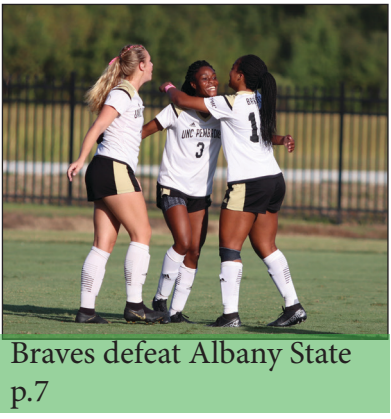
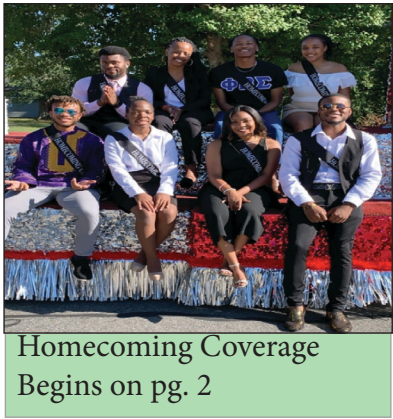




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Students React to Police Pepper Spray Incident Following Homecoming Tailgate

By Ky'Aire Goode
Editor-in-Chief

At the end of the tailgating event prior to UNCP's homecoming football game against Mars Hill on Saturday October 12, a police officer released pepper spray into a crowd of students and guests. About 40 people were affected, according to people at the event.

"An incident is currently under investigation involving pepper spray during tailgate activities." Police and Public Safety Chief McDuffie Cummings said.

The officer involved has been placed on investigatory leave. He has not been formally identified by eyewitnesses or the university.

SGA released a statement signed by President Thomas Crowe-Allbritton and Vice-President Cortaiya Hardison calling for UNCP to do more.

"The Student Government Association calls for a thorough investigation and appropriate actions taken. Pending results of said investigation, SGA calls for the resignation of the officer involved. We must do everything we can to ensure that our students feel safe around our campus police. We are appalled by this incident and deeply concerned for potential impacts it can have for our campus community. It is important that we hold our campus police accountable, especially in situations such as this..." the statement reads.

Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings released an announcement via email following the incident as well. Cummings announced that the investigation was underway but will not give a full response until it has concluded.

"This is an unfortunate occurrence that comes as we finish a week of celebrating our beloved university. I want to assure you the security of our campus community, especially our students, is my top priority, a responsibility taken very seriously," Cummings said.

The officer released the pepper spray when groups of guests did not clear the area immediately after the tailgate had ended. The spray temporarily blinded several students and called into question whether the police needed to resort to using chemicals to clear the area.

"People ran to the streets to get to the other side and almost got hit by cars. We were throwing up, running to our rooms to get milk, and trying not to get hit [by traffic] while helping our friends." senior Kayla Smith said.

Several other students, guests, and alumni took to social media to express outrage over the incident.

"Spraying a cannon of mace on people to get them to leave was uncalled for," one student tweeted.

2019 Homecoming King and Queen Crowned

For more coverage of Homecoming 2019, see inside (pg.2 and pg. 3)



UNCP's 2019 Homecoming Queen Brea Brown and Homecoming King, Major Hart. Photo Contributed by Malaysia Felder, Board of Trustees for Pembroke Activities Council

Students & Alumni Share Their Thoughts on Twitter

via Twitter.com

Pembroke police need to be held accountable for the stunt they pulled at the tailgate. Spraying a cannon of mace on people to try and get them to leave was uncalled for and needs to be brought to action. If we let this slide now ain't no telling what they can possibly do again !!

6:28 PM · Oct 12, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

Ms. Meagan 🙄
@HustleNevaStop

Replying to @Trillwaters

I know you know how rowdy Pembroke is during Lumbee homecoming and the police to my knowledge never has sprayed pepper spray/tear gas; they just give everybody tickets. I really hope nobody got seriously injured today!

8:27 PM · Oct 12, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

Radio Raheem
@Nick_Courmon

The ball is in court of students, faculty, families, and alumni that were at that tailgate. This event can be used as a catalyst to push for better policies regarding campus police conduct, the length of time folks can tailgate, etc.

#UNCP

9:33 PM · Oct 13, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

Tonya Brown @TonyaWPDE · Oct 12

Replying to @JACampbellPSRC

Police pepper sprayed a crowd during tailgate activities Saturday during the homecoming of the University of North Carolina (UNC) Pembroke, according to UNC Pembroke Public Safety Director McDuffie Cummings, Jr.

Jazzy 🍷
@_jazzybear

****PLEASE RETWEET**** All of those who were affected or witnessed the incident that happened at tailgate on Saturday, please go put in a statement at the UNCP Police Department. We need to get justice!

9:03 AM · Oct 14, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

The week of October 7th to October 12th is UNC Pembroke’s 65th annual homecoming week! The week was filled with different events, themes, parties, and a lot of black and gold spirit.

By Jaleya Squire
Around Campus Editor

Jim Wand Hypnosis Show

Monday kicked off homecoming week with a captivating show from hypnotist Jim Wand. Students and community members filled up the seats in the Givens Performing Arts Center to watch the show.

The show started off with Jim Wand explaining what he’s going to do and how he is going to hypnotize his lucky volunteers.

Jim Wand then selected 25 random attendees from the audience. Wand began to them fall asleep. Throughout the show, Wand made his volunteers do amazing things, like dancing, shake uncontrollably with the movement of his hand.

For Jadelyn Petty, there wasn’t a minute during the show that she wasn’t entertained by Wand and his talent. From introducing himself to making 25 of her peers all do different dances

at the same time, she loved every minute of it.

“I had so much fun. It was crazy seeing everyone actually being hypnotized. We should have more events like this on campus,” said Petty.

Petty wasn’t the only person that was amazed by Wand’s talent. Orlando Alvarez was also stunned by how Wand was able to hypnotize a person, let alone 25 people at a time.

“It’s really crazy how he was able to control everyone with just his movements, I really liked being able to see my friends acting crazy,” said Alvarez.

The event ended with Wand lifting the hypnosis from his 25 volunteers. The volunteers came back to their original selves and had little to no recollection of the things that Wand had made them do when they were hypnotized.



Students enjoying Spirit Fest on the UC Lawn PN Photo/ Jaleya Squire

UNCP Homecoming Parade

Thursday brought even more black and gold spirit, not just to the UNCP campus, but to the town of Pembroke as well. Pembroke residents gathered on the

side of W. 3rd Street in downtown Pembroke to watch as UNCP student organizations, Pembroke community figures, and small businesses strolled down the road, passing out candy.

The Homecoming Parade started at 4 p.m. at Pembroke Elementary. Student organizations walked down W. 3rd street holding banners for their organizations, departments of UNCP rode on floats,

and cars marketing local businesses all came onto Faculty Row, where they would be judged on how much spirit they showed for Pembroke. There were floats of the UNCP Athletics Department, the Graduate Student Program, the sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and many other departments and organizations on campus.

There were performances from the UNCP Spirit Squad, as well as the Lumberton Pirate Band. Student organizations and departments like the Residence Hall Association and the Office of Global Engagement also cheered in front of the judges to try and show the most UNCP spirit.

The Residence Hall Association ended up wowing the judges with their creative chants and banners, deeming them the most creative in the parade. The UNCP Athletics float also caught the eye of the judges as the most spirited in the parade.

Savannah McRae, a freshman at UNCP, really felt the love and spirit the community and students

alike had for UNCP.

“I think my favorite part of the parade was seeing the students and the community come together and have a good time. I definitely felt the spirit.” said McRae.

While homecoming is for the students that attend UNCP, homecoming is also for the community members around us. Pembroke residents have always supported their university, and for India K. Jones, this year is no different for her.

Jones has been a resident of Pembroke for all of her life, and has fond memories of UNCP, and works for Sodexo on campus.

“My favorite part of the parade is seeing everyone come together and share the pride we have for our university and our town, our home.” said Jones.

The parade ended on a high note as the Lumberton Pirate band gave a great performance and the last of the parade floats and participants rode by.



Members of the Lumberton Pirate Band performing on Faculty Row for the Parade.

UNCP Annual Homecoming Spirit Fest Event

Wednesday brought the Residence Hall Association’s annual event, Spirit Fest. Spirit Fest was located on the UC Lawn from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The UC Lawn was full of snacks, inflatables, and music for students to enjoy. The event included free popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones for the attendees. There were also inflatables slides, and football goals. There was even a photo booth where students could dress up and

make memories of their Spirit Fest experience. From the electric bull ride, to students breaking out into the electric slide, the UNCP spirit was felt.

There was plenty of dancing, and with so much spirit and UNCP pride, the Brave Hawk couldn’t help but to join in and dance alongside the students. Brave Hawk even had a dance off with a fellow Brave.

The President of the Residence Hall Association,

Ayanna Williams, felt pride as she saw her vision come together. She explains that Spirit Fest is an event for people to relax, have fun, and show pride for their university, and that’s what happened.

“RHA does spirit fest every year because the students and staff really enjoy it. It gives everyone a chance to take a break from their personal lives and just have fun. We want students to know that you can take a break from studying in

their room and come out and meet people,” said Williams.

With everyone dancing, eating and just enjoying their experience together, the spirit and pride that everyone had for UNCP was definitely felt, including by Zakaria Ray. With all the festivities and people laughing, singing along to music and having fun, Ray couldn’t help but to felt good about UNCP.

“I love the energy here. This may be a small school

but the spirit we have for Pembroke is so big. It really makes me love UNCP,” said Ray.

Ray wasn’t the only one feeling the love in the air. Diamond Whitted was also feeling the UNCP pride being a part of Spirit Fest.

“The overall vibe of the event was really nice. I felt at home,” said Whitted.

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UNCP Homecoming Trivia Game Show

Sorority sister from Kappa Delta and Alpha Sigma Alpha volunteering at the Game Show.
PN Photo/ Jaleya Squire

By Jaleya Squire
Around Campus Editor

The second day of Homecoming, featured a trivia game show about all things UNCP. The game show was located in the UC Annex and was hosted by the brothers and sisters of the Order of Omega and Campus Engagement and Leadership. The game show divided students into teams where they would answer questions about UNCP, the town of Pembroke, and the

state of North Carolina. Whichever team got the most answers correct would win a prize. The game show featured fun questions like, “What Number is on the Brave Hawks Jersey?” and “What was the first ever name of UNCP?” The event also had light refreshments for players, and a lot of school spirit. Andy Mendez, a brother of the Order of Omega and coordinator of the event, explains that the game show was a way to help students learn more about the UNCP

campus and that while the campus is small, everyone should have a lot of pride of being a part of the university. “We really wanted to educate students about all the great things UNCP stands for and why we should all be proud to experience UNCP,” said Mendez. Volunteering for the event were the sisters of sororities Alpha Sigma Alpha and Kappa Delta. “I really like how they made learning about our

campus so fun and full of spirit. “said Rachel Miel, a sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Evanne Frye, a sister of Kappa Delta, also agreed with Miel. “They should make this event an annual one. It would be good for freshman to learn more about our campus and develop the pride we have for our campus,” said Frye. Alerian Sutton, a sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha and a participant of the game show thought that the game show was very informative and fun. She realized that she and her peers knew very little about UNCP, the town of Pembroke, or even the State. “I love how the event is a chance to relax after midterms and just have fun and meet new people,” said Sutton. The game show ended with a team winning the game and receiving a nice gift basket.

Desi Banks Visits UNCP for Homecoming

By Jaleya Squire
Around Campus Editor

Saturday brought the end of Homecoming week with one last event that everyone was waiting for, the comedy show. The line wrapped around the Givens Performing Arts Center as UNCP students, community members, and even students from Fayetteville State University waited in line to see the artists perform. The performance started off with a beautiful native American welcome to show respect for the University’s Native American roots. After the welcome, Director of Campus Engagement and Leadership, Abdul

Ghaffar explained how the show sold out 1600 tickets. He thanked two student organizations who helped make the event possible, The Pembroke Activities Council (PAC), and the Student Government Association (SGA). To start of the show, the first comedian, Ryan Davis, came out jamming to music. He told some great jokes about relationships, Greek life, and being fat. “Its hard being fat out here, I don’t wanna be fat no more.” Davis ended his set with shouting out all of the different area codes from North Carolina.

Everyone went crazy as Desi Banks came out running and dancing along the stage. Banks told a barrage of jokes that got the whole crowd laughing, including bits about how Greek Life sounded doing their chants, how his adult life is hard, and about getting whippings from his mother when he was younger. Banks even picked on some of the people in the front rows. At the end of his bit, he invited five people on stage with him. For 20 seconds, they could display any talent. Some people sang, danced, or rapped, hyping

up the crowd. Hunter Evans thought that the comedy show was amazing, and much better than she thought it would be. “I though that the show wouldn’t be fun, but I was really pleasantly surprised,” said Evans. “Most of Desi Banks’ jokes are pretty vulgar and I thought they wouldn’t let him do anything like that, but I was really surprised they did,” said Deanna Johnson.

UNCP Homecoming Step Show

By Jaleya Squire
Around Campus Editor

Friday brought one of the most highly anticipated events, the Homecoming Step Show. The line ran parallel to the Jones health building at around 9 p.m. with students from UNCP and Fayetteville State University waiting to catch a glimpse of the prestigious Divine Nine historically African American fraternity and sororities step and stroll. The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. kicked off the event, stepping, strolling and chanting in their green and pink for their sorority. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. gave a great performance in red and white. The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, rocked the house in their blue and white.

Following their sister organization, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma, who showed their solidarity in blue and white. Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi performed next with their red and white canes. Following the Kappa’s the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, strolled along in their black and gold. The Step Show also included a Live performance from rapper K CAMP. He gave an amazing performance of several of his hits, including Cut Her Off, Comfortable, and Slum Anthem. The crowd cheered throughout his performance. Alexis Green loved everything about the event, especially the performance from K CAMP. “We’ve never really had a celebrity performance like this on campus, especially at the step show,” said Green.

“It really does feel like a Homecoming event from a bigger school like A&T.” Natalie Brookman also thinks that we should have a lot more events like this one on campus. “There’s not much to do in Pembroke and having events like these gives us something fun to do instead of leaving campus to do so,” said Brookman.

At the end of the step show, the winners of the step show were announced. The fraternity winners were the smooth brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. The sorority winners were the lovely sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. performing at the Step Show
PN Photo/ Jaleya Squire

CAPS and Student Health Services Host “Pony Palooza” Event



Students enjoy the relay race portion of the Pony Palooza event. The athletic department’s team took home first place. PN Photo/Sara Goldsberry

By Sara Goldsberry
Managing Editor

October is domestic violence awareness month, and Counseling and Psychological Services and Student Health Services are “ponying up” to the conversation by hosting Pony Palooza. On October 2, people played games and made crafts to learn more about domestic abuse and

interpersonal violence. The activities were hosted by different organizations both on and off of campus.

“One in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime,” according to the Southeastern Family Violence Center,

The main event was a relay race in which

teams of four took turns racing against one another on inflatable ponies. Teams could be campus organizations like the Student Government Association or Police and Public Safety or any group of four people who wanted to compete. This year’s winning team was Athletics. All participants received a free t-shirt at the end of the

event.

The Student Health Services’ Wellness Ambassadors provided different activities to engage attendees. At a table, they offered canvases and art supplies for people to create “It’s on us” signs as a consent campaign. They also hosted a game of Jeopardy where people could win prizes.

The Southeastern Family Violence Center passed out brochures to raise awareness for their services, which include 24 hour crisis lines, shelter and support groups. One of the support groups offered is Women Against Violent Environments. The group is designed to reach women survivors and. One of the leaders at the table was Tasman Bullard, who is an outreach specialist

At their table, the Office of Title IX and Clery Compliance focused on bystander intervention. Students could spin a wheel, and would then have the opportunity to discuss what actions they would take in a particular scenario. They also held a kissing booth for consent, a game about consent that people could play to be entered for a prize.

CAPS hosted a table to inform students of their counseling and support services. They also presented information on people affected by interpersonal violence, and what bystanders can do to help.

“We want the best for our students; we want them to be successful. We don’t want circumstances to prevent success,” said Megan Hammonds.

Anybody can connect with CAPS by visiting the second floor of the Braves Health Center from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

UNC-Pembroke Discusses Changes to Student Fees at Forum

By Sara Goldsberry
Managing Editor

On October 7 and 8, the Division of Student Affairs hosted a Student Tuition and Fees Forum to discuss possible increases for the Fall 2020 semester.

Every year, UNCP goes through the tuition and fees process. This year, the system office sent a memo to all universities in the UNC system that explained guidelines for possible increases the schools can make. UNCP is allowed to increase the resident and non resident tuition rate, and all fee changes are capped at a 3% increase.

“The tuition will still stay the same for all NC Promise schools, the 500 dollars a semester and the 2500 dollars a semester. It’s just the buydown amount from the state that will change if we are granted our increase,” said Director of Academic Resources Leslie Bell.

While the university is allowed to increase fees by 3%, the proposed increase will be under the amount allowed.

“In North Carolina the UNC system requires us to be transparent with this whole process and allow students to have input on it. Here we give you guys the opportunity to ask questions and try to show you where we will invest it,” said Director of Athletics Dick

Christy.

The tuition that students pay will not increase, but there will be an increase in student fees. The forum was divided into sections that covered different aspects of student fees, and each area explained their reasons for increasing fees.

“I feel like I know where the money is going and what they intend to do with it. I like that they told us specifically how much money they are requesting and how much it would change for us and what we would see,” said student Chasidy Haire.

Athletics

UNCP Athletics is proposing a 26 dollar increase as a part of a three-year plan to decrease a spending deficit the department has been facing. Athletics has already taken measures to improve the financial situation by revising what services they offer students. They have changed what sports are offered on campus, and have stopped offering some of the former options.

Currently, UNCP is ranked 12th out of the 15 programs in the UNC system that offer athletics, but it has the sixth largest athletic department of the 15 schools. In the Peach Belt Conference, UNCP is the only school from North Carolina and is ranked 9 out

of 12.

“If you guys invest in us, I promise you that we will be good stewards of that money, and we’re going to try to get the most out of it,” said Christy.

Educational Technology

The department of Information Technology is requesting a 15 dollar increase. A large portion of last year’s funding went to property and plant equipment, which includes classroom technology, network equipment, computers and computer labs. The department is working to update the technology in classrooms and labs.

Last year, IT updated the wireless infrastructure in all academic classrooms. These updates should last for the next five years, when the department will again update the system. This coming year, IT plans to continue this process by improving the wireless infrastructure in the buildings without classrooms.

“Our goal is to make sure that IT supports the academic mission of the institution,” said Kevin Pate.

Band and Chorus

The student activity fees help fund programs like band and chorus. The music department provides around 100 performances annually.

Most of the programs are free to attend, and many feature guest artists along with student artists.

“We had Prince’s tenor sax player on campus at the jazz festival twice in the last five years. If you have ever watched any Hollywood movie or tv show that’s produced in Los Angeles, we had the trumpet player that plays lead trumpet on all of those shows like the movie The Incredibles, or on The Simpsons, or anything like that,” said Aaron Vandermeer, Chair of the Department of Music.

The music department is looking to better fund student scholarships and travel for music programs.

“If we did not have student activity fees, and we would just have our state budget, we would not be able to have our marching band or our pep band, and we would not be able to run ay of our festivals, so this is incredibly important,” said Vandermeer.

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation is on the final year of a three-year plan to help with operational and facility cost and is asking for an \$11.20 increase. The money from this increase will go to operational cost and facility maintenance.

“We employ anywhere between 70 and 90 students during the year, so a bug

chunk of the 90 thousand dollars we spend in student wages is going back to the students,” said Justin Winans, Director of Campus Recreation.

Campus Recreation is working on a Competitive Sports Complex, which will be an enclosed, lighted space beside Lumbee Hall for students.

“We’re utilizing current space instead of building whole new complexes. We’re utilizing what is already existing just refurbishing, renovating and making it better,” said Winans.

Student Health and Safety

The Campus Safety and Security fee is 30 dollars and a 10 dollar increase has been requested. This is the fee’s first increase since it was adopted in 2014. The money from this increase will go to improving the communication system used by campus police.

They want to move to the VIPER communications program. UNCP is the only organization in Robeson County that is not currently using the program.

Campus Police and Public Safety is looking into providing training for students and staff in case of an active threat situation.

By Alexis Polson
Social Media Manager

Police officers from UNCP and Pembroke took time to celebrate Coffee with a Cop Day with students Friday, Oct.4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coffee with a Cop was a collaborative effort between the UNCP Campus Police and dining services by Sodexo.

Kevin Shewchuk, Unit Marketing Specialist for UNCP Dining Services by Sodexo, offered students a cup of coffee from Starbucks in exchange for a conversation with local police officers who were sitting outside of Starbucks.

The officers who attended the event explained that they were using this time to help bridge relationships between students and officers.

They talked about students’ concerns and promoted the use of the LiveSafe Mobile App.

The LiveSafe Mobile App can be used to send messages and pictures to a dispatcher that will alert police of issues. The app can be used to contact police on any day, at any time. The officers suggest using the app even if it’s just for the SafeWalk section if students feel uncomfortable walking



Students drink coffee from Starbucks and speak with campus police at Coffee with a Cop. PN Photo/ Alexis Polson

somewhere alone.

Lt. Derrick Locklear explained that he wants students to know that police officers are approachable.

“Some students think we won’t do anything about it,” said Locklear about students not calling the police for help.

Locklear explained that is not true and that they want to help whenever they are

given the chance.

Some of the law enforcement who attended Coffee with a Cop were UNCP Campus Police Sergeant Stephen Brooks, Officer Johnny Walker and Lt. Derrick Locklear. Chief Ed Locklear and Sgt. Craig Locklear from the Pembroke Police Department also joined them.

This was the first year that these officers have attended the event.

According to coffeewithacop.com, Coffee with a Cop began with Hawthorne Police Department in California in 2011 and is normally celebrated on the first Wednesday in October.

It was started as an effort for police to interact and

establish trust within their community. The program is now held in all 50 states.

“The key to Coffee with a Cop’s growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.”

What are your plans for Fall Break?

Through all the excitement of Homecoming week at UNCP, students are planning for Fall Break. Beginning Thursday Oct. 17, students, faculty and staff will be on the official Fall Break 2019. No alarms, no assignments; all classes will be canceled through Sunday October 20. From carving pumpkins to simply catching up on sleep, students are making plans.



Meredith Godwin
Senior

Catching up on sleep and homework. Dressing up, going to haunted houses, spending time with family.



Litzy Aguilera
Freshman

Carving pumpkins with my friends and spending time with family.



Kiowe Jones
Freshman

I’m going home. Five minutes drive I live in Pembroke here. I pretty sure they have activities or something or come here to hang with friends.



Taylor Coyle
Junior

Going home. I’m from New Jersey. One of the birthday presents was from my boyfriend. He got me a trip to aquarium to go see the penguin. I’m going to actually go inside the enclosure with them.



Taylor McCoy
Junior

I plan to go home just chill watch TV maybe a new Netflix series or something like Big Mouth and re-watching 13 Reason Why.

“Fall Break” by Tiarra Gordon, LaRuth Anderson, Jay Freeman and Jarod Hoffman

CAPS gives out Cupcakes to Promote Mental Health

By Ayo Ajani
Contributor

While it is true that college can be a spectacular experience for some, it can also be an exhausting experience for others. Students leave home and enter a different environment where they take on many responsibilities including classes, schoolwork, club activities, sports and recreation, as well as attempting to balance a social life.

Managing those things can be overwhelming, and potentially increase students’ risk for mental health issues.

On Thursday Oct.10, Counseling and Psychological Services held

“Cupcakes for a Cause” in the UC.

“We’re hosting the event because it is National Mental Health Awareness Day,” said Cheryl Davis, CAPS Outreach Coordinator and Counselor.

The event provided depression screenings and cupcakes for attendees. Screenings were available so students could take advantage of the CAPS services on campus.

“Depression and anxiety are the main things for college students who seek counseling,” said Intern Counselor Jasmine Burman.

Participants also completed a “Why Care” form to spread the word.

Davis said that as adults, 1 in 5 students experience

a mental illness in a given year, whether it’s depression, anxiety, ADHD, or PTSD.

She also added that the top two issues CAPS experiences are depression and anxiety.

Burman said that depression is the number one thing for students because they have to manage their classes as well as different organizations to the point where they can become overwhelmed, and depression could set in.

What Burman hoped for students to take away from this event is to be more informed about depression due to how big of an issue it is on campus, as well as removing the stigma of counseling so that students can benefit from

the counseling resources on campus.

Davis added that the stigma is huge among communities to the point where people do not want to seek help.

Depression can present itself in many different ways, and is not just being isolated in your room and crying. Rather, it is also people who are functioning, who go to school and work with a smile on their face, but are still carrying that load.

Kelsi, a student who attended the event, describes himself as a regular guy, and his score on the screening was average. He explained that depression hit home for him because he has a brother and sister who deal with the

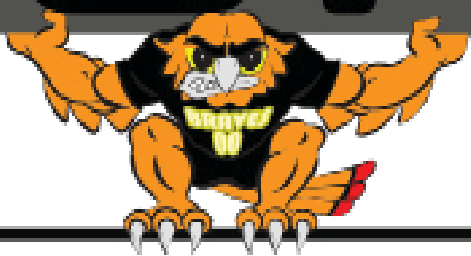


illness.

He also shared that he struggled previously with bouts of depression, but said it doesn’t affect him now.

Anna, another attendee, explained that what she took away from this event was that it is important to check up on your friends so you know how they’re doing.

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Braves Win Homecoming Matchup with Mars Hill



UNCP scored a season-high 36 points in their homecoming win. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

By Zachary Young
Staff Writer

UNC Pembroke pulled out a victory on homecoming night with a nail-biting performance defeating the Lions of Mars Hill University with a final score of 36- 29.

The Braves struck first, only needing 46 seconds to score a touchdown on a 64-yard flea flicker pass from quarterback Josh Jones to wide receiver Marcus McDonald. This was McDonald’s second reception touchdown of the season; he would finish the game with a total of three catches for 88 yards.

Jones was yet again highly efficient orchestrating the offense. Completing a season-high 79.3% of his passes on 23 of 29 for 253 yards, along with three touchdowns and zero interceptions. Jones’ other touchdown passes came in the 2nd quarter on a 5-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Tyshawn Carter and again in the 3rd quarter with an 11-yard pass to freshman wide receiver Trey Dixon. This was both Carter and Dixon’s first touchdown receptions of the season. Quarterback Josh Jones now has nine passing touchdowns on the season.

The Braves continued to have a balanced offensive attack, utilizing the running game by relying on sophomore running back Josh Sheridan. Sheridan accounted for both UNC Pembroke rushing touchdowns; including the go-ahead score with 2:55 left in the game. Sheridan ended the game with 14 carries for a total of 82 yards, averaging 5.9 yards per carry on the night. He now has a total of five rushing touchdowns on the season.

Despite allowing a total of 555 yards, the defense showed up when they were needed most, winning the points off turnover battle by a margin of 22 to nothing. The Braves defense forced three turnovers: one fumble, one turnover on downs and one interception.

Senior defensive lineman Domenique Davis led the way with a fumble recovery and nine tackles including a sack for a loss of three yards, his second sack of the season. Freshman linebacker D.J. Parker recorded four tackles, one of which being a sack for nine yards; his first of the season. Freshman defensive back John Jones and junior defensive backs Michael Clark and Amari Brice-Greene all recorded seven tackles a piece. Senior defensive back Shawn Everett had the game’s only interception, which ultimately set-up the game winning drive and touchdown by running back Josh Sheridan.

Mars Hill made the end of the game a little too close for comfort. The Lions had possession inside the Braves’ 15-yard line with 13 seconds left but failed to score on two consecutive pass plays. With only one second left on the clock, the Lions’ quarterback Collin Sneed dropped back to pass but was met by freshman defensive lineman Tyreke King. King came up big with a 12-yard sack to seal the game and the victory for the Braves.

The 36 points by the Braves were the most the Braves have scored in a single game this season. Braves football improves to 11-2 all-time in homecoming games. The next home football game will be Saturday, November 16th at 1 p.m. against UVA-Wise.



The Braves Celebrate a touchdown scored in their 36-29 victory over the Mars Hill Lions. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

Braves Volleyball Falls Short in Back to Back Home Matches

By Zachary Young
Staff Writer

The UNC Pembroke volleyball team hosted the Pacers of the University of South Carolina Aiken on Friday, Oct. 4. Friday marked the volleyball team’s “Dig Pink” night which is an initiative to support stage IV breast cancer research. UNC Pembroke won the first set 25 to 19, ending the set on an impressive 5-1 run. The second set the tone for a hard-fought match, consisting of four lead changes as well as 12 tying scores. The Pacers bested the Braves by scoring six of the last seven points, winning the set with a final score of 25-22. The Braves ultimately lost the next two sets by scores of: 25-21 and 25-10 and subsequently the match by a score of 3 sets to 1. Senior Raven Oates led the way for the Braves with 13 kills, accompanied with four blocks. Sophomore Selena Biele contributed with 11 kills, while Freshman Morgan Gibbs registered a double-double on 17 assists and 10 digs. Besides their 12 team blocks, the Braves were bested in every other statistical category. The Pacers of USC Aiken remain unbeaten at 14-0 and the number one team in the Peach Belt Conference. UNC Pembroke falls to 8-11 on the

season. Saturday, Oct. 5, the UNC Pembroke Braves faced off against the Lander University Bearcats. The Braves started off strong, winning the first set 25-22 but fared poorly in the second set losing 25-9. The Braves would go on to lose the next two sets by three points or less with scores of: 22-25 and 24-26. Sophomore Shannon Skryd picked up a team high 14 kills, while sophomore Ashley Caesar had six kills along with a team high of three blocks. Junior Kaila Crowder also registered six kills. The Braves were outscored in every statistical category, with the exception of their eight blocks. This was the fifth straight loss for the Braves who are currently 8-12 overall and 0-2 in the conference. The Bearcats improve to 11-3 and 2-1 in the conference. Both matches set season-high volleyball attendance records at Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court, with 146 in attendance Friday and 171 on Saturday. The next two home matches will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and Tuesday, Nov. 5. Continue to come out and show your support for the UNC Pembroke Braves volleyball team.

Braves Soccer Downs Albany State, 3-2 in Peach Belt Matchup

By Mike McGuinness
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The Braves soccer team overcame a game against the Albany State Rams on Wednesday at Lumbee River EMC Stadium 3-2. Alexis Pittman opened up the scoring for Pembroke at the 12:23 mark, assisted by Paula Valbuena and Bree Mason. A little over a minute later, Pittman found the back of the net to put the Braves up 2-0. The Rams added a goal of their own to cut the lead to 2-1, but Rilee Seering, with an assist from Maya Grimes gave the Braves a 3-1 lead in the second half. The Rams added a second goal of their own late in the second half, and held on for the 3-2 victory. The Braves were aggressive in the first half, spending much of their time in front of the Rams goal. The Braves totaled 30 shots, 18 of which were on goal. The Rams played a physical game, which resulted in 10 penalties, including two red cards being issued by the referee. After the game, Braves Head Coach Lars Andersson said, “Well, I mean it’s the Peach Belt, so I always say that any win in the Peach Belt is a good thing.” The win puts the Braves at 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the Peach Belt Conference. Their next game is this Saturday against fourth-ranked Flagler College Saints Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



Alexis Pittman scored two goals in the win. PN Photo/ Trevon Knight



The Braves’ Briana De Coteau attempts to get around a defender in the soccer team’s 3-2 win over Albany State. PN Photo/Trevon Knight



East Bay Street historic mansion in Charleston, SC. PN/Photo Mitchell Doub.

Fall is the Ideal Time for Road Trip 2: Charleston, SC

By Mitchell Doub
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Students have been on campus for several months now and have been to the student center or dining hall at least twenty times and have crossed the railroad tracks and frequented every fast food establishment available.

So, now what? A time-honored college tradition is the road trip; a day or weekend trip to nearby locations that offer a diversion from textbooks and roommates along with adding some culture and adventure to college life.

If UNCP students visit only one city within 200 miles of campus over the remainder of their college lives, visit Charleston, SC. Not only is it one of the most beautiful cities in America, it is also one of the oldest (founded in 1670 by English colonists). Ever heard of Blackbeard the Pirate? He blockaded the city in 1718 and demanded (not gold), but medicine!

Pack a picnic lunch and plan on leaving campus by 9:00 a.m. and head to White Point Gardens (also known as Battery park), Charleston, SC. The trip is about 188 miles and is mostly on the interstate after hitting I-95 South.

Just for kicks, students should tell everyone in the car that each person must create their own ghost or mystery story to share later when the sun goes down.

Adjacent to White Point Gardens are plenty of free parking spots along the concrete sea wall. Students can walk to the shade of the park and enjoy their picnic lunch. The hypnotic laps capping across the water is from the confluence of the Ashley and Cooper rivers. The point at the end of the park is where some of the first shots of the Civil war were fired against Fort Sumter in April of 1861.

Start walking north on the elevated sidewalk along East Bay Street to adore the beautiful mansions on the left which are as much as 300-years-old with some valued over \$10 million dollars.

Continue up East Bay until a row of flat-faced, multicolored buildings fill the view. This is “Rainbow Row,” one of the most famous rows of houses in all of America. Ship captains, merchants, lawyers, and wealthy business leaders lived in these homes for hundreds of years. In the 1700’s, when the water was nearer, the tall masts and sails of the harbor’s

ships tipped “hello” from the rhythmic tide toward “Rainbow Row.”

Turn left onto Broad Street and walk several blocks to Saint Michaels Church (the large white church on the left), and if it is open, go inside and enjoy its architecture and ambiance.

Go back one block on Broad Street and turn left onto Church Street. After passing Dock Street Theatre and Saint Phillips Church, soak in the historic French quarter’s ambiance.

Continue down Church street until you encounter the Charleston City Market. Local vernacular twangs, “Straw Market,” as a fond nickname for the historic site. To peruse the offerings, start at one end and savor the craftsmanship all the way to the other. Allow at least an hour, and yes, there are bathrooms and one air-conditioned section. The Charleston City Market is world-famous with art, expensive handmade grass baskets, food, gifts, pictures, t-shirts, and more.

After the market, go back up Church Street and pass “Tommy Condon’s Irish Pub.” Remember this spot, this is where supper will be enjoyed. Turn left onto Chalmers Street, and take a photo of the small pink house on the right. It is the second oldest house in Charleston (built between 1694 and 1712). It has been a home, a tavern, a brothel, an art studio and a law office. Head towards Waterfront Park where there are several fountains and a row of porch swings on the pier. Look out across the harbor, that large gray ship is the USS Yorktown, a World War II aircraft carrier - open for tours!

Go back up Chalmers, turn right again onto Church Street and head back to Tommy Condon’s if it is supper time. There is live music starting around 7:30 each night (with Irish folk, ballads, and more drinking songs. On a tight budget? Share the fried green tomato BLT with homemade pimento cheese and fries with a friend (about \$6.50 each). Enjoy the authentic Irish pub, music and low-country cooking.

Turn left out of Tommy Condon’s and stop at Saint Phillips graveyard to begin the free ghost walk. Now, each member of the group should take a turn telling their story. Take Church Street all the way back to White Point Park while telling stories at selected buildings along the way. Enjoy the neighborhoods and the walk to the waiting car.

But look out for Blackbeard’s floating head!



Sweetgrass along riverfront in Charleston, SC. PNPhoto/Mitchell Doub

Hurricanes Spawn a Flood of Problems

Part 3

By Sadira Bacchus

This is part three of a series on the severe flooding that impacted Southeastern North Carolina as a result of two major hurricanes in two consecutive years. The pieces were created for the Capstone Journalism Class from the Spring 2019 Semester.

Hurricane Florence did more than damage people’s houses; the environment also suffered. Pollution washed into local waters contaminating wells and leaving the drinking water unusable. Some experts say climate change is a contributing factor for the unfortunate timings of these natural disasters and others believe it’s a historical pattern. Hurricane Florence left its mark in North Carolina and its effects on everyday lives is more than meets the eye.

Pollution

Hurricane Florence caused pollution around the Southeast. Flooding resulted in waste from hog farms being washed into the local waters. Nearly 650,000 wells became what Stateline news source describes as a “toxic soup” of contaminants.

Around 4,145 waste pits span North Carolina’s countryside. These hog lagoons are often located along the coastal plains, which have a higher water table and high rates of poverty and minorities. More than 30 above-ground hog lagoons overflowed in North Carolina after the hurricane, contaminating the water of surrounding communities. Six of the lagoons were structurally damaged during the flooding.

Waste water treatment plants overflowed and discharged millions of gallons of raw sewage into flooded rivers. Floodwater from Florence also contained agricultural runoff, fuel and other contaminants that can seep into the groundwater through aquifer thermal energy storage systems, according to Stateline.

The National Ground Water Association estimated 332,798 private wells were exposed to heavy rains or located in counties declared disaster areas from the hurricane.

Approximately 646 samples tested by the State Laboratory of Public Health showed an increase in E. coli, a bacteria indicating the presence of fecal matter found in raw sewage and animal waste.

Results show 14.9% of the well water tested positive for E. coli and total fecal coliform bacteria, as compared to the 2% of private wells testing positive for the same pathogens before Hurricane Florence. These bacteria indicate the water contains pathogens that can cause stomach sickness and can be dangerous to those with a weak immune system.

Robeson County residents were asked to participate in a research project by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. State University and Virginia Tech to analyze the water quality of their private wells. The third round of tests was conducted in November 2018.

“The testing was not a result of the contamination found in well water. It was done as an educational exercise to inform people about the need to have well water tested

regularly to guarantee a continuous supply of high-quality water,” said Michael Burchell, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering at N.C. State.

The goal is to move toward a regional or state well testing program, so people always know their water quality.

Lumber River

The Lumber River is the only blackwater river in North Carolina designated as a National Wild and Scenic River. It starts from the Scotland County-Hoke County border and ends at the North Carolina-South Carolina border. After crossing into South Carolina, the Lumber River flows into the Little Pee Dee River, which

said. Many rules and regulations are set forth by the U.S. Corp of Engineers that regulate what structures can be built on the river. Construction within the flood zone is changing according to Garner. He believes areas around the river should consider elevating their structure or building on higher ground.

500-year Storm

In three days, Hurricane Florence showed the effects of a “1,000-year” event.

The severity of floods is explained in terms of years: 100-year, 500-year, and 1,000-year. This description is used to predict the chance of a flood occurring in a year. A 100-year flood is a

1% chance; a 500-year flood is a 0.2% chance, with the risk increasing every 30 years said Dr. Martin Farley, chair of geology and geography at UNC Pembroke. A 1,000-year flood means it has a 0.1% chance of occurring in any given year.

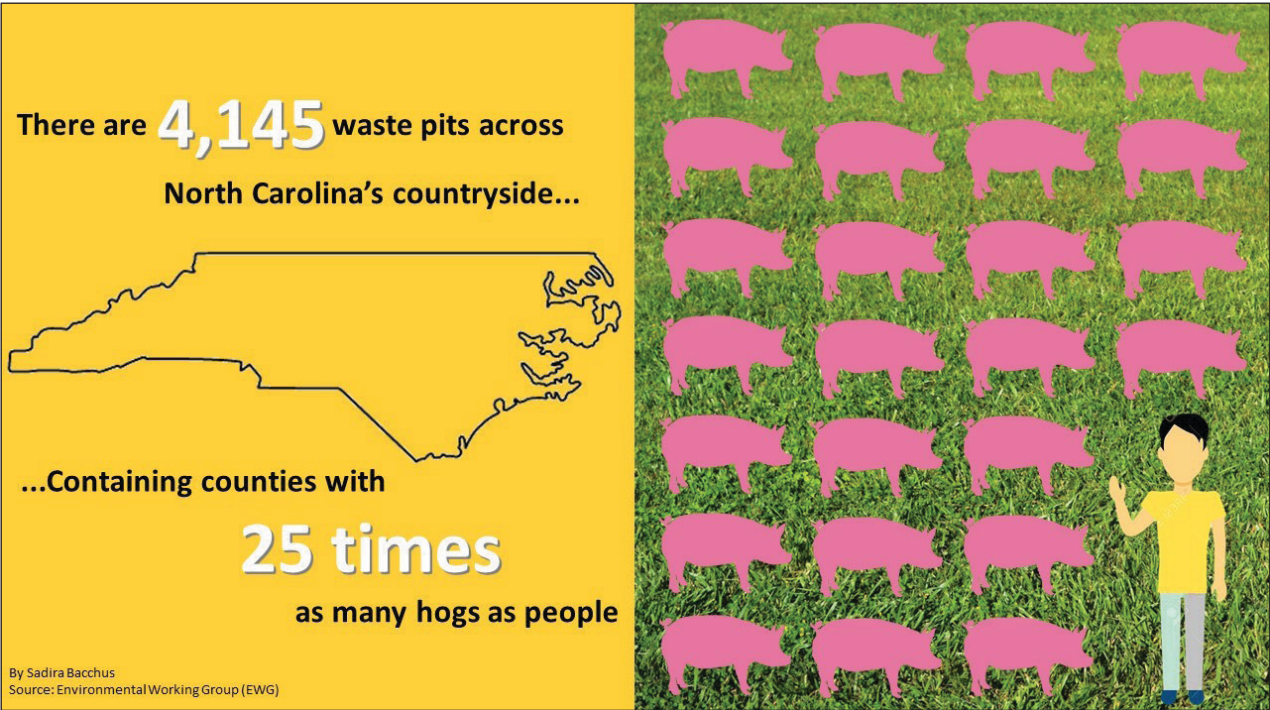
500-year floods are happening more often than probability predicts. Prevention planning hasn’t evolved to acknowledge a “500-year” flood isn’t a 1-in-500 chance anymore.

North Carolina

has experienced natural disasters and is expecting bigger and stronger storms in the future. Flooding is a major consequence that can be controlled to protect both people and the environment.

According to the Water Well Journal, many well owners avoid testing out of fear that their wells could be declared unsafe or condemned, hurting their property value. Water should be tested regularly and cleared of dangerous bacteria that may be a result of polluted soils, saving trouble in the long-run. Avoiding littering can help reduce flooding in probable areas.

“Any trash in the watershed of the Lumber River eventually ends up either increasing the amount of material that has to be drained away by the flooded rivers or can potentially clog the storm water drains and pipes, worsening the situation,” Chaumba said.



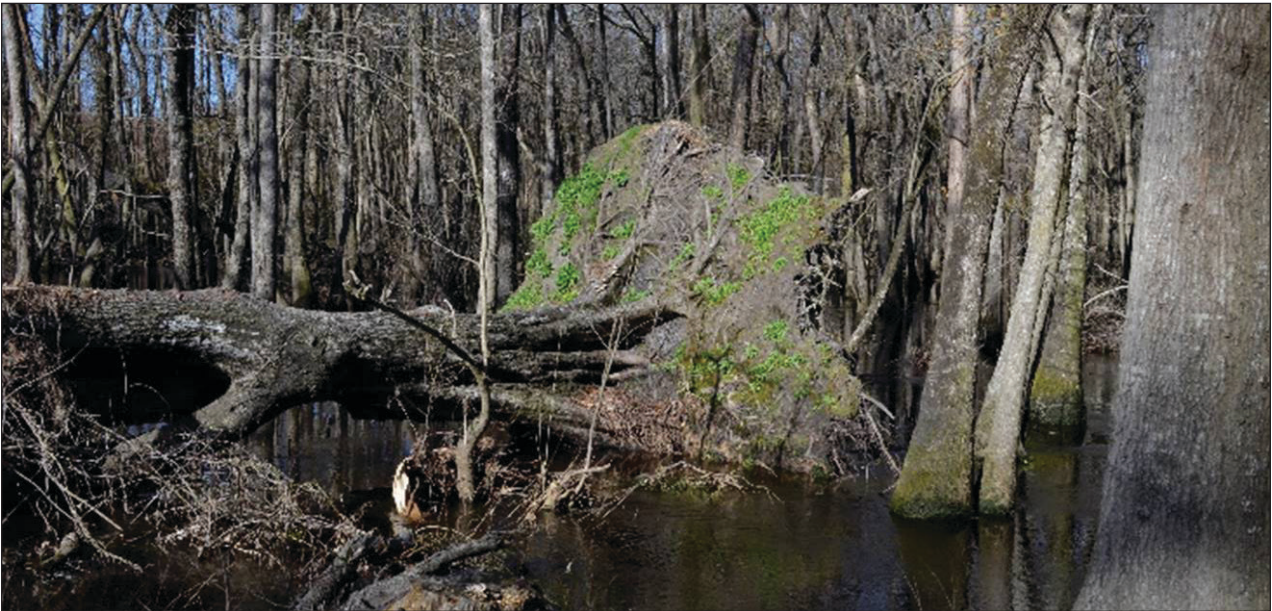
flows into the Great Pee Dee River, into the Winyah Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

Eventually, anything that goes in the river ends up in the ocean.

The town of Pembroke is located within the Lumber River’s watershed, which is relatively small, but the low flow of the Robeson County area plus high amounts of precipitation during short periods of time can cause flooding according to Dr. Jeff Chaumba, associate professor of geology at UNC Pembroke.

The Lumber River is protected and certain procedures such as building a floodwall cannot be done according to Lane Garner, park superintendent of Lumber River State Park.

The Lumber River crested between 25.3 and 25.5 feet during Florence. The park was still clearing the debris from Matthew on an 80-mile section of the river when Florence hit, Garner



Fallen trees near the Lumber River by Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Maxton, N.C. PN Photo/Sadira Bacchus

Hispanic Heritage Month

By Eric Velasquez
Staff Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month, a celebration of Hispanic ancestry, runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. The weeklong event began in 1968, but it was extended to four weeks twenty years later in 1988. While it may seem odd for an event to start in the middle of a month, the first day of the celebration is the date of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico follows with its Independence Day on the 16th, and Chile celebrates its independence on the 18th.

The month is dedicated to the impact of Hispanic or Latino cultures and arts as well as the communities’ contributions to the American societies.

Although Hispanic Heritage Month has existed for 51 years, many are not aware of the celebration. Governor Roy Cooper signed a proclamation that declared a recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month in North Carolina.

“Over the last 30 years, the Hispanic population has grown dramatically; today, 9.6% of North Carolinians are Hispanic, with the median age of 25 years, indicating that this community will continue to grow and flourish,” states the proclamation.

This year’s theme is Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation, which centers on the contributions from Hispanic and Latino people.

On campus, events such as the Hispanic Heritage Fall Festival are open to everyone, and they showcase the cultures of various Latin American countries. After the festival had passed, a guest speaker made appearance on Oct. 14, the day before the end of Hispanic Heritage Month.

“It is important for [Hispanic/Latino] students to show up and to show that there is a voice,” said Dr. Ana Cecilia Lara, the director of Foreign Languages at UNCP.

Around 300 people attended the festival. Plans for the next year’s Hispanic Heritage Fall Festival are being made.

The importance of celebrating Hispanic heritage grows as the population of Hispanic and Latino people continues to grow. It is important to honor the cultures, and to recognize the history and contributions being made.

Hispanic Heritage 2019 Fall Festival

By Tiarra Gordon
Staff Writer

The Hispanic Heritage Fall Festival took place in the UC Annex on Oct. 5, between 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The festival began with a parade from Dial and to the UC Annex.

After the parade, students, faculty, and community members were welcomed inside the decorated Annex with the theme of the Amazon rainforest and with flags lined up that signified Hispanic countries. Each table was provided tortilla chips accompanied with fresh salsa.

The program began with Dr. Ana Cecilia Lara, director of the Foreign Languages department at UNCP, who thanked everyone who came and organized the event. She invited organizers to the podium to speak about with respective organizations: Ole’, Acto Latino, the fraternity president of Sigma Delta Pi and a member of Student Inclusion and Diversity.

Acto Latino entertained audience members with a musical performance.

“The organization is a diverse group of Spanish and non-Spanish speakers we work on Spanish play bring a awareness to Spanish culture through plays” said Wendy Cruz.

Their performance was based on a famous Hispanic soap opera “Rebelde.” The members played the parts of high school students and sang a song about being rebels.

Christen Bass sang a song called, “Como La Flor.” A new member of Acto Latino, Kelly constructed a dance to “Waka Waka” a song by Shakira.

Anthony Mungo a senior at UNCP performed a folk drum dance called the Tambortio which contributes to African and Hispanic culture. The dance dates to 1700s and originates from Panama. It was once performed by enslaved Africans to empower their community. Mungo learned the dance from his grandfather who had performed the Tambortio in the West Indian Day Parade. The drum ritual was used for rebellion, communication with ancestors and courting. Mungo invited the audience to dance the Tambortio.

Dr. Eun Hee Jeon a professor at the university taught the dance of chacarea, which originates in Argentina. She first demonstrated the dance having females on one side and males on the other. The dancers use different techniques to court their partners.

The festival opened up the buffet that was sponsored by several restaurants in the Pembroke area and community members. The buffet offered empanadas, fajitas, rice, tacos, flan and other Hispanic foods.

After members of the audience made their plates Sigma Delta Pi presented a presentation about the Amazon rainforest and the area’s culture. A member of Acto Latino hosted Kahoot!, an interactive game where audience memebtrs answer questions that were based on the presentation.

Speakers from the Office of Global Engagement told the audience about an upcoming chance for students to travel with the department of foreign languages to study abroad to Argentina and Uruguay.

“Everybody should come to celebrate with us it doesn’t matter if they are not Hispanic. What is important is to appreciate and embrace everyone’s culture said Dr. Ana Cecilia Lara.



Portrait of Robert Romine, former chair of UNCP’s music department at tribute. PN Photo/Jay Freeman

Concert Band Performs Tribute to Dr. Romine

By Jay Freeman
Contributor

UNCP students, faculty/staff and Pembroke residents filled the Givens Performing Arts Center of UNCP last Tuesday for a Concert Band performance by the members of the schools’ band. Conducted by Tim Altman, the Director of Bands and conducting at UNCP, the show was dedicated to a former professor and chair of UNCP’s music department, Dr. Robert Romine.

Romine grew up in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Originally form Iowa, Romine grew up loving music. Like most students who performed at the concert, Romine was also a part of a band in his earlier years, even forming his own band in junior high.

Before moving to North Carolina, Romine taught music in public schools across Iowa. It wasn’t until 1974 that Romine accepted a job offer from UNCP (formerly known then as Pembroke State University), which eventually led to him becoming the chair of the music department at the university. After 22 years at UNCP, Romine left the university; and this past August, Romine passed away at the age of 88.

The concert featured various pieces and ended with a tribute piece titled “Quadro per un Giglio” by Bernardino Picone that featured a solo by Dr. Larry Wells on the trumpet, one of Romine’s favourite instruments.

Genealogy Symposium

By Alexis Polson
Contributor

The Museum of the Southeastern American Indian will hold the second annual Lumbee Genealogy Symposium on October 24-25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UNCP University Annex.

This year’s Lumbee Genealogy Symposium is titled “Revealing the Matriarch: Uncovering the Hidden Legacies of Lumbee Women.” It will focus on the question: “What is the Legacy of Women in Lumbee Society?” The Lumbee Genealogy Symposium is an event held to help teach people how to research their own story and family tree.

Day one of the symposium will cover tribes and the colonial era. Day two will cover individual surnames, Scottish ancestry and singing.

“This year’s symposium affords more time for participant engagement as well as hands-on-activities, and lineage chart and photo sharing,” according to Museum Specialist David Scott.

The keynote speakers this year will be the cast of “lumBEES: Women of The Dark Water.” The play is about their life experiences and the trials they had to overcome.

This is Scott’s first time attending the symposium. “I’m looking forward to seeing our participants have a meaningful experience and understand their own genealogy by making connections,” he said.

The museum decided to hold the Lumbee Genealogy Symposium after last year’s symposium’s success. It had around 80 participants.

“Last year was beyond magnificent,” said Nancy Strickland Fields, Director and Curator for the museum.

Strickland said her favorite part was watching the participants’ fellowship.

“There was a lot of laughter,” she said.

To register for the symposium, go to uncep.edu/gpacktickets or call the GPAC box office at 910-521-6361. For questions call the museum at 910-521-6695 or email nativemuseum@uncp.edu.

If You Go

Ticket costs:

- ***General Registration: \$35.00***
- ***Age 65 or older: \$15.00***
- ***UNCP Students: Free***

This will include breakfast and lunch.

The museum encourages UNCP students to attend the symposium.