Mealy said.

"There are other new additions coming to the arboretum as well.

Dominique Cagalan, director of arboriculture, said she hopes the arboretum can even become an outdoor learning space for classes on campus.

"An arboretum is like a curated collection of trees. You can think of it as kind of an outdoor museum where all of the pieces are

data on them. She said the tree team is uploading all the information collected from trees on campus to a database that will function as an

environmental restoration is what led her to getting involved with the arboretum.

"I thought this would be great experience for me to get a base knowledge for what it's like to rehabilitate an area," Wolski said.

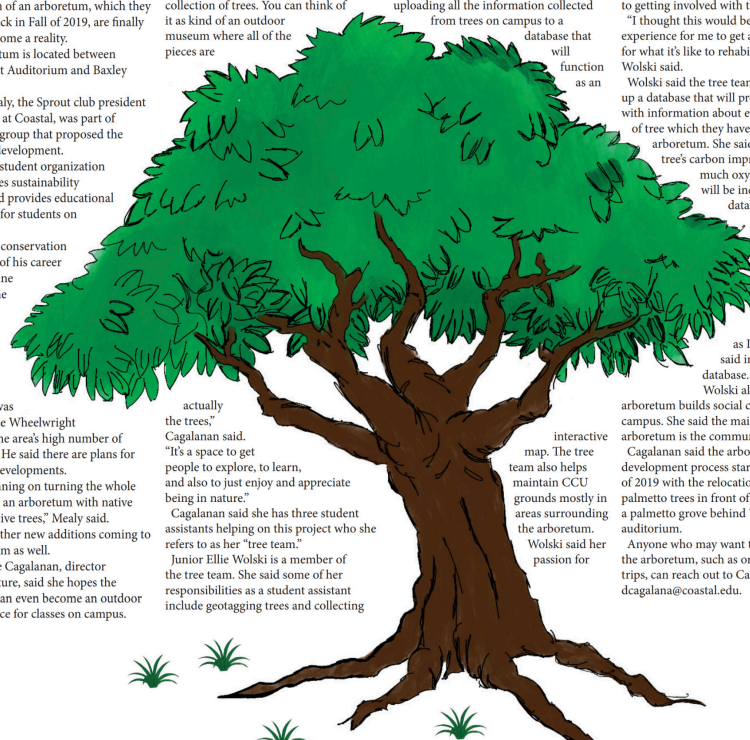
Wolski said the tree team is setting up a database that will provide people with information about each species of tree which they have tagged in the arboretum. She said things like each tree's carbon imprint and how much oxygen it gives off will be included on the database.

"I think it makes it much more tangible for people that aren't like as crazy about nature as I am," Wolski said in reference to the database.

Wolski also said the arboretum builds social capital on CCU's campus. She said the main focus of the arboretum is the community it creates.

Cagalan said the arboretum development process started in the Fall of 2019 with the relocation of several palmetto trees in front of Baxley Hall to a palmetto grove behind Wheelwright auditorium.

Anyone who may want to engage with the arboretum, such as organized field trips, can reach out to Cagalan at dcagalan@coastal.edu.



Graphic by Tiera Rivers



Photo by Jacob Bashura

"I was really proud of that because that tree graphic that I won the award for was my first graphic that I drew up for the paper. The award means to me that I am on the right path of what I want to do in the future."

- Tiera Rivers



## 2nd Place Video: Jacob Hensley



CCU student protest / Feb. 18

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Various student organizations such as NAACP, NPHC, and Social Justice Club came together in protest Feb. 18, 2022, during Coastal Carolina University's board of trustees meeting. Students and faculty met in front of the Singleton Building at 9:30 a.m. to protest several issues such as CCU's poster approval process and Turning Point USA's poster about critical race theory. Watch Hensley's full video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCG5KKEwZTQ>.



Photo by Jacob Bashura

"It was nice to see something good come of my work and to be awarded for it. It was a lot of running around. I remember that day I was dealing with dead batteries for the camera."

- Jacob Hensley

## 1st Place Advertisement: Sarah T. Jackson

"It's very exciting to know that all my hard work pays off for *The Chanticleer*, and it's also nice to represent the University in a way that I haven't done before. It's best to share awards because you know that your group collaborates and when you can use these skills in our future careers."

-Sarah T. Jackson

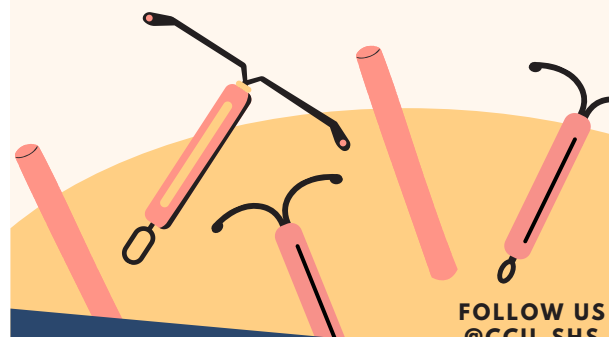


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# Chants sweep the Eagles

By Dean Williamson

Softball continued their great season after sweeping the Georgia Southern University Eagles in a three-game series.

After their last win, the team moved to 28-9 on the season. Following the success, Coastal Carolina University picked up three more conference wins, making them 5-4 in the Sun Belt Conference.

In the first game of the series, the Chanticleers shut out the Eagles 8-0. The game was highlighted by Senior Indya Smith hitting a three-run home run in the bottom of the second inning.

The second game of the series was a

lot more competitive than the first. The Eagles jumped to a three-run lead early in the game. Coastal was able to make a comeback by taking the lead near the end of the game and securing the victory at 5-4.

The final game of the weekend series was similar to the first. CCU slammed Georgia Southern for the second time of the weekend 5-0. The team hit two home runs, including a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and University Recreation Matt Hogue said wins in the Sun Belt

Conference are difficult.

“We play in one of the toughest softball conferences in the country,” Hogue said. “Conference wins are hard to come by, it’s not easy to win in this league.”

Throughout the whole weekend, Coastal’s pitching and offense were playing extremely well. One softball player’s father Chris Jennings said he recognized that the sweep was a full team effort.

“They had a really good weekend,” Jennings said. “The offense came out firing, the pitchers pitched really well, and the defense played good behind them.”

During the season and the three-game series, Hogue said Coastal’s pitching staff performed well.

“Our pitching staff, which is a veteran pitching staff, has performed exceptionally well,” Hogue said. “For the most part has been probably the strength of our team through the 30 plus games, which you’ve gotta have pitching is critical for success.”

The Chanticleers will be trying to keep their conference success going on the road against the Troy University Trojans for a three-day conference series April 6-8.



Photos by Madison Sharrock and Dean Williamson



Two home runs from Coastal Carolina University’s No. 42 Keirstin Roose and No. 10 Delaney Keith were components that led to the softball team’s domination over the Georgia Southern University Eagles on April 2. The Chants claimed victory over the three-game series during the weekend, including the 5-0 slam on Sunday.



# Chants sweep Georgia Southern Eagles in three-game series



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Photo by Dean Williamson

After a weekend-long domination against Georgia Southern University, Coastal softball moves up to 28-9 in the spring season.