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From the PRESIDENT



A Year of Destiny

Noteworthy accomplishments occur every day on our campus and across TEAL Nation. Our students, faculty and alumni are frequently in the news for their successes in business, in classrooms, in research laboratories, on stage and screen, and many other fields of endeavor. The University monitors and tracks all the media and social media coverage CCU receives, and when one of our former student-athletes—someone like Dustin Johnson, Josh Norman or Amber Campbell—makes headlines, our analytical statistics go through the roof.

So as Coach Gary Gilmore and his baseball team advanced in their extraordinary drive toward winning the College World Series (CWS), our media hits began an upward surge unlike anything we could have ever imagined. Before the CWS, the name and identity of our mascot was, outside our own conference, a bit of a riddle. But by June 30, the day we won the national championship in Omaha, our Chanticleer had fans all around the globe. On that day in fact, the website for the leading dictionary, Merriam-Webster.com, reported a huge spike in lookups for “chanticleer.” The word remained one of the dictionary’s top three trending words for several weeks. Between June 1 and July 14, more than 17,500 news stories mentioned us. This media exposure has an estimated value of \$145.7 million.

As the team advanced, our fan base grew exponentially. Celebrities began talking with us on social media. We received shoutouts from Darius Rucker, the Carolina Panthers and many others. Our social media engagement jumped 200 percent, and CCU’s Facebook page reached 3.3 million users! Our Twitter account received 2.25 million impressions in June. Even the little guy from Omaha who became a worldwide social media sensation for his stare contest with a stadium camera pledged his loyalty to our team. It was like living a dream.

When I look back on this thrilling event in CCU history, one of my proudest moments came when the NCAA honored the Chanticleers for earning the highest grade point average of any team competing in the CWS—a special honor and a reminder that our student-athletes are students first. I remember our spirited cheering section at Omaha’s TD Ameritrade Park, the nail-biting drama as we inched toward the final game, the teal hats and shirts flying off the shelves at shops and kiosks around the stadium. I even saw children of other schools’ fans begging their parents for teal! While re-orders for CCU merchandise in Omaha were constant, back home we saw significant expansion of our products among local retailers. Stores like Palmetto Moon and Dick’s Sporting Goods gave Chanticleer gear prominent placement in store windows and on racks up front.

We are still only beginning to comprehend the multitude of ways this incredible achievement will impact our University. I believe it will boost our \$20 million I’M IN endowment campaign. I believe it will position us well to advance our strategic plan of becoming more competitive in our enrollment. This is truly a year of destiny for Coastal Carolina University.

David A. DeCenzo, *President*



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Of NOTE

'I'M IN' campaign attracts substantial gifts

Since it was launched in April 2016, I'M IN – The Endowment Campaign for Coastal Carolina University has attracted significant support, including two substantial gifts.



Richard Pilosof

The Richard Pilosof Financial Services Laboratory has been established in the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration. The lab was made possible through a \$250,000 gift from Richard Pilosof, a 1983 CCU finance graduate, and his family in support of the I'M IN campaign.

The funds will be used to provide financial tools that students majoring in finance and other disciplines in the Wall College of Business require to master their degree area. These tools include hardware and software such as Morningstar Direct, Thomson Reuters, S&P Capital, Palisade, the Center for Research in Security Prices, and CCU's Gerald Boyles Student Investment Fund, which gives students the opportunity to implement their financial knowledge of various financial markets by using real money to make real investments.

Located on the first floor of the Wall Building, the state-of-the-art lab is equipped with world-class investment management software, 27 student terminals with dual monitors, two

large-screen televisions that provide access to financial news channels, and a 15-foot ticker display with scrolling financial information.

Pilosof is a managing partner and CEO of RP Investment Advisors. In 1987, at age 27, he became the youngest managing director for the Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets. He was credited with significantly increasing RBC's percentage of revenues earned from operations outside of Canada. Pilosof was one of five Top Tier Chanticleers featured in the cover story of a previous issue of the Coastal Carolina University Magazine.



Clay D. Brittain Jr.

The Brittain family of Myrtle Beach has established the **Brittain Family Scholars Program** with a \$500,000 gift to Coastal Carolina University. The endowed program, created to benefit high-achieving Horry County high school graduates, will offer one of the most academically and financially competitive scholarships available at CCU.

"Coastal Carolina University has meant a lot to the Brittain Family, especially to my late father-in-law and my mother-in-law, Clay and Patricia Brittain," said Ann Brittain LeMay, who manages the Brittain Resorts & Hotels with Matthew Brittain, the brother of her late husband, David Brittain. "Clay was a visionary who

realized the importance of higher education for everybody."

The Brittain Family Scholars Program will award up to two \$10,000 scholarships each academic year. To be eligible for the scholarship, Horry County students must have earned a high school GPA of at least 3.75 and have an SAT score of at least 1,400 or an ACT score of at least 32. Recipients must also be actively involved in the community.

Clay D. Brittain Jr. was a pioneer in the Myrtle Beach area's tourism industry. He was chairman of the board emeritus of the Myrtle Beach National Company and was involved in many leading business enterprises in the Grand Strand area, including the Sea Captain's House and the Chesterfield Inn. Brittain was active in the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday. He died in February 2016.

Brittain was named an honorary founder of the University in 1995. He was a member of the Coastal Educational Foundation from 1976 to 2016, and served a term as president. Brittain was instrumental in the establishment of the University's PGA golf management program. In 2001, the Clay Brittain Jr. Center for Resort Tourism was established. A campus academic and office building was named in his honor in 2013.

I'M IN – The Endowment Campaign for Coastal Carolina University was launched in April to increase CCU's endowment by \$20 million by 2020, which would add approximately \$800,000 in new funds annually to support additional student scholarships and academic excellence.

40%

of all food produced in
the U.S. goes uneaten



Leftovers: Wall Fellows (from left) Jason Tomlinson, Jada Bynum, Nicholas DiDuro, Beatris Petelkova and Jonah Skiles transported food to local charities.

Wall Fellows initiative diverts food waste to local charities

A group of Wall Fellows students have started a Food Recovery Network chapter at Coastal Carolina University. The Food Recovery Network is a collegiate organization that works to feed those in need by collecting and donating uneaten food from campus dining halls, functions and events.

The program began at CCU during the Spring 2016 semester in collaboration with Aramark, the University's food service provider. Unused food that was prepared but not sold (and would otherwise be thrown away) at one of the campus dining facilities is being donated to New Directions, a charity that has four Horry County shelter locations. About 75 percent of its clients are children.

"I've always wanted to give back to the community," said Wall Fellow Beatris Petelkova, a senior accounting major. "With so many who go hungry and so many homeless people in our area, it's a shame that so much food goes to waste here. If we have the opportunity and ability to give food to someone who is hungry, I feel it is our responsibility to do so."

Aramark is responsible for packaging the unused food from campus dining venues so that everything is done in the most sanitary way possible. "We will be able to use this avenue as an alternative when we have food surplus in our locations on campus," said Jeffrey Stone of Aramark. "It's great to be able to help people of need in our local community."

The Wall Fellows team hopes to expand the program on campus and in the community in the future.

Founded in 2011 at the University of Maryland, the Food Recovery Network has more than 150 chapters nationwide and by 2015 had recovered more than 1 million pounds of food.



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Investing in education raises all boats and yields returns that are measured by enhanced human dignity and enriched quality of life. I've been involved with CCU for more than four decades; I can personally testify to this. Cynthia and I are IN."

— Eddie Dyer



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Of NOTE

CCU professors train middle school teachers in robotics

A team of Coastal Carolina University education and science professors are leading a new initiative to train middle school teachers from Marion County in robotics as part of the county's math and science curriculum, thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

The purpose of the 18-month project is to integrate technology into the curriculum of a high-needs category school district, advancing the state mandate to provide more instruction in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The centerpiece of the initiative is a set of five-day workshops held in the summers of 2016 and 2017.

Nineteen Marion County middle school teachers participated in the first workshop in July, receiving instruction from our CCU team in the basics of robotics. Each of the teachers received a LEGO robotics kit and a Dell computer, and they are required to develop a minimum of two lesson plans related to their content area in science or math. During the fall, the CCU team members observe the teachers in their classrooms in Marion County.

Only 30 percent of Marion County middle and high school students are scoring at proficient levels for mathematics and only 38 percent for science, according to recent statistics. Only 63 percent of Marion County students graduate from high school. With an 82 percent free and reduced lunch rate and a dropout rate of 6.8 percent, the county school district falls in the high-needs category. (A district is considered high needs when at least 45 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced lunches.)



Teaching Teachers: Marion County teachers received instruction at CCU last summer on the basics of robotics.

QUICK FACT

\$150,000

Grant received from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education



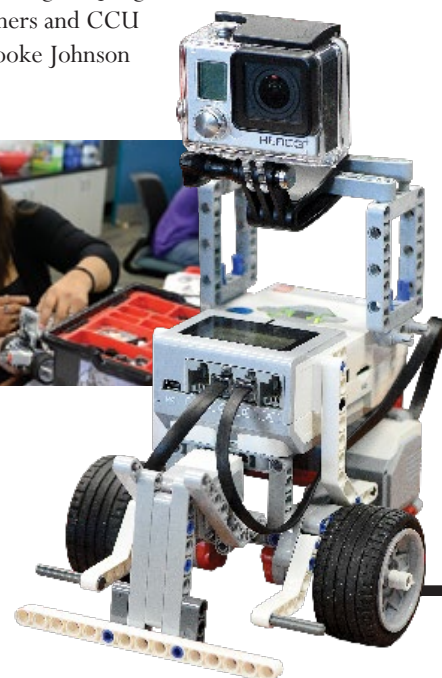
Robo Profs: CCU professors Corey Lee, Alex Fegely, Bryan Lemon, Joseph Winslow and Louis Rubbo. Not pictured: Patricia Jones.

"Traditional educational practices involve passive listening in lecture formats, focusing on single answers to questions rather than exploring multiple possibilities," said Patricia Jones, director of program evaluation and accreditation in CCU's Spadoni College of Education and team leader of the project. "Robotics provide a more collaborative environment in which students learn to use textbook knowledge to solve hands-on, three-dimensional problems. This experiential approach to learning improves students' motivation and retention."

The ultimate aim of the program, according to the CCU team, is to equip teachers to train middle school students to think critically and become engaged in practical problem solving.

Ebony Everette, an eighth-grade science teacher at Johnakin Middle School in Marion, believes the program will help her and her colleagues break away from conventional methods of teaching science. "I can foresee applying what I'm learning in this robotics workshop to teach my students lots of things," she said, "like manipulating equations and illustrating principles of Kepler's law and astronomy. It will be knowledge they will never lose, the foundation of what they will take to college."

In addition to Jones, participating CCU faculty members are Louis J. Rubbo, Corey Lee, Joe Winslow, Alex Fegely and Bryan Lemon. Also facilitating the program are Horry County K-12 teachers and CCU alumni Blake Vaught, Brooke Johnson and Diane Sullivan.



Mense Hall named for former CCU administrator



Family Pride: “Hank” Mense (center) with Sara Jane Mense, Lucille Mense, 1st Lt. Hunter Mense and Drew Carlisle.

CCU has recognized a former University administrator by naming a campus building in his honor. The Cmdr. Louis “Hank” Mense Hall, located at 105 Chanticleer Drive E., houses CCU’s ROTC program.

Louis Henry “Hank” Mense joined Coastal Carolina’s administrative staff in 1978, serving as associate director of records, associate director of registration and associate director of admissions. He has provided leadership in a variety of

advisory roles and has been instrumental in fundraising efforts as well.

“Hank Mense’s commitment to Coastal Carolina University is second to none,” said CCU President David A. DeCenzo. “He has been steadfast in dedicating his time and talents to ensure that Coastal continues to evolve and prosper. It is with great respect that we recognize Hank by naming a building on campus in his honor.”

Mense continues to serve CCU as a member of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration board of visitors, including a term as chairman from 1998 to 2000. He has served on the Coastal Educational Foundation since 2001. In 2010, Mense was named a CCU honorary founder for his roles in the development of the University and the promotion of higher education in the region.

He is the president of Emenson LLC, an ownership/management company for warehouse storage facilities serving the Grand Strand area. Born in Menomonie, Wis., Mense served 23 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring at the rank of commander after three commands at sea. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



CCU makes ‘Best Oceanside Universities’ list

Coastal Carolina University has been named in the top 50 of the best oceanside colleges and universities in the country in an annual ranking by College Choice.

The College Choice 2016 Rankings of the Best Oceanside Colleges and Universities takes into account several key factors to ensure that students get the best rate of return on their educational investment. In addition to proximity to the ocean, these factors include academic ranking, cost of tuition, total net cost, average financial aid packages and average early-career salary.

“The combination of our strong academic focus and our great location has always been a defining element of our identity and our success as an institution,” said CCU Provost Ralph Byington. “From the undergraduate to the graduate levels, we have developed a range of programs that relate meaningfully to our geographic location. More importantly, this united emphasis on community engagement and academic development is something that applies to all our majors and students.”

Other colleges in the Best Oceanside ranking include Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Hawaii Pacific University, University of South Florida and Palm Beach Atlantic.

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college. It publishes rankings and reviews that make choosing the best college easier.

Students cast ballots through TurboVote

CCU is making it easier for students to vote. An online platform called TurboVote that simplifies the registration and voting process for college students was made available on the CCU campus in May 2016. Through TurboVote, students are able to vote online or by absentee paper ballot forms, and are also sent election reminders via text or email. CCU officials also believe the program will promote civic engagement.

“Participation in politics is fundamental to a healthy democracy, and the participation of CCU students, and all young people, is important to make sure they

have a strong voice among the chorus of other citizens,” said Drew Kurlowski, an assistant professor of politics who initiated the project.

“TurboVote is a good tool to help students engage with their community, whether that be here in South Carolina or in their home state. It will help raise students’ awareness of our political calendar, and help them participate all the way down the ballot.”

TurboVote, developed by the nonprofit organization Democracy Works, currently has around 160 higher education partners.





OF NOTE

CCU awarded major NSF grant for undergraduate research

Coastal Carolina University has been awarded a \$325,000 grant to serve as a three-year site for the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This is the first REU award that CCU has received.

According to CCU science professors Sathish Kumar and Varavut Limpasuvan, who initiated the project, the award will fund eight undergraduate internships annually that will focus on research that integrates computing and geoscience to advance the study of coastal zones, climate variability and big data analytics. Paid, 10-week summer internships will be offered in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

“One of the objectives of the REU is to encourage the involvement of women and other underrepresented minority students in computer science and geoscience,” said Kumar, assistant professor of computing sciences. “These disciplines have historically produced low numbers of minority doctorates and have been plagued by gender inequality.”

According to Michael Roberts, dean of CCU’s College of Science and vice president for research and emerging initiatives, this award “continues to demonstrate CCU’s increasing scholarly profile, particularly in how it blends the undergraduate experience with high-level research.”

One of the requirements of the REU programs, according to Limpasuvan, is that the majority of the participating students must be enrolled at institutions other than the site school. Some of the students will be recruited from historically black colleges and universities and women’s colleges, both in South Carolina and neighboring states.

Kumar joined the CCU faculty in 2013 after earning a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Louisville. Limpasuvan earned a Ph.D. in atmospheric science from the University of Washington and joined CCU in 2000. He is CCU’s Kerns Palmetto Professor of Applied Physics.

The NSF is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 colleges, universities and other institutions. Each year, NSF receives more than 48,000 competitive proposals for funding and makes about 12,000 new funding awards. NSF also awards about \$626 million in professional and service contracts yearly.



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As a graduate of the computer science program at Coastal, I have contributed to the military’s mission by providing software engineering services. Increasing the scope of CCU’s Department for Computing Sciences is critical in our digital age. By giving to Coastal, I’m investing in the future.”

— Edward R. Tkacz '01



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The Coastal Carolina University Saltwater Anglers won first place in the 37th Annual East Coast Got-Em-On King Mackerel Tournament in July. Professor of Education Joe Winslow (left) and CCU alumni Matt Eisenberger, Scott Hefferman and Austin Keener (right) landed a 44.07-pound king mackerel on Winslow's boat, Hooligan. The club was founded in 2005 and has won other tournaments in Charleston and Biloxi, Miss. CCU has a long tradition of angling activities going back to the mid-1970s when the late English professor Don Millus organized a long-running collegiate tournament on the Grand Strand.

CCU one of five US universities to receive study abroad scholarships to France

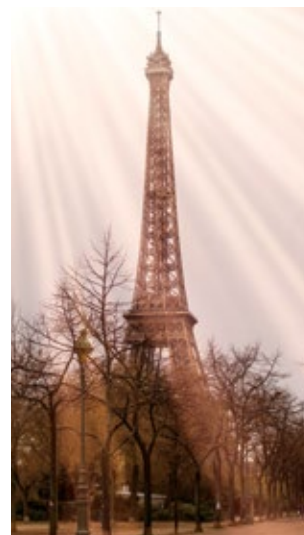
Coastal Carolina University will receive a \$5,000 matching grant as a part of the new French Embassy–Generation Study Abroad Scholarship for 2016-2017. The program, sponsored by the Institute of International Education (IIE), supports study abroad scholarships targeted to underrepresented students who traditionally do not go abroad due to the lack of sufficient resources.

The program, which is supported by the Embassy of France, is being launched this year as a component of the Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative, a joint effort of the U.S. Department of State and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to strengthen the historic ties between the U.S. and France by doubling the total number of French students studying in the U.S. and American students studying in France by 2025. As one of the original group of commitment partners of the Generation Study Abroad initiative to enhance study abroad for U.S. students, CCU was eligible to submit an application for the program.

Being named one of the five award recipients will enable CCU to provide \$2,500 scholarships for four students that will offset expenses for study-related travel to France, tuition and books during the 2016-2017 academic year.

According to Darla Domke-Damonte, CCU's associate provost for global initiatives, the application targeted first-generation college students, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, high financial need students or those pursuing international internships in France in an effort to expand the diversity of our study abroad participation. CCU is seeking to double study abroad participation in the coming four years.

With less than 10 percent of American college students studying abroad – and an average of 18,000 in France per year – the IIE Generation Study Abroad Scholarship Program aims to facilitate the participation of more U.S. students in academic, internship or service-learning experiences abroad.





CCU launches Gullah institute

Cornel West delivers address

The celebrated and controversial philosopher, author and political activist Cornel West spoke at the official launch of the Charles Joyner Institute of Gullah and African Diaspora Studies on Sept. 16. West, a Princeton emeritus professor known for his outspoken views and outgoing persona, spoke to a capacity audience at Wheelwright Auditorium about the importance of Gullah culture, its study and its preservation.

The new institute, which is housed in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, will examine the historical migration and scattering of African populations to local geographical areas, especially Horry and Georgetown counties, and the subsequent development and evolution of blended cultures, specifically Gullah.

Led by longtime CCU English professor and Gullah scholar Veronica Gerald, the work of the institute will provide students with experiential learning opportunities, both at home and abroad, that center on the interconnections among various local,

national and global peoples and their societies. A minor in African diaspora studies has been added to academic offerings at CCU.

In his remarks, West talked about the importance of the search for wisdom. “We live in a culture where everybody’s trying to be so smart,” he said. “Just listen to the TV every night and look at the number of times the pundits say the word ‘obviously.’ It ain’t obvious to me. The Gullah people...and Harriet Tubman and Martin King and Malcolm X and Fannie Lou...they weren’t obsessed with being smart. They were obsessed with being wise. They connected the quest for wisdom to deep courage in order to strengthen their backs up and tell the truth.”

Institute projects will involve collaboration among faculty, students and the community in the study of three different components of the African diaspora: Gullah as it relates to local communities in Horry and Georgetown counties in South Carolina; international connections, including West Africa and the Caribbean; and contemporary issues of social justice.

The naming of the institute for the late CCU history professor and slavery scholar Charles Joyner was announced at the event. Joyner died on Sept. 13. (*See Page 59.*)

West’s visit was part of CCU’s Nancy A. Smith Distinguished Visiting Lecture Series. The series was established in 2004 to bring to campus noted artists and intellectuals with distinguished careers in the arts, history, archaeology, international affairs or philosophy.

Cornel West spoke to a capacity audience at Wheelwright Auditorium.



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NATIONAL CHAMPION



A CHAMPION'S JOURNEY

by Jerry Rashid

photography by Alexandra A. lex" Symcak



In addition to national coach of the year honors, **Gary Gilmore** '80 has been named Coastal Carolina University's 2016 Top Tier Chanticleer and the 2016 Alumnus of the Year. Amid the accolades, the coach who brought CCU its first national title remains true to the code that characterizes his life and his career.

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CHANTICLEER BASEBALL

Coastal Carolina University's historic journey to Omaha and the 2016 College World Series national title began on the mountainous backroads of Virginia more than four decades ago. As a youngster, Gary Gilmore '80 often rode shotgun in the sales truck driven by his father Richard Gilmore, founder and former owner of Virginia Office Supply, as he crisscrossed the state in search of new business opportunities. Stuck with spotty AM radio reception more times than not, the two would usually pass the time discussing America's favorite pastime.

Their conversations never grew old. Gilmore was keenly aware he was learning invaluable lessons about the game of baseball and the game of life. "I can never thank him enough," Gilmore said of his father, who died in March 2014. "Everything I do resonates from philosophical beliefs that can be traced back to what he believed in."

Gilmore grew up in Rocky Mount, located in the middle of Franklin County along Virginia's southwestern Piedmont plateau. In this picturesque hamlet (pop. 4,830), Gilmore recalls that the highlight of a typical weekend evening was cruising with friends from one end of town to the other.

A scrappy high school athlete, he made a name for himself by excelling in baseball, basketball and football. His sport of choice, though, was baseball.

"My love for the game of baseball I know without a doubt I got from my dad," Gilmore said. "Some of the fire I have in me probably came from my mom, Regina. My dad taught me so many

different values outside of baseball. I watched how hard he had to work because he had his own business. We didn't eat if he wasn't successful. I learned a lot by just watching him. I was never handed money for gas or anything else. I had to roll out of bed early on Saturday mornings after taking a beating on the football field the night before and work all day to have the privilege to drive the car and go out on a date."

BEACH BALL

During a tryout camp with the Pittsburgh Pirates at James Madison University, Gilmore's baseball prowess caught the attention of Coastal Carolina's then-head coach Larry Carr. After the workout, Carr offered him a scholarship on the spot.

Gilmore appreciated the fact that the small college in Conway, S.C., had a successful baseball program and was in close proximity to Myrtle Beach. The physical education major became the Chanticleers' leadoff hitter and had a .353 batting average.

"When we had activities on campus, professors and students would always mingle together," Gilmore fondly recalls. "You had a chance to really get to know your professors, and they got a chance to get to know you. It was an incredible time. I can't imagine having a better college experience anywhere in the entire country. And that feeling still resonates today. Our most valuable commodity at Coastal Carolina University is not athletics or anything like that. It's the people. Honestly, it's been that way since the first day I stepped on this campus 38 years ago."



GILMORE TIMELINE

1979

Gilmore plays two seasons (1979-1980) of Chanticleer baseball at USC Coastal Carolina. A center fielder, he has a .353 career batting average, and the 1979 team finishes with a 42-9 record.



1980

The Chanticleers win 38 games and Gilmore helps propel the team to win the 1980 NAIA World Series.

1986

Gilmore leaves scouting with the Seattle Mariners and Cleveland Indians to become an assistant coach at Division II USC Aiken.



BY THE NUMBERS

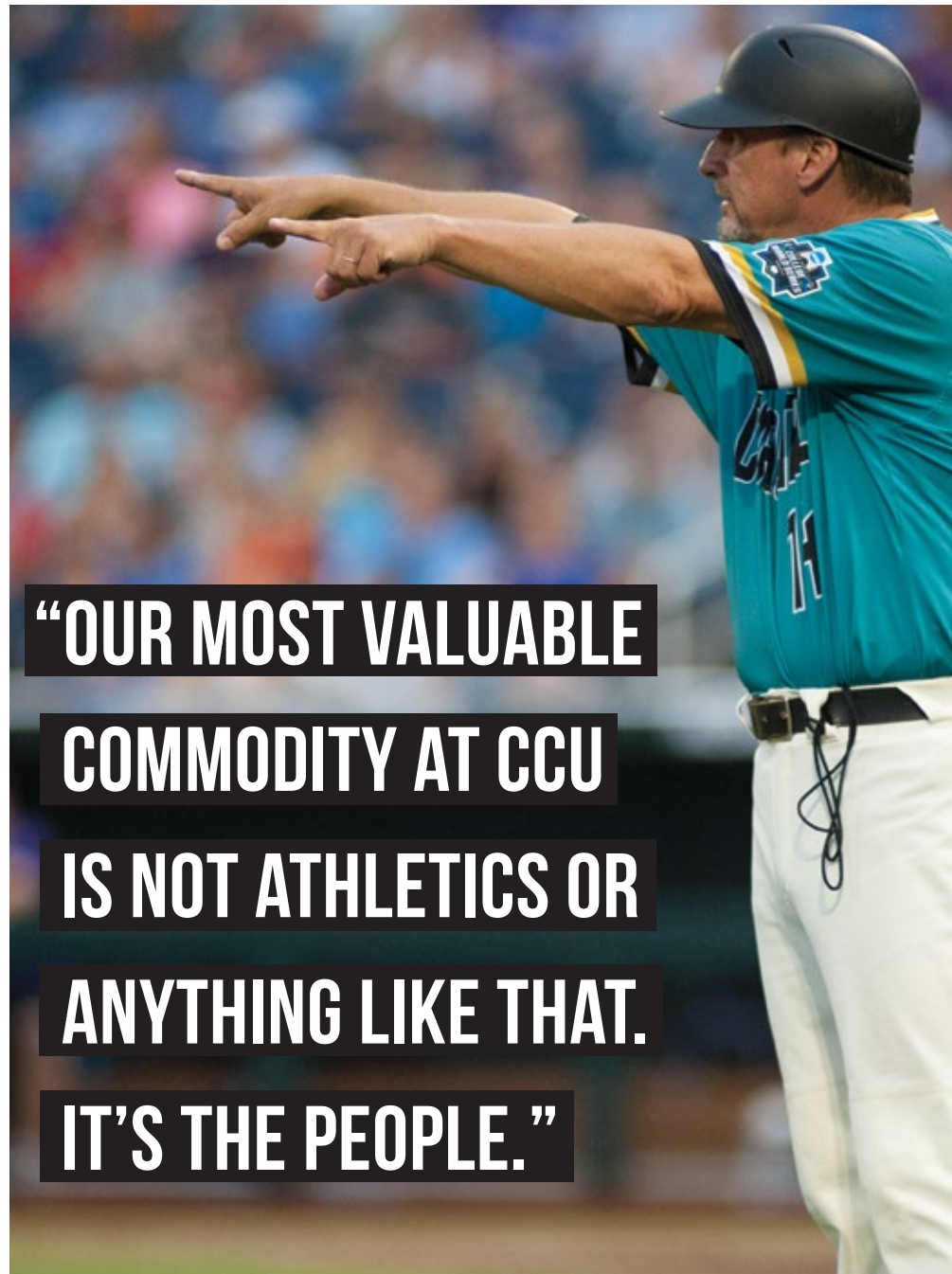
After graduating from Coastal in 1980, Gilmore played for a short time in the Philadelphia Phillies organization and then became a scout for the Seattle Mariners and Cleveland Indians. In 1990, he was promoted to head baseball coach at the University of South Carolina-Aiken, where he had served the previous four years as an assistant coach. During his six seasons as mentor, he recorded 253 wins and earned a trip to the 1993 NCAA Division II College World Series.

Gilmore proudly returned to Conway as his alma mater's head baseball coach prior to the 1996 season. During his 21 seasons as skipper, he's tallied an overall record of 847-438 and has led the program to 14 NCAA Division I Regionals, three Super Regionals and the 2016 College World Series, which the Chanticleers won in dramatic fashion during a three-game thriller versus the University of Arizona.

"This is the only place I have ever dreamt about taking to Omaha," Gilmore said. "It comes back to the people and this university. People have been so good to me here. I have a passion for this school. If I went somewhere else, I honestly don't know how I would ever have that type of passion. People ask me all the time, 'How did you do it?' I am no different than anyone else. Having passion for what you do in life is the key ingredient to success."

That fervor helped him earn his 1,100th career victory in game three, the winner-take-all against Arizona.

"Damn, I'm getting old, because it takes a long time to get that many wins," Gilmore joked. "When we went to Omaha, there were several kids there who played for me at Aiken and countless former players from Coastal.



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○
1990

Gilmore is named USC-Aiken's head coach. In his first two seasons, USC-Aiken has a combined winning percentage of over .800.

○
1993

Gilmore is named the ABCA Division II South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year and the ABCA Division II Coach of the Year.



○
1995

On June 13, Gilmore becomes the head coach of Division I Coastal Carolina College for the start of the 1996 season.



COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CHANTICLEER BASEBALL

When I look back and think about all the lives that have touched mine and in return I have touched, that, to me, is what makes that number so special. It was great to see the former players sitting behind our dugout and cheering for us in Omaha. All the stories I could tell and the ones they could tell about me. The things we shared together. I have been blessed with so many incredible memories.”

When Gilmore reflects on his career and his impressive list of accomplishments, he still gets fired up thinking about all the naysayers who said he could never lead a mid-major program to a national championship. All that did was add fuel to his fire.

“Don’t ever let someone tell you that the dream of one man can’t be realized,” he said. “Someone has to dream it, someone has to sell it, and others have to buy in. But it always has to start somewhere. Whatever my life has been worth, that dream was realized in Omaha. These 27 years of coaching have been about chasing a dream. One thing I have learned is to never accept anything less than setting that bar as high as you can.”

A ROSE

Each time Gilmore takes the field, he proudly dons jersey No. 14. It’s a tribute to Pete Rose, who holds numerous Major League Baseball records, including career hits and games played. While Gilmore admits that Rose has tarnished his name by betting on MLB games, he still appreciates the way Rose played on the field and the things he stood for as a competitor.

“He was an undersized guy who was always told he couldn’t do this and couldn’t do that,” Gilmore said. “Wasn’t big enough, wasn’t fast enough. Wasn’t this, wasn’t that. It was a lot of the same things I heard during my lifetime. I wanted to honor him by wearing his number.”

Whether it’s putting on his jersey a certain way or using the same blue office pen, Gilmore, like coaches at all levels of competition, has his fair share of superstitions. He’s always looking for that little something extra, perceived or real, to help pull out a victory.

“If we are playing really well, I wear the same socks every game; I don’t wash them,” he said. “They could probably get up and walk down the hall by themselves. That’s what’s so great about sports.

Just like how everything started with that crazy monkey [Rafiki, the team’s stuffed animal good-luck charm that was often seen in the dugout during the CWS]. It became bigger than life for us.”

A THORN

NCAA Division I college baseball programs are allowed 11.7 scholarships for a 35-player team roster, which is one of the lowest ratios in intercollegiate athletics. And of that group, only 27 student-athletes are allowed to receive scholarship support.

“I think it’s really horrible, to be honest with you,” Gilmore said. “The scholarship limit in college baseball is like dealing with the salary cap in professional sports. You are constantly mixing and matching pieces. That is the greatest coaching challenge.”

Gilmore has been a master at solidifying his roster each year with diamond in the rough players who develop into outstanding contributors to the program. Several such players—Connor Owings, Anthony Marks and Mike Morrison—were on display during the Chanticleers’ CWS championship run.

“Those are three pretty doggone good walk-on guys,” he said. “They came here, bought into our system and continued to develop. The players who survive as walk-ons are a little tougher and usually have a chip on their shoulders.”

A Gilmore-led program has always focused on developing the fundamentals. He teaches the game from the ground up. “I don’t care who you are or where you come from, you are going to get taught the fundamentals of the game. If players listen and are willing to put in the time, they end up becoming like coaches on the field for us—like we had this year in Zach Remillard and Andrew Beckwith.

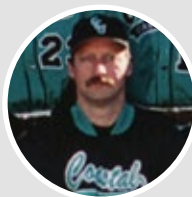
“We had never played in a place like LSU and in that type of environment,” Gilmore said. “We talked about the environment before we got there. The second they saw something wasn’t going in our favor, those two guys were all over it. They were huddling everyone together, slowing the game down to make sure everyone knew what was going on. The coaches couldn’t communicate as we normally do because of the size of their crowd and how loud it was. The maturity of the players and how they executed everything was really great to watch.”

1999

The Chants win the Big South regular season championship with a 10–2 conference record. Gilmore is named the Big South Coach of the Year.

2001

The Chants win the Big South Tournament to qualify for their first NCAA Tournament during Gilmore’s tenure.



2002

Gilmore is named Big South Conference Coach of the Year. The Chants win the Big South Tournament and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.



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STRONGER TOGETHER

Despite the challenges created by the scholarship limitations, Gilmore has fielded a number of great teams during his two decades at the helm. He still believes the 2010 squad was physically the best team in the country that year. It went undefeated in all 25 conference games and reached the Super Regionals, where the season ended with a mark of 55-10.

"For reasons beyond our control, it wasn't our time," Gilmore said. "But I am so glad this year's team made it all the way. They have been through more adversity than any other team I have ever coached."

He shared how Owings has bravely played with only one kidney, which does not fully function, and will need to have a kidney transplant. Many doubted that Remillard would ever throw again after

having major surgery on his right arm. Alex Cunningham had a screw inserted in his elbow and was in jeopardy of losing his arm due to an infection. Jaymie Thomas, the wife of assistant coach Drew Thomas, is battling stage 3 breast cancer. And Jayden Schnall, the son of associate head coach Kevin Schnall, had to be airlifted three times last year to the Medical University of South Carolina due to a life-threatening blood clot in the back of his head.

"I could go on with another 15 stories," Gilmore said. "We have kids in this program whose family life is far from what it should be. This group of players and coaches has been through a lot. I honestly think it made us stronger together. Everyone pitched in and picked

up the slack where needed. It made a brotherhood beyond the normal bond we already had.

"They lived by the motto: 'I got your back. If you don't get it done, I'll get it done for you.' If you look at how we played, very seldom did we all fail enough to lose. I don't think any of us knew we were going to be national champions until we threw that last pitch. Winning at LSU gave us a lot of confidence. Beating Florida gave us a lot of confidence. Despite what everyone was saying about us, we knew we weren't the Cinderella team. I don't know if anyone really comprehends all the emotions that came out of this team and coaching staff at the end of that national championship game. It was truly unbelievable."



2003

On Feb. 21, Gilmore wins his 500th game. The Chants win the Big South Tournament and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

2005

Gilmore is named Big South Conference Coach of the Year. The Chants win the Big South Tournament and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

2007

The Chants host an NCAA Regional for the first time but lose to Clemson in the final. The team finishes with a 50-13 record.



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HIS HAND

Gilmore admits that the physical and emotional wear and tear from years of coaching and recruiting has tested his faith. He gives credit to Mark Roach '84, CCU's vice president for philanthropy, for his ongoing support and guidance. The two became close friends through devotional classes Roach held in the athletic department when he served as executive director of the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation (CAF).

"God has worked some miracles in my life," Gilmore said. "I was at the end of my rope at Aiken, and He helped me find a way to Coastal. I was at the end of my rope here a couple of times early in my career, and He found a way to get me in front of the right people to hear the right things, and I continued to grind and grind."

Gilmore believes this was the catalyst for CCU's first-ever national championship.

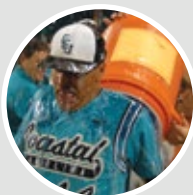
"I'll say it until the day I die, during the last month or so of the season, there was a hand on my shoulder putting a calmness and a confidence in me that I have never shown during my entire career. It coincided with us being on the road so much. Instead of spending 10 to 15 minutes reading a few Bible verses, I would do my due diligence and spend a couple of hours throughout the day putting my heart and soul into it. It was amazing how much closer I got to God. And it felt like the calmness in me resonated through our team as well. It was an unbelievable experience. Like I said, I'll go to my grave believing there was a hand on my shoulder through it all. I truly believe it."

Gilmore says his faith has also been strongly impacted by his wife, Cathy '81, who recently retired after 34 years as a special education teacher at Lakewood Elementary School. "She has been way more of a lifetime devoted Christian than I have as far as living it 24-7. Without her, I am not sure where I would be."

The Gilmores live in Pawleys Island and are the proud parents of two CCU graduates: Chance '10, a former Chanticleer standout baseball player, and Samantha '12. Chance and fiancée Katie Remmell '12, have one son, Liam.

2008

The Chants host and win the Conway Regional, beating Columbia, Alabama and East Carolina for their first-ever NCAA Regional Championship.



2010

The Chants become the first Big South team to go undefeated in league play (25-0) and in the Big South Tournament (4-0) in the same year. They are selected as the No. 4 national seed and host and win the Myrtle Beach Regional.



2011

On March 29, the Chants play the American League champion Texas Rangers at BB&T Field in Myrtle Beach.

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IN GRATITUDE

Much has happened with the Chanticleer baseball program since Gilmore's arrival on campus. Outside of winning the College World Series title, one of the greatest accomplishments is the addition of Springs Brooks Stadium. The stadium, which the Chanticleers officially opened with a 4-0 victory against Old Dominion on Feb. 13, 2015, along with the Boni Belle Practice & Hitting Facility, gives Coastal one of the finest complexes in all of college baseball.

Gilmore's new third-floor office along the third baseline features floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the expansive complex. It's a far cry from the old trailer near the Singleton Building that doubled as his office for more than 15 years.

"People who come up to my new office now have no idea where we were just a few years ago," he said. "We won a lot of games and championships working out of that old trailer. But it was nice to see them tow it away. And when they did, a river rat the size of a cat came running out from underneath it. If that thing had shown up inside my office while I was there, I would have never come back."

Fortunately, that never happened. It's hard to imagine the Chanticleer baseball program without seeing No. 14 waving players home from his customary spot in the third base coach's box.

The five-time national coach of the year knows all too well that the success of the program in no way belongs to him alone. It took buy-in from hundreds of student-athletes, the hard work of numerous assistant coaches, and the friendship and unwavering support from Wyatt Henderson '98, board of trustees chair; President David DeCenzo; John Vrooman, former head baseball coach; and the late Dick Singleton, chancellor emeritus, to name a few.

"I truly wish I could thank everyone who made this dream of going to Omaha become a reality, but it's impossible," Gilmore said. "From my family to current and past administrators to Tami Springs Brooks and her family and everyone associated with the CAF. The community members and everyone who showed up at the airport and attended the parade in Conway and then came to the celebration at Springs Brooks Stadium. This community and Teal Nation have been awesome to us.



Meet the Gilmores: Coach Gilmore and his wife Cathy (seated) with daughter Samantha (standing right), son Chance (center) and his fiancée Katie Remmell (left), and grandson Liam.

"We are very blessed to have all the support we have for our baseball program. It's a joy to come to work every day. Not many people get to live out their dream. I am very humbled by it all. I just want to say thank you to everyone. It's been an incredible journey." 🏆

Jerry Rashid is the director of communication and marketing for CCU's Office for Philanthropy.

2014

On Thursday, April 17, Gilmore earns career victory No. 1,000 as the Chanticleers defeat Presbyterian College 4-3.



2015

The Chants begin play in the new Springs Brooks Stadium that is part of a \$15.2 million renovation of both the baseball and softball programs' facilities.

2016

June 30, Gilmore leads the Chants to the NCAA National Championship, with a 4-3 victory over Arizona. It is CCU's first trip to the CWS in program history.



DESTINY





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It was a magnificent feat of athletic prowess that captured the national title as well as international attention. Having defeated LSU on June 12, the Coastal Carolina University Chanticleers earned their first berth in the College World Series, where for 12 unforgettable days they played their way up from the loser's bracket, beating (No. 1 seed) Florida, Texas Tech, TCU and finally Arizona to win the title on June 30—CCU's first national championship. The Chants were the first team since 1956 to win the CWS title in its first series appearance.



NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL GAME 3
Thursday, June 30, 2016

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IMPACT



A CONVERSATION WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MATT HOGUE



Matt Hogue, CCU's director of athletics since 2013, began calling baseball

games for the Chanticleers after he joined the CCU staff in 1997, just a year after Gary Gilmore became head coach. His close involvement with the baseball program over the past two decades gives him a unique vantage point to assess the meaning and impact of the unprecedented College World Series win. Hogue took some time in the wake of the victory to discuss its impact with **Caroline P. Smith** '08 of CCU's Office of University Communication.

SMITH: You said that making it to Omaha was immeasurable in terms of impact for the University. Now that we've had time to sit back and process everything, what are some of those impacts for the University as a whole?

HOGUE: It fuels the University's trajectory. It will increase applications. It has galvanized our external stakeholders, alumni and the community. I've never

seen the kind of response from fans, community and alumni that I saw after this. It blew away my expectations. There was something kind of mystical about getting back to the airport and seeing all these fans piled up against the fence. When I saw that, I felt to a large degree that we had finally arrived. There's no question that it's taken that affinity for the University by those stakeholders to a whole other level. Long term, it becomes imperative on our part to ask, "How can we capitalize on this? How can we bring even more people under the tent? How can we make the most of this in the crucial areas of giving and fundraising and support?" That's really the job we are now undertaking. We have to utilize this great moment to create and foster more great moments, in athletics, academics, community involvement and other areas.

SMITH: You've said in the past that athletic programs provide a "portal" into the University as a whole. How does this win widen our portal?

HOGUE: The potential is huge. This past summer was a perfect storm for us. In addition to the College World Series, there were national stories about Dustin Johnson, Amber Campbell, Josh Norman—we've had a tremendous

stretch of success. I think it speaks to the impact and the power the institution is starting to have, not just locally or regionally, but across the country. We have a unique ability to reach a lot of people in a very short period of time. That's a big part of what athletics can do for an institution. If your athletes are performing well, people start getting very curious about your school, especially in today's information age. They start spending more time on your website and on your social media channels. It entices that superior prospective student to say, "Hey, that place is happening, it's vibrant, it has a buzz. That's where I want to go to school." On another level, athletic success may arouse interest in areas we never thought of. It may create a stronger perception when our grant writers go out to find money for research projects. It may open a conversation on the other side of the country just because someone happened to watch the College World Series. Athletics is a small percentage of the University, but it's a major vehicle for awareness and communication.

SMITH: How does this legendary win reflect the character of CCU?

HOGUE: President DeCenzo has described it as a special kind of



resiliency. From the day Coastal Carolina was founded in the '50s, it has been an against-the-grain, underdog approach. That's how we started. A lot of people put reputations on the line and did things they were told they couldn't do or shouldn't do, but they pressed forward. That is the DNA of Coastal. We press forward and accept the next challenge. We don't just go away because someone says "you can't do that." This place would have never survived had our founders taken that attitude. It would have never survived if we didn't have a group of individuals who thought that we would thrive as an independent institution back in 1993. Each time there has been a milestone, a moment of history for this University, we've faced detractors and adversity, and we've been resilient. There were people who thought we were crazy to add football, and here we are 13 years later moving up to FBS. That'll be another challenge we have to prove some folks wrong on. There were some folks who thought we'd never offer a doctorate degree. I get a little bit frustrated looking on the outside in at how we get scrutinized the way we do. Because our track record is a blue chip track record when you consider how quickly we've provided educational opportunities for our region and

beyond, especially considering that we haven't had a lot of resources flowing in from external sources. That's the essence of this place.

SMITH: *What impact does this have on the baseball team itself? On current players, coaches, future players, alumni?*

HOGUE: The biggest impact is recruiting. We're going to get through doors so much easier now than we did before. Our coaches can look recruits in the eye and say, "you can win a national championship here" and it will be a factual statement. There aren't a lot of programs that can do that. Another important aspect is affinity. One thing that was really meaningful was the outpouring of support from former players, a lot of them who had played for Gary. It gave them something to reconnect and bond over. That will pay a lot of dividends down the road because they all felt "we were a part of building that." So much about being successful in athletics is the personal belief and the confidence that you can get it done. Our players coming back, they understand what the journey is now. They understand what it requires to play in that environment against teams like LSU. Coaches can coach for a very long time and never get that

type of experience. It develops such a high degree of confidence. There's no unknown anymore. You still have to play well, and the coaches have to get the best lineup on the field, none of that changes. But a lot of teams that have broken through and made it to the CWS tend to get back a lot faster, though maybe not the very next year.

SMITH: *On a personal note, can you describe how it felt to assume your "Voice of the Chanticleer" role in the last half-inning? When you said that "so much is riding on this next pitch," it meant much more than just winning the game.*

HOGUE: When I called it, I probably wasn't thinking as much about the deep significance. You could probably go back to a Big South Championship I've called where I said something similar. But you're right. It was one of those moments where we were either going to be the team that came really close or the one that became immortal by winning a national championship. I guess now that you put it that way, it ended up being the appropriate words. I've never gone into broadcasting a game trying to figure out what I'm going to say or how am I going to describe "X" if it happens. But sometimes you hit it on the money.



BEING THERE



Remembering Omaha:

Many Coastal Carolina University alumni were lucky enough to travel to Omaha in June to witness the Chanticleers' finest hours at the College World Series. Here are a handful of memories they shared.

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Remembering Omaha:



**FORREST
ALTON** '99

I said over and over leading up to the College World Series' final three-game tilt that if Coastal was in, I would go. I arrived on Wednesday morning. Without a doubt what I will remember the most are the people, the amazing number of Coastal fans and alums who made the trip, and the way that Coastal was the "adopted son" of Omaha for the series. Just walking around, you saw the Coastal footprint everywhere. Banners waved outside the stadium, passersby almost always greeted each other with a "Chants Up," and the stores with "We have teal!" signs in their windows sent a clear signal about what was the hottest color of the week. Oh, and being there on Thursday in person when the confetti fell. Yeah, that was pretty special too... #ChantsUp

*Photo: **Forrest Alton**, former Alumnus of the Year, gives the Chants Up sign.*



**KAYLA
JOHNSON** '06 '14 '15

On Tuesday morning, I was walking through Fan Fest after taking the stroll to the Nebraska/Iowa state line on the pedestrian bridge. I had on my teal Fiki shirt when a vendor called out to me and said, "Good morning, Teal Nation! Happy Teal Tuesday!" It was such a surreal moment. How do the folks in Omaha know about Teal Tuesday? Howie Brewer with Pro Image Sports provided just one example of how "Feel the Teal" was becoming infectious! The Omaha community embraced the culture of the Chanticleer family by learning and carrying out our traditions. We are relentlessly and unapologetically the Coastal Carolina University Chanticleers!

*Photo: **Kayla Johnson** (left) with **Howie Brewer** of Pro Image Sports in Omaha.*



**SHERRY
JOHNSON** '96

As an alumna and former Coastal Carolina University student-athlete, I do not know where to begin in sharing my enthusiasm about attending the College World Series games in Omaha! From the way the city embraced the visiting teams to the comradeship among the CCU alumni, I will forever cherish this history-making moment. As a Chanticleer Hall of Fame athlete, I have never been more proud to be a part of Teal Nation and share in this momentous capstone event! I always had faith that our "diamond in the rough" team would come out on top! It was an unforgettable moment. I'm proud to be a Chanticleer!

*Photo: **Sherry Johnson** cheering and waving the Chanticleer flag at the CWS in Omaha.*



**MIKE
PRUITT** '84

My best lifelong memories from Omaha were watching us beat Florida on Father's Day with my daughter, who also is a CCU graduate. I also enjoyed connecting with former players and realizing what an incredible bond we shared in having worn the CCU baseball uniform. What made this even more special was that my three Coastal roommates came for the finals. The support of Teal Nation in Omaha and via social media brought a sense of pride like nothing I've ever been a part of. I became very close to this group of kids and many of their parents, which made being a part of this journey even more special. Lastly, Coach Gilmore is like my brother, and to see the emotional joy in him for what they accomplished is something I will cherish forever. #chantsforlife

*Photo: **Mike Pruitt** (left) with **Gary Gilmore** and the CWS Championship trophy.*

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JEREMY SAMATAS '98

As a former player, there is so much pride when you put on that Coastal hat and watch the next generation play the game. I took my son Tayber to the games, and we drove seven hours from Chicago. Tayber and I spent our entire second day looking for a special shirt from the series. We searched every tent outside the stadium, and all we kept hearing was that the Coastal gear was flying off the shelves. The coaching staff was able to get me a hat for him. The coolest moment for us was taking Tayber to Coastal's off-day hitting practice. The players were local celebrities, and they took the time to talk, sign autographs and tell stories. I could hear Tayber in the back seat pretending he was Remillard and then Marks coming up to bat. His hat never left his head the two days we were there.

Photo: *Jeremy and Tayber Samatas.*



TODD SETZER '02

My trip to Omaha for the 2016 College World Series is something I will treasure forever. I had the opportunity to watch the championship series with two of my best friends, fellow alumni Matt Ensworth and Trip Ritter, and oldest son Gray. My favorite memory happened prior to Game 2. I purchased a baseball for my son Gray to have autographed by the Chanticleer baseball players. As we were walking toward the stadium, he said he wanted to "play catch." We found a small grassy area just outside of the stadium and threw the baseball for 10 or 15 minutes. It was a moment I will never forget.

Photo: *Todd Setzer (left) with Matt Ensworth, Trip Ritter and son Gray Setzer.*



ALISON St. CLAIR '07

The College World Series is an experience that will deepen your love for baseball. I was lucky enough to convince my twin brother to book a flight for the first game. Attending Omaha for the CWS was a bucket list experience for both of us. Beating Florida, the No. 1 seed, made the trip worth every penny. I flew back home to D.C., but when Coastal forced a Game 3 against Arizona, I knew I had to get back to Omaha, and I booked the next flight. Weather moved the championship game to the next day, the same time my return flight was scheduled! There was no way I was going to miss that game. I spent the rest of the night trying to find a new flight. It wasn't cheap, but I could never put a price tag on getting on the field to celebrate winning our first national championship!

Photo: *Alison (right) with her twin brother Byron St. Clair.*



PERRY STALVEY '86

There is no doubt witnessing the Chanticleers win the College World Series is the greatest sport event I ever witnessed in my life. I am still pinching myself. I have to admit, I had tears in my eyes when the final out was made. Every time I am coming through Conway back to Myrtle Beach, I drive by the entrance to the baseball stadium and look at the championship banners just to make sure I'm not dreaming. I enjoyed the game with my brothers Wayne and Eric, who both attended Coastal, and my son Perry, a 2010 CCU graduate. By the way, my brother Wayne played on one of Coastal's first baseball teams. He is 70 years old and agreed that the CWS was the greatest sports event of his life.

Photo: *Perry Stalvey (right) enjoys a taquito at the CWS.*

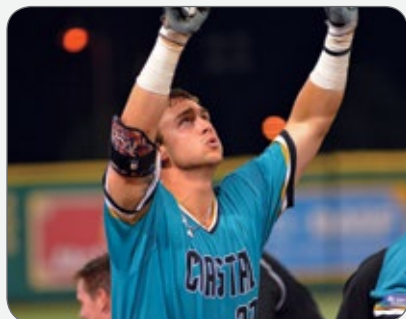
GRAND SLAM

FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

by Brent Reser

THE SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

Just as it was G.K. Young's dream to represent Coastal Carolina on a national stage in Omaha, it's the goal of any university's social media program to achieve that kind of marquee status as well. Whenever a university scholar, team or club achieves national success, the institution's social media directly benefits. Thanks to the College World Series title won by Gary Gilmore and his student-athletes this past summer, such was the case for the Coastal Carolina social media program.



THE ANALYTICS

The first boost that everyone anticipates and everyone notices is obvious: analytics. Or, for those not versed in social media-speak, more followers, more likes, more shares, etc.

During the month of June, our Instagram account grew by 56 percent, our Facebook account by 43 percent and our Twitter account by 27 percent. Our Facebook page reached 3.3 million people during the week of the College World Series finals, and our Twitter account registered 2.25 million impressions in June. Most analytics-based goals we hoped to achieve by the end of the 2016-17 academic year were surpassed two months before classes even began.



Take the Stare-Down Sammy Challenge

Coastal fans got to see Sammy go up against ESPN during the College World Series while rooting for the Chanticleers. Now is your chance. Go online and take the **Stare-Down Sammy Challenge** at coastal.edu/magazine.



CCU'S SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE



56%



27%



43%



CCU SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS DURING THE 2016 CWS FINALS



3.30 MILLION



2.25 MILLION

THE BENEFITS

While it's easy to focus on the numbers, it's also important to recognize other benefits our social media program received, such as:

- Recognition garnered from wildly popular social media sources. Our University and our social media handles were singled out on Twitter by SportsCenter, ESPN personalities, Darius Rucker, the Carolina Panthers, the NCAA, Gov. Nikki Haley, Lil' Wayne and others.
- Riffing with the rival. On a daily basis during the final series, our official Twitter account went back and forth with that of the University of Arizona (114,000 followers). Our accounts performed a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" duet, engaged in Q&A about our respective institutions and provided comic relief during the weather delay of Game 3.
- The direct coverage of our social media program. Media outlets around the state filed stories about what we were doing across our social networks to capitalize on the national spotlight. During the last week in June, #CCUSocialMedia was on a local news station almost every night.
- The unprecedented enthusiasm on our social channels. We aren't just talking about retweeting or sharing posts; this was full-out engagement. Our audience displayed their Chant pride by sending photos, videos, GIFs and well wishes to our social media accounts around the clock. Images of fans flashing the Chants Up sign, Coastal-decorated storefronts, pets decked out in Coastal gear, and babies cuddling Rafikis deluged all our accounts. User-generated content is a major goal of any social media program, and we hit the jackpot.

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COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CWS TWEETS



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Chalk one up for the little guy! Chanticleers win CWS with 4-3 win over Arizona.

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Carolina Panthers

Congrats @CoastalBaseball! 2016 @NCAACWS Champs! #OneCarolina

#CoastalRising



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History for Coastal Carolina! Chants defeat Arizona 4-3, to win first title in school history.

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Mike Tolbert

#CCUBaseball yeaaaaaaaaaaaaa baby #chantsup congrats boys @GoCCUsports @coastalbaseball

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Dick Vitale

Tip the hat to The CHANTICLEERS' National Champs-yes @CCUChanticleers beat Arizona 4 the college baseball title! es.pn/296L3WJ



***Joshua R. Norman**

WOW!!! So speechless right now. At the End of the Day @GoCCUsports Pulled it out & Saved us All...my Alma mater WOW* #HailToTheChants



Nikki Haley

Today @CoastalBaseball showed us that with hard work all dreams are possible. You have made SC proud! #TealNation



Kirk Herbstreit

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HOMECOMING



Hometown pride was at fever pitch as the national champion Chanticleers returned home after the College World Series final game on June 30. When the plane touched down at Myrtle Beach International Airport, thousands of well-wishers were on hand to meet the hero-athletes—far exceeding the size of the crowd that was expected for the midnight event. The following

day offered a triumphal parade in downtown Conway, where the whole town was covered in teal, even down to the Trestle's cupcake frosting. The festivities culminated with a homecoming celebration at the packed Springs Brooks Stadium where fans met the coaches and players and had a chance to get their pictures made with the championship trophy.



★ THE CHANTICLEERS ARRIVE AT MYRTLE BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO A HEROES' WELCOME.

2016 NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

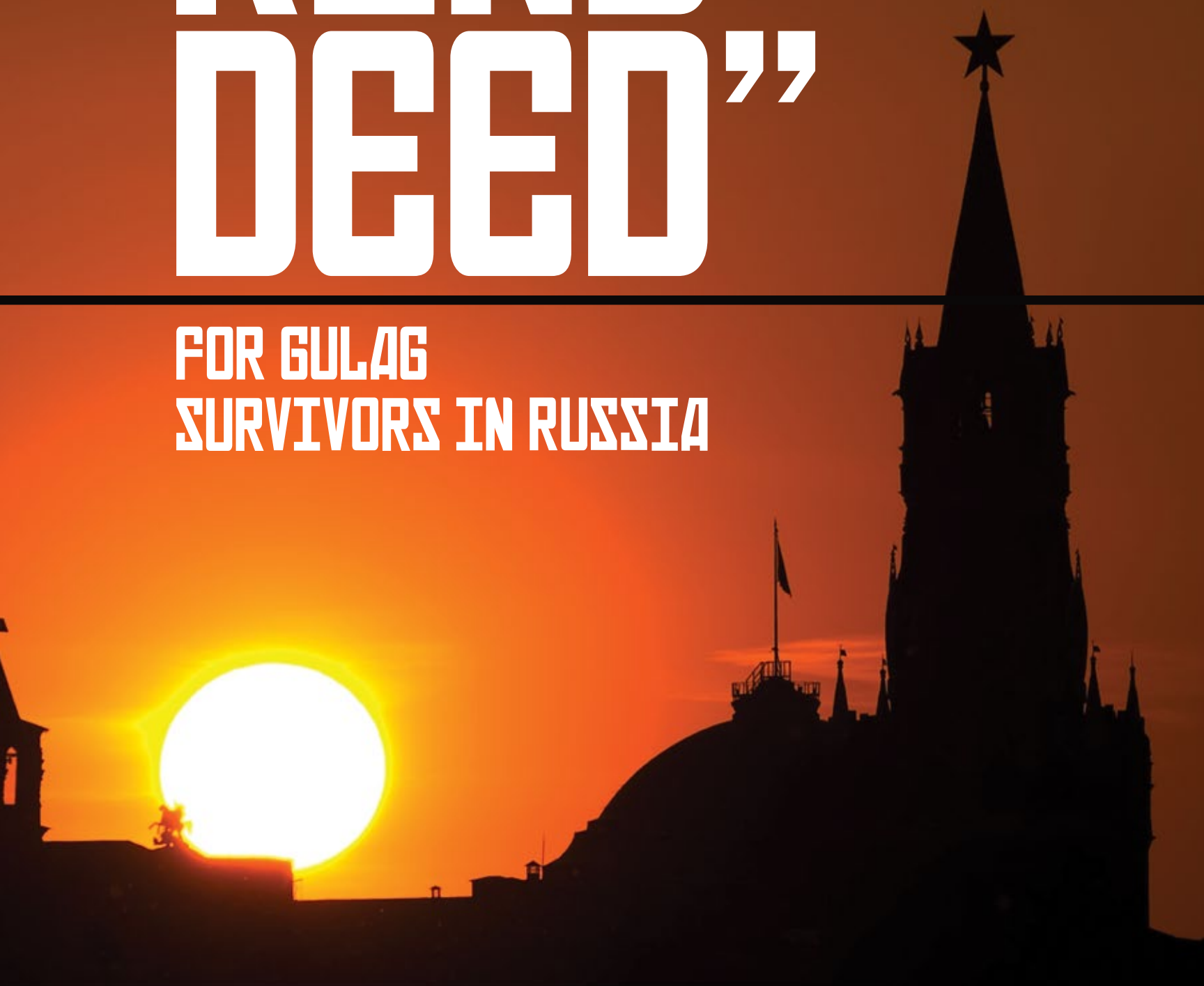


★ 2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS HOMECOMING PARADE IN CONWAY, S.C., AND CELEBRATION AT SPRINGS BROOKS STADIUM



“Доброе Дело:
A KIND
DEED”

FOR GULAG
SURVIVORS IN RUSSIA



For the past 10 years, Coastal Carolina University psychology professor **William Hills**, a specialist in gerontology, has been traveling to Russia to teach and conduct research on the country's aging population. In this article, Hills describes how his friendship with a health care colleague who grew up in the former Soviet Union has given Hills a rare glimpse into a phenomenon few Americans know about.



photography by Dennis Reed



(left to right) A U.S. delegation of health care specialists visits a Moscow outreach center of Dobroe Delo; William Hills (left) with his friend Boris, a survivor of the gulag era.

A HOUSE CALL

I was in Russia recently and saw Boris, an older gentleman whom I think of as a friend. He and I had met once before, at his home in Moscow, and I was delighted that on this meeting he spontaneously referenced our first encounter. It had been easy for me to remember that 2012 visit: I had never before met someone associated with the gulag, the infamous system of forced labor camps where millions slaved and died during Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's long reign of terror (1922-1953).

This time we were at a small community center where a small group of volunteers met to coordinate services for older adults who can't get out and about. Moscow, with its lack of accommodations and its many steps—always steps—is not an easy city to navigate if one has any type of challenging physical condition. I was there as part of a grant-supported delegation of U.S. gerontologists examining health care delivery for elderly Russians, and this center had a specific mission to provide services for older individuals officially recognized by the government as victims of repression. I had asked my grant partner, Dr. Eduard Karyukhin, a Russian physician who provides home-based services for older adults in Moscow, to set up the meeting, and, if possible, to see if Boris would agree to a videotaped interview. Eduard and I had worked closely together on the itinerary for the delegation visit, and I wanted my colleagues from America to

witness how events of Russian history have directly influenced the development of unique forms of service delivery for the elderly. Boris agreed, and, for two hours, we sat spellbound while Boris and Alexandra, another gulag victim who was also on hand that day, described their lives as children during the Stalin years.

The purpose of the delegation visit dated back a couple years to a grant announcement posted by the U.S. Embassy Moscow, describing the U.S.-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Grant Program. The program was specifically designed to promote the nonpolitical "exchange of best practices between Russians and Americans." Since gerontology is now a global phenomenon, with most countries of the world experiencing similar issues regarding aging populations, the program seemed to fit perfectly into an existing relationship I had developed with Eduard. After a brief review of the request for proposals, Eduard said he was interested—the grant appeared to offer a means to advance nongovernmental services for older adults of Russia—and he and I went to work. The resulting program included the U.S. delegation's visit to Russia and a similar visit for a Russian delegation to the U.S. Both trips occurred this past June, both itineraries proved successful, and both groups of gerontologists emerged from the peer-to-peer exchanges of the program with a deeper understanding of how older adult services are organized and provided in a country other than their own.



Karen Hills of the U.S. delegation speaks on mental health issues of older adults at Yellow Cross, a private nursing home near Moscow.

I first met Eduard, who is 63, in April 2012 following a global aging presentation I made at the American Culture Center in Moscow. He and I discussed gerontology issues late into the night of that first meeting, and I was intrigued when he told me his medical practice involved providing care to gulag survivors in their homes. I expressed interest in his work and eagerly accepted his invitation to accompany him to see one of his clients, Boris.

Two days later, we wound our way up and through the maze of high-rise apartments that defines Boris' neighborhood. Arranged in clusters, the huge, multistory slab structures form whole communities that sprawl across the landscape in Moscow. Within the deep complexes of virtually identical concrete buildings are schools and stores, and it's easy to imagine that life occurs for many Russian children within the boundaries of these inner courtyards, under the watchful eyes of the babushkas. Even with the good metro and bus systems, going anywhere in Russia requires a considerable amount of walking. For this reason, many older residents find it difficult to stray too far from home, and many of the oldest-old become housebound and reliant on neighbors for help with groceries and chores. Eduard said that Boris lived on an upper floor; I was relieved, for the sake of Boris and myself, that the elevator worked.

Boris had been alerted that Eduard would be accompanied by an American, and he greeted us with a smile at his front door. On the kitchen counter Boris had arranged little teacups and saucers, tea bags, sugar cubes, tiny spoons, an assortment of cake and pastry

squares, chocolates, a bowl of candies, and glasses of different sizes. When the electric kettle began to hiss, Boris began shuttling accoutrements to the table, ceremoniously displaying each item before us for approval. Saving the vodka and cognac for last, Boris held up the bottles, nodding in anticipation. I looked to Eduard. Should I accept an early afternoon bracer with an 85-year-old Russian undergoing a medical checkup? Eduard smiled. I was given the honor of offering a toast, and I chose a simple one, to good health.

The more I watched Eduard gently poke and prod Boris, the more I understood that I was unusually privileged to witness this relationship; Boris trusted Eduard implicitly, and by association Boris was extending that feeling to me. For an older retiree in Russia, Boris had lived well beyond life expectancy, which averaged 70 years (average life expectancy for males in the U.S. is 77 years). He had outlived his wife, which was highly unusual, given the 10-year female over male length of life difference. He was still in mourning over her loss from a couple years earlier. His loneliness, Eduard had told me, was offset somewhat by neighbors visiting. I could tell he looked forward to Eduard's visits. Boris' hospitality, extended to me, was seemingly boundless; I had successfully declined a second glass of vodka, but found it more difficult to politely decline an offer of personal possessions he wanted me to have. In the end, I accepted a Russian calendar but refused an official-looking form letter with Vladimir Putin's signature, sent to all military veterans on Victory Day.

(left to right) Sophia, a 103-year-old survivor of the Soviet gulag; Kremlin Square in Moscow; Dr. Eduard Karyukhin (standing, center) visits an arts and crafts program for older adults in Vologda.



A DOCTOR'S CALLING



Dr. Eduard Karyukhin speaks with Russian delegates at a reception hosted by President David A. DeCenzo at CCU.

When Eduard was a young physician, his interest was stirred by a newspaper article his father gave him about the formation of the Memorial Society, an organization founded in the late 1980s to address human rights violations, including the rehabilitation of persons who had fallen victim to the gulag system. As a boy, like most Russians his age he was largely unaware of the extent of Stalin's atrocities. When the revelations of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's writings began emerging in Russia in the 1970s, Eduard, then in high school, devoured anything available in the samizdat (or underground) press and eagerly followed the activities of persons who worked for human rights causes. Learning about the Memorial Society and its association with renowned dissident and Nobel Peace laureate Andrei Sakharov, he decided to fill out an application.

The organization was delighted to welcome a physician to its ranks and offered Eduard an initial opportunity to provide medical services for 10 to 12 gulag survivors. A staggering 20 million Russians are estimated to have been interned within the system. Eduard had been astounded to learn of the widespread distribution of camps, described by Solzhenitsyn as an archipelago, and he reasoned that many persons associated with the gulag had returned to their communities of origin and were still alive.

What he hadn't realized was how insidious an association with the gulag had become within the fabric of life in Russia. Multiple generations of families of the gulag had attempted to anonymously dissolve into neighborhoods, to quietly distance

themselves from the stigma of having a relative once labeled as an "enemy of the people." Eduard strongly approved of Memorial's goal to rehabilitate survivors, to clear names of wrongdoing via the government's admission of culpability in the arrests, incarcerations and (often) executions of innocent citizens. He himself remembered as a child having to identify on school forms whether a relative had an association with the gulag system.

Working with Memorial gave his work a special purpose. Having somehow lived through the gulag experience, many survivors were now sick, suffering from a host of post-traumatic ailments, and often poor and alone. Many persons with first- and even second- and third-hand experiences with the gulag had lost multiple family members and, in some cases, because of persistent psychological damage had lost the ability to participate in normal family relations. Eduard's mission became one of full-time service to some of Russia's most vulnerable persons. He began coordinating home-based services for up to a dozen participating physicians, working through three Moscow hospitals that accepted gulag victims free of charge.

Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia fell on hard economic times, and the medical care field underwent a paradigm shift. Under the earlier state-supported system, in which payment wasn't an issue, geriatric medicine was a preference of physicians for research and practice, and as a result older adults received needed services and had a relatively high degree of status in their families and communities. But throughout the 1990s, as the limited capitalism-based economy slowly grew in Russia, a fee-for-service model developed that largely left those who couldn't pay out of the health care market. Consequently, geriatrics became less attractive as a specialist area for physicians,

who, perhaps understandably, felt financially compelled to look out for their own families. Even today, the average pensioner in Russia lives on about \$200 per month, making it difficult, if not impossible, for many older adults to see a doctor or receive attention in a hospital.

By the late 1990s, Eduard perceived that the mission of Memorial had shifted. He appreciated and supported the political gains of the Yeltsin years. (He was present at the Russian White House in August 1991 during the two tense days and nights of the failed attempt by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to unseat Mikhail Gorbachev.) But increasingly, he had less interest in the political aspects of human rights issues and more interest in a nonpartisan provision of medical services. By 2000, Eduard had made the decision to go his own way. With his mother and another physician, Eduard formed Dobroe Delo, translated as "Kind Deed," a nongovernmental foundation serving "victims of totalitarian regimes."

WHO SAYS ONE PERSON CAN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



His decision was made in part to dissociate from politics, but Dobroe Delo is also the result of a startling discovery he had made that cemented his decision to focus on individuals in need, no matter what their circumstances. After he began work with Memorial, Eduard discovered a gulag connection in his own family: his maternal grandfather had been arrested in the 1930s and spent 17 years in a work camp. He had survived the gulag, Eduard learned, because he had taken accounting in school, a skill that was useful to his captors. With an indoor job, he escaped the fate of millions of prisoners who were worked to death in the bitter Siberian winters. Eduard does not know the reason for his grandfather's arrest (typical for gulag internees), and his mother, with whom Eduard has lived for most of his adult life, never discussed her father's imprisonment. Eduard saw his grandfather only once, in 1960, when he was a young boy. Although still a relatively young man, his grandfather was seriously ill with a stomach condition and drank heavily. He died soon after, haunted by a fear that the gulag would return.

In 2006, Edward extended the reach of Dobroe Delo through the formation of the National Coalition of Rights of the Elderly (NCRE), which organizes the many associations and nongovernmental groups that provide social care in communities across Russia. Today, the NCRE has nongovernmental members in dozens of cities, and Eduard travels widely to meet with prospective members and advocate for older adults.

Along with his many other organizational duties, Eduard still sees clients in their homes, and, like Boris, they look forward to his visits. Because of Eduard, however, and his ties to social organizations in the community and the outside world, Boris and many others who have overcome difficult lives are a little less lonely. Who says one person can't make a difference? 🙏

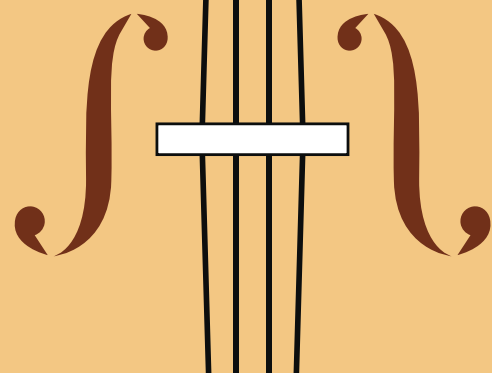
CCU'S RUSSIAN CONNECTION

Coastal Carolina University has been actively engaging with Russia on projects of mutual academic and cultural interest for more than 13 years. In 2003, former CCU President Ron Ingle signed agreements with three Moscow universities to develop exchange partnerships and programs. Former education dean Dennis Wiseman led two unique book projects with Russian State Social University (RSSU): *Teaching at the University Level: Cross-Cultural Perspective from the United States and Russia* and *Family and Childrearing: Russia and the USA*. The books featured chapters by CCU faculty and by their Russian colleagues at RSSU, and both were published in English and Russian language versions. CCU psychology professor William Hills co-edited a third book collaboration, *Youth and the Socio-Cultural Environment: A Cross-Cultural Analysis* in 2013. Research on aging has been a central area of activity since the partnership began, leading to a Fulbright scholarship opportunity for Hills to teach in Russia in 2013 and the grant-funded peer-to-peer gerontology exchange that Hills led in June 2016. Delegations of U.S. and Russian health care providers visited both countries to study services for the aging.

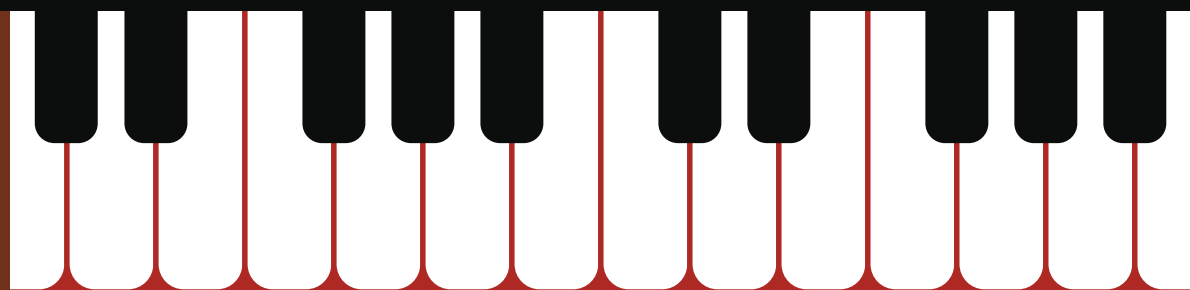


William Hills

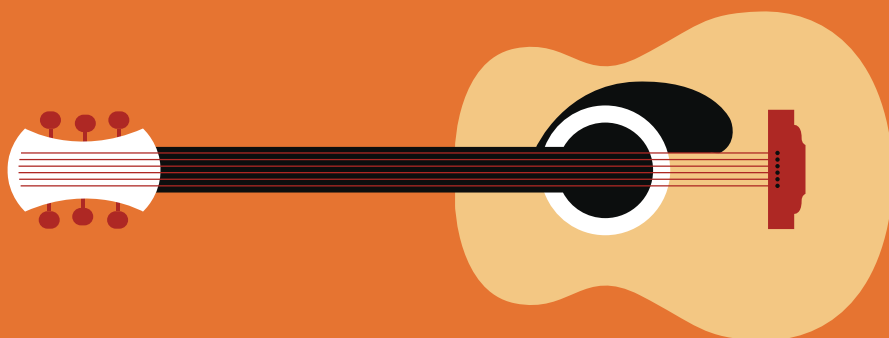
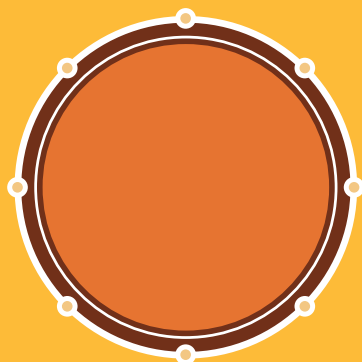
MOOD



MONTREUX



CCU's COOLEST
COMBO GETS THE
HOTTEST INVITATION
IN THE JAZZ WORLD!





Mckinley Devilbiss

Wade McMillan

Liz Kelley-Tavernier

J.P. Taylor

Tim Hardwick



This past spring, the ensemble received its first-ever award for outstanding performance as an undergraduate blues/rock/pop group from the premier music magazine DownBeat. Even greater accolades came in July, when the combo was invited to perform at Europe's greatest jazz festivals: Montreux in Switzerland, Jazz à Vienne in France, and Umbria Jazz in Italy. Coastal Carolina University Jazz Combo members Liz Kelley-Tavernier, J.P. Taylor, Tim Hardwick, Wade McMillan and Mckinley Devilbiss had the time of their lives, as is evident in the following photo-diary that Liz and Tim kept during the trip.

7 FRI

After a very long day of travel, we arrived at our hotel in the beautiful mountain town of Brienz, Switzerland. I think I can speak for everyone in our group in saying that after just one day we are ready to pack up and move to Switzerland.

- Liz



7/3 SUN

Our second day at Montreux was a blast! We got to see the 76-year-old Herbie Hancock and the 74-year-old John McLaughlin. True living legends! Between their sets was the John Scofield/Brad Mehldau/Mark Guiliana trio, which was personally the greatest musical treat thus far.

- Tim

7/2 SAT

Brienz was absolutely gorgeous, but playing there the night before was only a warm-up gig for what was to come. Once packed up, we headed to Montreux. This was the first of our two days performing for "Music in the Park." This was the stage that was open to the public and all passersby. The audience was incredibly receptive and the mutual excitement proved to be a high-energy experience for all. Afterward, we had dinner at a Swiss Kabob restaurant and got to soak up some of the Swiss culture and nightlife. Can't wait for tomorrow!

- Tim





7 4 MON

Our journey to Vienne, France, was really quite stunning. We took the train a few hours through the mountains and countryside and arrived in time for the afternoon sound check and concert. The stage was in the middle of town, surrounded by Roman ruins. The performance went so well that the crowd clapped for an encore! Later that evening, we enjoyed a concert at the Roman Amphitheatre/main stage with performances by Lisa Simone (daughter of Nina Simone) and the Randy Weston African Rhythms Quintet.

- Liz



7 5 TUE

This was our first day off from performing. After getting to sleep in and finally adjusting our bodies to the six-hour time difference, this was our chance to see the city of Vienne. Along with medieval ruins of castles and a cathedral, one of the coolest things we saw was the 2,000-year-old stone structure that is believed to entomb Pontius Pilate. Later that evening, the entire CCU gang had a three-course gourmet French dinner in a shaded alleyway.

- Tim



7 6 WED

We had another day off from performing and spent the day en route to Italy. Our first stop was Turin, where we met up with our second tour guide, Bobby. We enjoyed dinner and gelato together and had the best freshly squeezed orange juice at a small local cafe!

- Liz



7/7 THUR

We got a tour of the city of Torino, Italia (Turin, northern Italy, just below the Alps). After seeing many historical landmarks and buildings, we visited the cinematic museum, where we learned about the impact Italian innovators had on the history of filmmaking. Later that afternoon, we played for a peace rally at the Italian Buddhist Institute. From there, we traveled to our second gig of the day in a vintage VW van. It was a small, hole-in-the-wall gothic bar and we played for a small, kind and very receptive audience in the opening out back between a couple of apartment buildings.

- Tim

7/8 FRI

Today we traveled to Perugia, Italy, for the Umbria Jazz Festival. After checking into our hotel, we had just enough time for our sound check before we went on stage. The was at the end of a street next to a huge church, and the view was spectacular. A protest march for Italian secession from the EU took place in the street just before we took stage! We attracted a big crowd and many sang along with the pop songs they recognized. After the performance, we had dinner with the most incredible view of the sun setting on the city and the neighboring mountain range.

- Tim



7 SAT

Roma, Italia! This was our day as typical tourists. Our guide, Bobby, took us to see the Colosseum (Colosseo), the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon. The city is truly amazing, and later that evening we had dinner at a restaurant that donates to those with special needs and employs them as servers.

- Tim



7 SUN

This was certainly a sort of bittersweet day as it was our last performance together in Europe (for now). We were picked up from our hotel by a tour bus and traveled to the small town of Castiglione in Teverina, about 90 km outside of Rome. The town is located on the top of a hill, and we were hosted by and performed at a winery. We were given a tour of the wine factory by a local sommelier and received a very warm welcome from the town residents! We enjoyed dinner with some of the owners of the winery and performed on their stage in the evening. After the performance, the owner gave us a late night tour of the truly captivating city. It was a perfect way to end such an incredible trip. 🍷

- Liz

SET LIST

MONTREUX!

07.02.16

CCU Jazz Combo

1. **TRANSFORM** - Eric Harland
2. **GIVE** - Julian Shore
3. **INVITATION** - Bronislau Kaper
4. **RIGHT NEXT TO YOU** - Elizabeth Zimmer
5. **WADE IN THE WATER** - Trad
6. **LULLABY OF BIRDLAND** - George Shearing
7. **MY FATHER'S WORLD**
8. **A NIGHT IN TUNISIA** - Gillespie
9. **DON'T YOU CROSS THAT LINE** - Devilbiss
10. **CRAZY** - Gnarls Barkley

JAZZ Á VIENNE

07.04.16

The Uber Set!

1. **TRANSFORM** - Eric Harland
2. **GIVE** - Julian Shore
3. **INVITATION** - Bronislau Kaper
4. **MY FATHER'S WORLD**
5. **WADE IN THE WATER** - Trad
6. **PEOPLE MAKE THE WORLD**
7. **APPLE TREE**
8. **(CONTRAFAC)**
9. **CRAZY** - Gnarls Barkley

UMBRIA

07.08.16

The Uber - Uber Set!!

1. **TRANSFORM** - Eric Harland
2. **GIVE** - Julian Shore
3. **INVITATION** - Bronislau Kaper
4. **MY FATHER'S WORLD**
5. **LULLABY OF BIRDLAND** - George Shearing
6. **WADE IN THE WATER** - Trad
7. **DISTANCE**
8. **PEOPLE MAKE THE WORLD**
9. **APPLE TREE**
10. **CRAZY** - Gnarls Barkley
11. **RIGHT NEXT TO YOU** - Elizabeth Zimmer

TWO LIVES, ONE PURPOSE



Kennedy Odede *and* Jessica Posner

Find Me Unafraid: A Story of Love, Loss, and Hope is the remarkable story of two young people from different worlds and cultures. Jessica Posner, a native of Denver, Colo., was a student at Wesleyan University who wanted to experience another part of the world. In 2007, she traveled to Kenya. There, in one of the largest slums in Africa, she met Kennedy Odede, the unofficial “mayor of Kibera,” and their lives became intertwined in a humanitarian adventure. Armed with a book by Martin Luther King Jr. and a 20-cent soccer ball, Odede started a movement called Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO) to help his hometown, which Posner embraced. Together, they built and organized the Kibera School for Girls and later a community clinic. Odede also enrolled at Wesleyan, graduating in 2012 and delivering the commencement address. The couple married in June 2012, and their book was published in 2015. *Find Me Unafraid* was chosen as Coastal Carolina University’s 2016 Big Read for incoming freshmen, and the couple spoke to 2,300 students at CCU’s New Student Convocation in August, challenging them to make a difference in their world. During their campus visit, **Mona Prufer** of CCU’s Office of University Communication interviewed the couple about their inspiring story.

How are things going with your school and health centers in Kenya?

Odede: Great. We’ve expanded a lot. We’re now operating in two urban slums, Kibera and Mathare. We’ll reach more than 120,000 individuals this year through the school, health programs and other services, including clean water. It’s been really exciting. The school is pre-kindergarten through the seventh grade.

Is it difficult to sustain these initiatives you started?

Posner: Yeah, we’re always fundraising. Our hopes are to be able not just to maintain, but to grow—to take the models that work for us and scale them up to reach more communities.



Is this your first Big Read experience?

Posner: Yes, this is the first, although UNC-Charlotte is also doing it for their Big Read and a few other schools as well.

One of the most disturbing aspects of your story, Kennedy, was the high incidence of rapes of girls in Kibera and the lack of justice within the “judicial system.” Has that changed or been addressed through the improvements you have initiated?

Odede: Working through the community, we now have a department that deals with the gender violence. It was started by a parent whose daughter was abused. There used to be only one police doctor to work on rape cases, but now we have three. We do a lot of community education. The judicial system is indeed a challenge.

You have both exhibited impressive acts of bravery, risking your lives in defiance of the ruling authorities to achieve your goals. Where does that come from, and how do you advise others to address their fears?

Posner: I think part of it is just not taking no for an answer. When something seems impossible, you figure out a way around it. I guess I just don't believe that anything is impossible.

Odede: Mine is [a result of] exposure to a very tough life at a very early age. There's nothing unique about me. I grew up in violence, in the street. My mother has been a strong influence, encouraging me to keep strong despite all the challenges.

How has your life changed since publication of this book?

Odede: Good food! Good showers! [laughs] For me, it's been very humbling. The effect of coming here to Coastal Carolina University today and finding that the students know all the details of my life, even down to my dog Cheetah—it touches my heart. It makes me feel I have done something with my life despite my struggles. People have been touched by our work, they are writing us messages. Everybody has a gift, and that gift can be useful as something positive. The book makes me feel like we are able to share some light with the world.

Posner: When you're writing it, you don't see the impact it could have on other people. It is a huge honor to get to share our story in this way, and humbling to see it has deeply resonated with people and hopefully opened their mind's view and changed their perspective on life.

Describe your collaborative process in writing this book.

Odede: We wrote our parts separately. The hard part was how to put it together, but Jessica did that magic. She put the pages on the floor and gave it an outlook and a shape it didn't have at the start of the process.

It might be said of you, Kennedy, that a book lifted you out of poverty, in the sense that a book about Martin Luther King Jr. stirred you to action. How important are books to you?

Odede: For me, I see books as a human being. Books as breathing, books as talking to me. Books really changed my life. I stay very busy, but I always engage with books.

What advice would you give students who want to make a difference in the world?

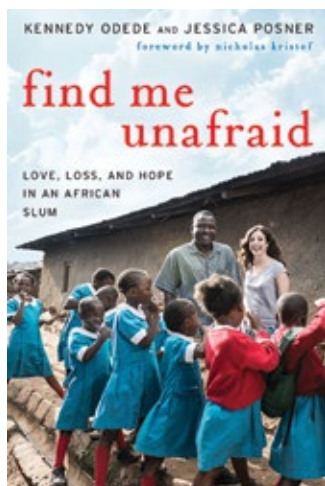
Posner: I would say start small. Problems, especially in today's complex world, can be so overwhelming. If you look at the whole thing, you can feel like there's nowhere to start. So start somewhere, even if it's small. Even one step makes a big difference. There's a homeless person, and most people drive past. Why can't you be the one who stops?

Odede: We are here on Earth with purpose. We have to find that purpose. It's not always easy, it is a process. But as you work on the process, there is always something you can do for humanity. Maybe you meet someone, and you can possibly change their life. You don't have to wait. Wherever we are, we can do something positive.

Kennedy, you had no formal education and taught yourself to read from discarded newspapers in the street. Now you've had two op-eds published in The New York Times. How does that make you feel?

Odede: The first op-ed was due to a professor [at Wesleyan]. I wrote a piece about slum tourism in a class, and the professor asked my permission to submit it to a newspaper. I thought he was talking about a small paper. I said 'Sure, professor.' Then I get an email from The New York Times? I said, 'What? The New York Times? You are kidding me!' But at the same time I felt: do not look down on the slums, do not look down on anybody. I have experience, which I lived through. The Times just gave me space to share it with the world. Most of us get overlooked. People don't care about us. That reminded me how important this opportunity is to share with the world. Most poor people, if they have an opportunity at an early age, they could end up becoming doctors, lawyers, professors. But if we wait too long [to lift them out of poverty], the opportunity is lost. 📖

For more information about *Shining Hope for Communities*, visit www.shofco.org.



OMAHA



THE HANDSHAKE:

ESPN cameras caught the intricately choreographed handshake performed by CCU players **Seth Lancaster** and **Josh Crump**.



G.K. YOUNG

- ALL-AMERICAN
- HERO SPORTS
- ABCA 1ST TEAM
- NCBWA 1ST TEAM
- RAWLINGS/ABCA ALL-ATLANTIC REGION 1ST TEAM



RAFIKI, AKA FIKI:

Purchased at a gas station in May after the team lost three straight games to Georgia Tech, the stuffed monkey became the team's constant talisman for the rest of the season. Fiki, dressed in Coastal gear, got almost as much prime airtime as the players themselves. Retired after the championship game, he is now honorably ensconced in the trophy cabinet.



BOBBY HOLMES

- RECOGNIZED AT THE CWS FOR HIS TEAM-HIGH 3.77 GPA.



FLAG DAY:

The governor best known for taking flags down, **Nikki Haley** ordered the Chanticleer flag to be raised over the S.C. State House and declared July 1 "Chanticleer Baseball National Champions Day."



ON A DARE:

Chicago Cubs pitcher and TCU alum **Jake Arrieta** lost a bet to Cubs teammate and CCU alum **Tommy LaStella** about whose team would get eliminated in the series. The payment: Arrieta had to get a Chanticleer tattoo.



MIKE MORRISON

- ALL-AMERICAN
- LOUISVILLE SLUGGER/COLLEGIATE BASEBALL 1ST TEAM
- NCBWA 3RD TEAM
- PERFECTGAME.ORG 3RD TEAM
- ALL-NCAA RALEIGH REGIONAL TEAM



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LUCKY NUMBER 6:

CCU played in six elimination games in the 2016 NCAA tourney, winning all six.



GILLEY'S SILENT CHORUS:

Every time Coach Gilmore did an on-camera interview, the team had his back—literally. Armed with Rafiki, the shark and/or a giant Gilley cardboard cutout, a group of stone-faced players gathered behind their coach to show respect—with attitude.



EXTRAS

of interest 

» The 2016 College World Series was the stuff of legend, in more ways than one. Lots of interesting things happened off the diamond that immediately entered into CCU folklore.



BIRD ON A WIRE:

Almost every night at 7:46 CST, a bird perched on a power line above the stadium to enjoy the game.

BRUCE THE SHARK:

An inflatable beach shark named Bruce joined Rafiki as a good luck charm during the College World Series. He was one of dozens of beach balls and other inflatables that fans threw onto the field.



WHIZ KIDS:

The Chants had a team GPA of 3.17, the best among the eight teams at the NCAA CWS.



ANTHONY MARKS

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» THE PRIZE TROPHY



STARE-DOWN SAMMY:

Ten-year-old **Sammy Didonato** became an internet superstar after staring down an automated ESPN camera during the Saturday night game against TCU. The freckled-face Omahan's eye-locking, brow-twitching performance racked up more than 50 million views.

☺ Take the Stare-Down Sammy Challenge; see Page 28.



CHAUNCEY ARRIVES!

Millions of Americans got multiple lessons on the definition of our mascot and how to pronounce it, via national media. *The New York Times* described Chauncey as CCU's "elegant, Chaucer-inspired nickname."



THE CHANT BALL:

Also known as the Chanticleer (pronounced SHON-ti-clear), the Chant ball is one of the most unique pitches in college baseball. The Chant ball starts with a low, determined delivery, then rises to a height and velocity that take the opposition by surprise.



ANDREW BECKWITH

- GREG OLSON NATIONAL BREAKOUT PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- CWS MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER
- CWS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
- ALL-AMERICAN
- HERO SPORTS
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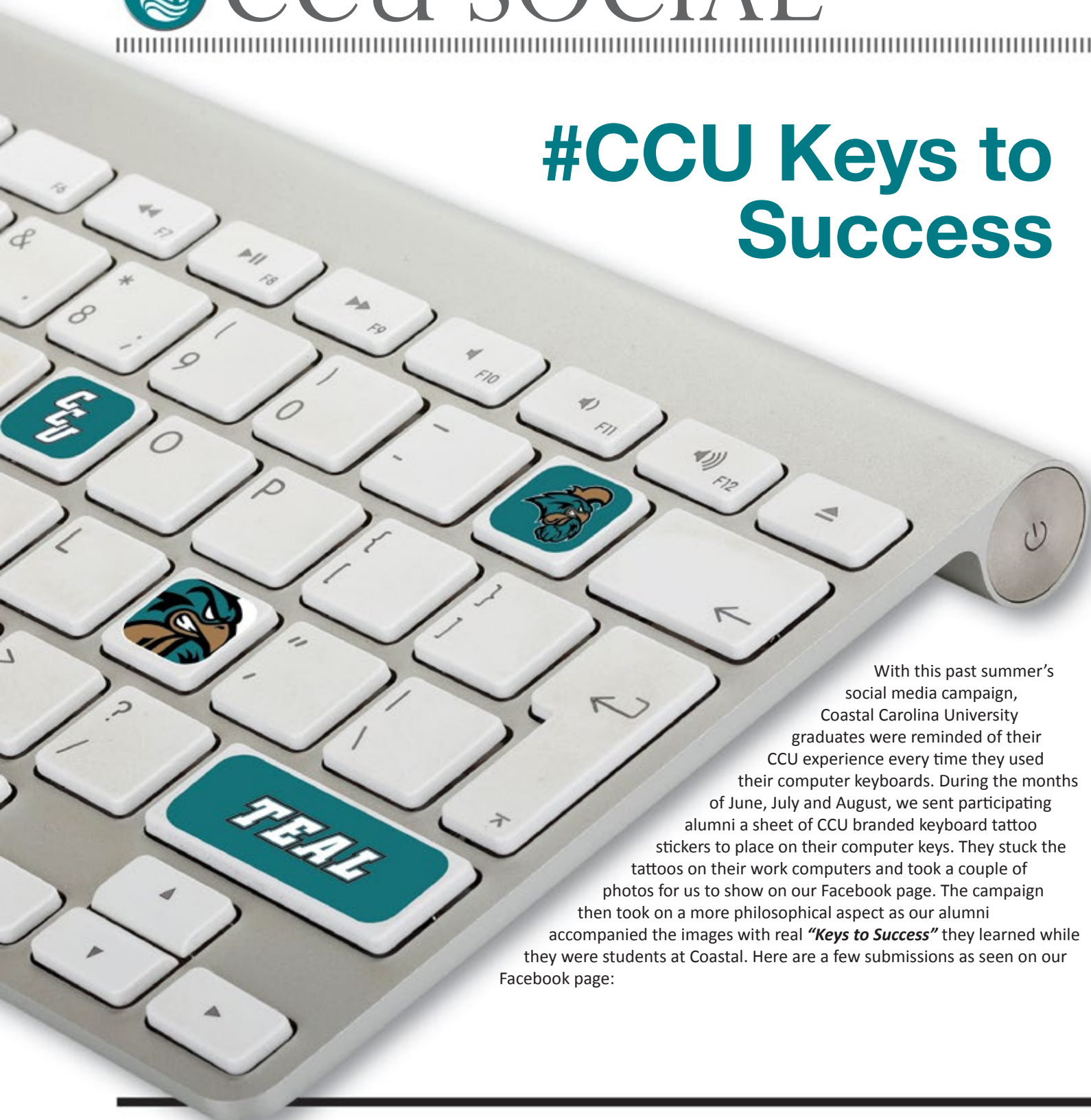
CCU Director of Athletics **Matt Hogue**, formerly the longtime "Voice of the Chanticleers," stepped back into his announcer shoes for a nostalgic turn at the microphone during the last half of the extremely memorable last inning of the College World Series.





CCU SOCIAL

#CCU Keys to Success



With this past summer's social media campaign, Coastal Carolina University graduates were reminded of their CCU experience every time they used their computer keyboards. During the months of June, July and August, we sent participating alumni a sheet of CCU branded keyboard tattoo stickers to place on their computer keys. They stuck the tattoos on their work computers and took a couple of photos for us to show on our Facebook page. The campaign then took on a more philosophical aspect as our alumni accompanied the images with real **"Keys to Success"** they learned while they were students at Coastal. Here are a few submissions as seen on our Facebook page:

**LATRICE SALES '03**

Director of fitness and recreation at Boys & Girls Clubs of America in Atlanta, Ga.

Keys to Success: Realizing that it's never too late to pursue your dreams; maintaining your integrity no matter the situation.

**SHAWN VINJU '00**

Financial analyst at Ochsner Health Systems in Metairie, La.

Keys to Success: Balancing school and baseball at CCU taught me time management skills and the importance of dedication and hard work.

**EBONY HILLS '07**

Bioenvironmental engineer for Florida Air National Guard in Jacksonville

Keys to Success: Hard work, organization, attention to detail, plus problem solving, time management and diversity skills.



YOU can let us know your **keys to success** by contacting our Facebook inbox: facebook.com/coastalcarolinauniversity.



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TEAL & BRONZE



WORLD

DUSTIN JOHNSON

Dustin Johnson won the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania on June 19. It was the first major championship win for Johnson, who played collegiate golf at CCU from 2003 to 2007. This Father's Day victory was particularly sweet for the CCU Hall of Famer after a runner-up finish in 2015. But 2016 was a magic year for Johnson, who also won the PGA Tour Player of the Year Award, the Arnold Palmer Award and the Byron Nelson Award.



AMBER CAMPBELL

Amber Campbell '04 finished sixth overall in the women's hammer throw at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 15. Campbell threw the hammer farther than any American woman Olympian ever has. In her third trip to the Olympic Games, Campbell finished with a throw of 72.74 meters—just two meters away from the bronze medal. She threw her personal best—74.03 meters—at the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., in June.





Class Notes



1969

Keith Hinson, owner and founder of Waccamaw Land & Timber Company, has been confirmed by the South Carolina Senate to serve on the Department of Natural Resources board. He has also served as chairman of CCU's E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration board of visitors and as a member of the Carolina First Bank board of directors.

1979

H. Delan Stevens was inducted into the 2016 Conway High School Hall of Fame as an Outstanding Alumnus in April. He is also a member of the CCU board of trustees.

1987

Darryl Morhardt is the pitching coach for the Newport Gulls. From 2008-2014, he was the manager of the Holyoke (later known as Valley) Blue Sox, and was the pitching coach for the Torrington Twisters from 1997-2006. He has coached in various roles for the University of Hartford, Gateway Community College, Western Connecticut State, Marietta College, George Washington University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Morhardt played professionally from 1985-87, including a season with the Atlanta Braves Class A affiliate. He also worked with the New York Mets as an associate scout from 1997-2002.

1993

Leslie C. Moore is the editor for Strand Media Group. She is a 25-year resident of Pawleys Island.

1995

Michele L. Olds, the first female president of CCU's Student Government Association, is a senior vice president at Nationstar Mortgage in Denver, Colo., where she manages the master servicing division. Olds served on two panels at ABS Vegas 2016, the world's largest capital markets conference.

1996

Patricia Apone has taken a new job with the Louisville Regional Airport Authority. She previously served as the director of the Myrtle Beach International Airport.

1998

Jonathan Hyman was a 2016 candidate for the office of Horry County Treasurer. For the past 17 years, Hyman has been appraising residential and commercial property and is a candidate for MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute. He manages his own appraisal firm.

Rodney J. Summers was named the first head football coach at May River High School in Bluffton, S.C.

He previously served as head coach at Westwood High School in Blythewood, S.C., guiding the team to the state playoffs in three of his four seasons, including an 11-2 finish in 2014 that earned him Coach of the Year honors from the S.C. Football Coaches Association. Summers was also honored in 2014 as the South Carolina Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Art Baker State Coach of the Year.

2000

Jennifer Creque-Blackburn teaches early childhood education and English as a second language at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. She is the only full-time faculty member in the early childhood education department, where she is working to create a department resource room. Blackburn and her husband, Keller, have one son.

Emily Owens is a lieutenant commander and environmental health officer in the U.S. Navy. She is also a Navy Medicine Training Support Center preventive medicine instructor at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio - Fort Sam Houston. She holds a master's degree in public health with a certificate in environmental health from Florida International University and an MBA with a concentration in organizational change and behavior from Hawaii Pacific University. She is also a grad-

uate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Owens is pursuing a master's degree in adult education from Auburn University.

Karen Sanders has been promoted to senior environmental health specialist with the Arkansas Department of Health and is the hospital food services program coordinator for the entire state.

2001

Kelly Sloan Adams married Chris Adams in June 2015.

2002

Boris G. Menier, marketing manager for the Florida Marlins, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Lua Gabriella Menier, on Dec. 29, 2015.

2004

Jared Owen and his wife, Lovae, welcomed their son, Jaxton Brandford Owen, late last year.

2005

Jen Pierce has been teaching digital photography and art at Myrtle Beach High School for the past two years. She previously taught art and digital media at Loris High School after earning a master's degree from CCU. She is an artist in various media including paint and mixed media.

[Alumnus of the Year]

Gary Gilmore

The 2016 Alumnus of the Year is **Gary Gilmore '80**, head coach of the Chanticleer baseball team. His profile is on Page 11.

[Young Alumnus of the Year]

Meghan Laffin: Making News



Meghan Laffin

Meghan Laffin '14 is quickly making a name for herself at CBS News, just as she did at Coastal Carolina University.

Laffin, a native of Long Island, N.Y., earned a bachelor's degree in business management with a minor in journalism. Captain of the volleyball team, she was named the 2013-2014 Presidential

Student-Athlete of the Year, and she received the 2014 Ronald D. Lackey Service Award. She was a member of the University Honors Program and the Wall Fellows program, and she was active in WCCU Radio, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Golden Key International Honor Society.

"I was lucky to have a series of exceptional professors at CCU," said Laffin, "and learning to balance a heavy course load with athletics and community service really taught me to excel. The Wall Fellows program expanded my classroom experience to real-life scenarios. The program taught me to apply my classroom learning to the professional world, especially when it came to finding an internship and deciding which passion to pursue."

After interning at CBS to help fulfill her degree requirements, Laffin was later hired on a full-time basis. She



Cathy and Gary Gilmore

began by learning the fundamentals, shadowing producers and assisting them with major projects. From there, she produced live shots with reporters in the field and the "Eye Opener" segment on Saturday morning. Later she switched to the control room, where she now works as an associate producer.

"Now I work for *CBS This Morning* with Charlie Rose, Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell," Laffin said. "My primary focus is coordinating live segments. I'm the one in the control room deciding what video, images or graphics to show during a conversation. It is my responsibility to predict where the conversation may go and what visual elements are needed to follow. My goal is to someday produce major investigative or feature tape pieces, like the type of stories you see on *60 Minutes* or *Sunday Morning*."



Meghan Laffin at the CBS studio in New York.



Class Notes

Steven M. Toniolo and Caroline Willis Jones were married April 30, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church in Florence. Toniolo earned an MBA from Francis Marion University and is a co-owner of Tubb's Shrimp and Fish Company in Florence.

2006

Craig Face recently moved with his wife and two children from Wakefield to Prince George's County in Maryland after being named a market leader IV at BB&T Bank. He also served the Rotary Club of Franklin, Md., as a board member and project manager.

Arthur Jashienski is the new offensive coordinator at Stratford High School in Goose Creek, S.C. He and his wife, Mallory, live in Crowfield with their three children.

2007

Barrett Maners has joined Richard Odom & Associates as a licensed apprentice appraiser. He is a practicing affiliate of the Appraisal Institute and is licensed as a real estate broker in North and South Carolina. Maners earned a master's degree in real estate development from Clemson University.

Steven Schuster came in 14th place at the 100th Annual Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest Main Event in Coney Island, N.Y., on July 4, 2016. He made it to the main event after eating 21.5 hot dogs in 10 minutes at a qualifying event in Charlotte, N.C., earlier this year.

Lauren K. Taylor and Peter Degnan welcomed their daughter, Mary Grace, on Feb. 1, 2016, in Milford, Conn.

John D. Morrell, of Wenham, Mass., was named vice president, retail market manager for TD Bank's North Shore region. He is responsible for overseeing business development, sales management and employee development at 19 TD Bank locations.

2008

Ann Sue Lee is enrolled in an RN to BSN online nursing program at Liberty University.

Rachel Graves Sadowski of Far Hills, N.J., works for the United States Golf Association as director of championships for the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball. The 2017 Four-Ball Championship is scheduled for May 27-31 at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach.

2009

Brentley Broughton is the web design manager at Coastal Carolina University. He and his wife, Victoria, a fellow CCU graduate, live in Conway with their 2-year-old daughter, Aubrey.

Amanda Floyd and her husband, Bobby, welcomed their daughter, Skylar Leigh Floyd, in early spring 2016.

James Galloway has been promoted three times in his seven years with CIOX Health, most recently to regional manager of operations for the Charleston-Savannah area. For the past few years, he and his wife, Kristina, have been living in the Tampa, Fla., area.

2010

Eugene Bellamy and his wife, Raven, welcomed their daughter, Madison Aaliyan Bellamy, on Dec. 11, 2015.

2011

David Duran was recently named the youth pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach, with responsibility for the spiritual development of middle and high school students. A Chanticleer football player from 2009 to 2011, Duran was the first recipient of the BAM (Be a Man) Player of the Year award.

Leigha Peterson is Coastal Carolina University's first Ph.D. student in coastal and marine systems science. She recently passed the first Ph.D. comprehensive exam given at CCU. Peterson has participated in several extended research cruises to Antarctica, the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere in pursuit of her studies. She is now focusing on her dissertation. Peterson earned a master's degree

in coastal marine and wetland studies from CCU in 2014.

Roslyn Sakowitz was promoted to sales representative at Kingston Resorts in Myrtle Beach. She is responsible for developing new business and leads for the sales team.

2012

Kira Carter is the new assistant women's basketball coach at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. For the past two years, Carter served as the assistant coach at Wabash Valley College. She also coached for one year at Thomas College. Prior to coaching, Carter played a season of professional basketball in the Czech Republic league in 2012-13. She earned a master's degree in sports leadership from Duquesne University in 2015.

Lindsay Osborne and **Phillip Pampani** were married April 24, 2016, in Pawleys Island. She works as a special events administrator for the American Heart Association in Myrtle Beach.

Joey Trail was named one of the five finalists for South Carolina Teacher of the Year. He is an English teacher at Forestbrook Middle School and general manager of the Carolina Forest Performing Arts Academy.

2013

Blake C. Collins is the manager of communication for Martinsville Speedway, a part of the International Speedway Corporation. Martinsville hosts two NASCAR Sprint Cup races a year, two NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races and a Late Model Stock race in October.

Chandler Hilley has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in family and human development at Arizona State University. He will be working on adolescent and young adult research related to health and education.

Ashton Lee was named the Georgetown School District Teacher of the Year. She teaches social studies at Waccamaw Middle School. Lee is also pursuing a master's degree.

2014

Nick Baldino has been promoted by Cisco Systems Inc. to a position in San Francisco, where he works with web accounts such as Facebook. For the past two years, he served as a fill-in radio play-by-play announcer for CCU athletics.

Erica Norwood and **Zack Niemann** married in July 2016. She teaches first grade at Sunset Park Elementary in Rock Hill, and he is a water loss technician for Paul Davis Restoration.

Cory Shaw is a web developer at Fuel, a Myrtle Beach online marketing agency specializing in e-commerce solutions for the travel and hospitality industry. As a student at CCU, he worked as a web programmer and was nominated for the Grand Strand Technology Council's Student Innovator of the Year Award in 2013. He also independently developed CCU's outdoor recreation rental and reservation system.

2015

Christopher T. McCormack started a travel blog, *Been There Done That*, to chronicle his two-month trip to China.

Trevor Tarleton is the first research assistant for the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economic Development at Coastal Carolina University. His background includes multiple certifications in forestry and land management techniques. Prior to returning to CCU to pursue an MBA, he was employed with AlphaEMC, where he provided consulting work for large land developers and builders in the coastal region.

2016

Bailey Cocco won the 87th New York State Women's Amateur Golf Championship in July. The Latham, N.Y., native concluded her Coastal Carolina University playing career ranked fifth on the school's career list with a 75.76 scoring average.

Remembering Chaz

Charles Joyner (1935-2016)

Charles Joyner, who died on Sept. 13, is in the top flight of scholars of the American South. He grew up in South Carolina and was proud of his deep Horry County roots. After graduating from Myrtle Beach High School, he earned a history degree from Presbyterian College and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina. After two years in the Army, he earned doctorates from USC and the University of Pennsylvania. His teaching career included positions at Pfeiffer College and St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina before joining the Coastal Carolina faculty in 1980. He accepted an

appointment in 1988 to CCU's first faculty chair, the Burroughs Distinguished Chair in Southern History and Culture, which he held until his retirement in 2007. He is perhaps best known for his groundbreaking work on slavery in All Saints Parish, *Down by the Riverside* (1984), but it was the personal way in which he combined his deep scholarship with his multiform talents (folklorist, musician, singer, artist, cross-stitch designer, puppeteer) that made him legendary; and it was his genuine kindness for everyone he met that made him beloved, as these brief tributes from some of Chaz's CCU colleagues show.

Eldred "Wink" Prince Jr.

Charles Joyner had more friends than anyone I ever knew, in more places than anyone I ever knew. In many ways, Chaz helped to put Coastal Carolina University on the map. He used his resources, his reputation, his incomparable network of friendships to connect our history department to people and places around the world. He was like a river. I have been at conferences where I knew no one, but as soon as someone saw my CCU nametag they would instantly say, "Oh, that's where Chaz is!" And right away I had an entrance or an opportunity to make a friend. Chaz Joyner was the best friend that I ever had, and he may have been the best friend that you ever had.

Rod Gragg

I was working in the CCU administration in the 1980s when Chaz joined the faculty, and we were buds from the beginning. I had worked in TV production before getting into academia, and Chaz and I got involved in some television history projects that involved some travel. I learned early on that we needed to build in more travel time if Chaz was going to drive, because he would start telling history stories, and the more he talked, the slower he drove! But the stories were great and nobody complained. What a blessing to have known and spent time with Chaz.

Ronald Ingle

The recognition that Chaz brought to CCU was priceless. The national figures that he brought here—he would just pick up the phone and call John Hope Franklin, Vann Woodward, William Styron. He dearly loved this place. I remember changing planes once in the Atlanta airport and my wife Judy said, "Look, there's Chaz Joyner over there playing the piano!" So I put a cup on the piano and dropped a dollar bill in it. He never gave me back the dollar.

John Navin

We who had the privilege to call Charles Joyner our colleague recognize his brilliance as a scholar but will likely remember him for his warmth, kindness and generosity. When I arrived at CCU in 1999, Chaz showed great interest in my work and in my career. He and Jean also treated my family like their own kin, acting like surrogate grandparents to my daughter, Sarah (now a CCU student). I quickly learned that Chaz had friends virtually everywhere, including my dissertation adviser. At times I wondered, who doesn't Chaz know? I will miss Chaz's counsel, bottomless reservoir of anecdotes, and warm laugh. He was a wonderful man and a great friend.

Nelljean Rice

I remember one wonderful night when my husband the late Paul Rice and Chaz traded songs for hours, and it was spectacular.

Brian Nance

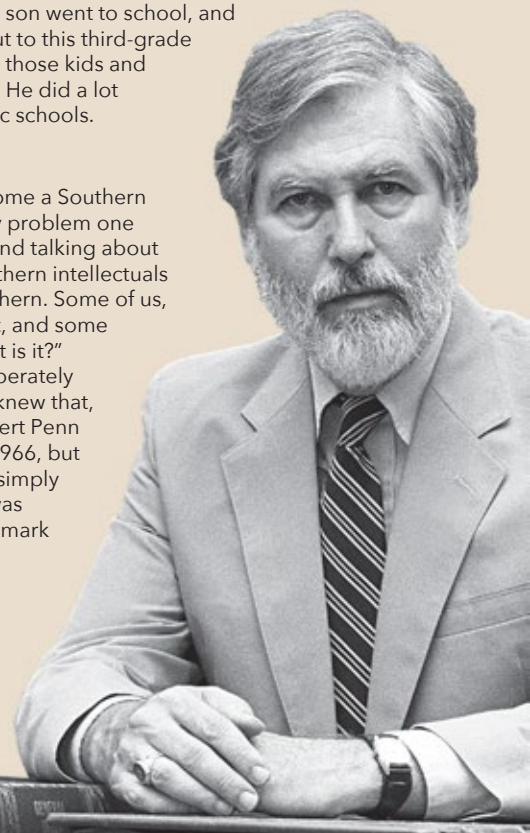
The thing I will miss most is the impromptu conversations we would have on any number of subjects, but especially music. We would begin by talking about Sam Cooke or some old Southern bluesman and end up at Beethoven. I remember asking him who was his choice for the best Beethoven conductor. I chose Furtwangler, and Chaz said, "I like Karajan, except that he was a Nazi!" His breadth of knowledge was amazing.

John Roper

Chaz was invited to give a speech at a college where I was teaching at the time in Virginia, and most visiting professors would just give their lectures, have a drink, cash their checks and leave. But Chaz asked me where my son went to school, and he took his puppet Woody out to this third-grade class and sat on the floor with those kids and entertained them for an hour. He did a lot of volunteer work in the public schools.

Roy Talbert

It was never my intent to become a Southern historian. Chaz diagnosed my problem one day while we were lunching and talking about "The Burden," why some Southern intellectuals were so driven by being Southern. Some of us, I said, deny it, some repress it, and some wear it on their sleeves. "What is it?" I asked. Chaz calmly and deliberately replied, "Guilt. Guilt. Guilt." I knew that, for I had been living with Robert Penn Warren's *Jack Burden* since 1966, but it was the way Chaz put it, so simply yet so precisely. That ability was part of his genius and the hallmark of his style.



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