

TD Bank Scandal Impacts Sandhills Residents



McInnis assuring everyone that the situation will be looking to as he speaks in Aberdeen, North Carolina. PN Photo/ Anayah L. Peterson.

by Anayah L. Peterson,
Managing Editor

Debra Noll of Foxfire Village, was on her phone when she received a text message with a link from TD Bank on Jan. 31. She did not think of anything about it and deleted the message. The scandal was unknown to her at the time until she received more mail from them the next day. The letter had a packet and checks. Noll received three letters, two checks and one money market account from TD Bank after the first letter.

Noll has more mail coming from TD Bank on March 5. She said that TD Bank put a hold on the account because it takes 90 days to close, but she is still able to track the information. They put in \$5 and pulled out \$5 by using Zelle to transfer money out of the money market account. Zelle is an app used to send and receive money from another party. It is very similar to an app called Cash App.

The Toronto-Dominion Bank, known as TD Bank, is the fifth largest bank in North America by assets. The company serves more than 26 million customers. However, many who were not served by TD Bank had their identity stolen and accounts opened in their name.

The Sandhills, Southern Pines and Pinehurst areas have been

alarmed by the fraudulent scandal that is going on nationwide with TD Bank. State Sen. Tom McInnis called for a special town hall meeting in Aberdeen, to discuss Moore County residents' concerns on the nationwide fraudulent bank scam. To find a common thread on why so many people in these areas were hacked and set up with new bank accounts.

Other officials spoke during the forum with McInnis. The forum included Jamie Boles, U.S. Rep. Dan Bishop and Moore County Sheriff Ronnie Fields. Representatives from N.C. Attorney General's Office and the FBI presence was there.

The packed room had more than 100 people inside and was so full that many had to stand up during the duration of the meeting. Tension filled the room as many were worried and felt unheard about their issues with TD Bank. McInnis told the overcrowded room to not pick on his sheriff, Sheriff Fields, as tensions rose with many wanting a turn with the mic to voice their thoughts.

The meeting allowed elected officials to learn about the ongoing issue that residents are struggling to overcome. The Moore County Sheriff's office estimates 1,000 people in the

Sandhills area identity were stolen. People brought in large packets to the meeting filled with checks and statements from TD Bank.

Last year, banks like TD Bank and Wells Fargo offered a money initiative if you opened up a new account with them. TD Bank offered \$200 to those who opened a

new account with them; however, the residents of Moore County did not. The closest bank to Aberdeen NC, would be at Florence, SC.

"We know it was a big spike, and it affected less than one percent of the population down in the market from what we can tell," said Hugh Allen, regional president of TD Bank in North Caro-

"It is very scary and you feel very violated. I learned more about it on NextDoor, an app used for neighborhoods, and it exploded," Noll said.

lina, in an interview with The Pilot.

In Moore County, residents received more letters from TD Bank with new accounts opened in their name. Some with only one account open compared to others who may have three or more.

McInnis wanted the meeting to focus on TD Bank, to find a common reason on why people had accounts made with their name and information.

"The way we are going to eat an elephant is one bite at a time... We are not going to take our foot off the gas until we get some relief," McInnis said.

Residents were referred to call the fraud department with TD Bank at 888-751-9000. Many voiced out that the line did not help their question at all or said that no one answered them at the meeting.



Sandhill locals fill the Aberdeen recreation center to speak about their experience with TD Bank. PN Photo/ Anayah L. Peterson.

No More Masks in Class with New Mandate

by Andrew Thrift,
Copy Chief

UNC Pembroke is home to 22 different departments, all with different feelings toward the COVID-19 pandemic. On Friday, Feb. 25, the Chancellor's office announced that the mask mandate would be lifted in classroom settings.

Each Chancellor in the UNC System had the "authority to modify and tailor COVID-19 mitigation measures" on their respective campuses. This coincided with the announcement from the NC Department of Health and Human Services that allowed K-12 schools to move to "voluntary masking" on March 7.

UNCP Chancellor Robin Cummings said the data shows that this has become "an endemic of the unvaccinated." He bases this off conversations he has had with local hospitals CEOs and doctors at local hospitals Southeastern

Regional Medical Center, Scotland Memorial Hospital and FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Cummings says individuals should educate themselves and encourages vaccinations.

Cummings said this does not mark the end of Covid, but says in America we have a good percentage of herd immunity. Cummings also said that if cases increase we could see the mask mandate happen again on campus, although he does not foresee that happening.

Despite less mask restrictions, Cummings expressed support for those who wish to continue wearing their mask on campus.

"My feeling is if it makes you feel comfortable, wear your mask," Cummings said. "We should recognize that people have a right to wear a mask if they want to."

With every department having different ways of running the classroom, how are the departments feelings towards this new

lifted mandate and what are they encouraging students to do?

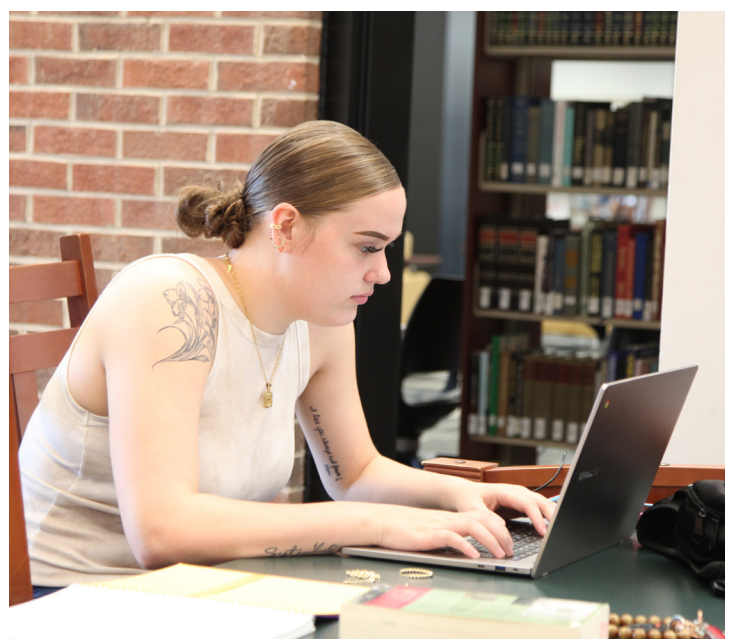
"Personally I'm still wearing a mask because I interact with students in close quarters such as the TV studio control room," said the Mass Communication Chair, Dr. Jamie Litty. "I'll wait until after spring break to see if there's a COVID surge from college student travel. If there's no resurgence, maybe I'll be more lax about it."

Pembroke is currently monitoring only two positive students, with the on campus positivity rate in the 2-3% range.

For some classes with more "hands on" classes, like broadcasting classes,

students are put in close contact in a small control room in the broadcasting studio. For the pandemic, plexiglass barriers were put in the control room to separate students to limit students' contact to one another.

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Hannah Russell works maskless in the library. PN Photo/ Andrew Thrift.

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“I am leaving it up to the faculty to decide whether or not they want to wear a mask in their classrooms,” said American Indian Studies Chair, Dr. Mary Jacobs.

In the History Department, Dr. Jamie Martinez said that she has her mask handy at all times. “Several people in this department are still wearing them around the office and to teach. I don’t know if anyone is requesting visitors to their offices to wear them.”

In the classroom, some students are still choosing to wear their masks, some out of habit, and others still concerned about personal and public health.

For students at NC State University, it was announced that “departments, units, employees and students may not require more restrictive measures than those required by the university.”

The new mask guidelines for NC State students start March 7, which is the last day President Hans wants universities to lift the mask mandate. Masks are now optional in all settings except clinical and health care settings, identified research laboratories, excluding teaching labs and public transportation, including Wolfline buses.

At UNCP, Chancellor Cummings did not specify other set-

tings that masks are required other than in healthcare or at a COVID-19 testing site here on campus.

Dr. Jeff Howard, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, is a member of the UNCP COVID Team. The COVID Team is a group of people from student health, student affairs and housing that meet to talk about how COVID-19 is affecting the campus. The team came to the decision to make masks optional across campus.

The reason for the vague outlines regarding masks is Howard and the team wants it to be a personal decision regarding masks.

He feels as though students and faculty know how they feel about their own health and safety, in turn are the only ones who can make that decision.

UNC Pembroke professors can not require masks in their own offices or classroom, they can only strongly encourage them to wear their masks.

For Counseling and Psychological Services, even though they are in a healthcare building, they can not require masks and do not have to wear masks. CAPS is being treated like every other department.

Delight Ministries Creates Safe Place for Women



Delight Ministries members kickoff the meeting for the Spring 2022 Semester. PN Photo/ Daria Parker.

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by Daria Parker

The Delight Ministries is a place for women to grow their faith in a group with others. Delight was created to allow young women to come together and gain more knowledge of the Bible and who God is.

Known for its pink aesthetic, this is a club that allows young women to come together weekly and study the bible and how it can be applied to one’s daily lives.

Junior Gracie Reid, leader of Delight Ministries, said this was something the campus needed. She loves the group tremendously.

“The ministry is a place for young women to come together and not only learn about the beauty that is God but also be able to feel the comfort and love from women,” Reid said.

This is a place for women to feel comfort-

able to be allowed to discuss the things that are taking place in a setting that is comfortable and familiar.

“Delight for me was what I needed in a time in my life when I was confused and lost,” said Meghan Worden, founder of the UNCP Chapter.

She is proud of how far Delight has grown on this campus. “If you would have told me this

back in 2017, I would be so ecstatic that so many hearts will be transformed because of this organization,” Worden said.

Worden graduated from UNCP in 2020 and came across the organization when she was in need of a transformation.

“I knew that this was something I needed to do for myself, and all the girls on this campus who were being faced with the same struggles as me. The only thing that could allow my heart to transform was God,” Worden said.

Students can attend meetings every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. The meeting is at the University Center, Room 251.

Light refreshments are provided along with little hints of pink. The study for this semester is the book of Genesis. Books are \$15, but the ladies are willing to share if you are not able to purchase a book.

students are welcome to participate in these meetings.



Genesis, the book Delight is studying this semester. PN Photo/ Daria Parker.

Noticing Invisibilities During Awareness Month

by Victor Mays, Reporter

Being aware of the disabilities of others is something that every person should do. What better time to start than Disability Awareness Month. There are many types of disabilities in the world. Some disabilities are very common in college students, but not all disabilities are visible.

According to Day.yale.edu the most common disabilities in undergraduate students in a four year college are learning disabilities, ADHD, Autism, difficulty hearing and seeing.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a disorder that mostly affects behavior and communication. It is considered a developmental disorder but can be diagnosed at any age.

There are accommodations specifically on UNCP’s campus that help people who struggle with these disabilities. The school offers reasonable and individualized accommodations

for students with a disability.

To get these accommodations students must go to the Accessibility Resource Center with records of a documented disability. It is the responsibility of the students to go to ARC themselves to receive accommodations.

It is very important to be aware of your fellow students so you do not accidentally hurt their feelings or offend someone. Everyone regardless of them having or not having a disability is important and contributes to society.

Some of the world’s best and brightest are people who were either born with a disability or were diagnosed with a disability later on in life. Anyone can have a disability.

Stephen Hawking was a great theoretical physicist who was physically disabled. He made great contributions to physics in how we understand the world around us.

Helen Keller was blind and deaf. She became a famous author and public speaker. Christopher Reeves was the first actor to play the role Superman in a feature theatrical film and he was paralyzed after a horse riding accident. However afterwards he still continued to act in movies and he even directed some aswell. Kyle Manyard was the first quadruple amputee to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

James Earl Jones had a speech impediment, but overcame his disability and became known for his voice. Voicing many famous characters such as Darth Vader from “Star Wars” and Mufasa from “The Lion King.”

Students with disabilities can contact the ARC by calling 910-521-6695 or by using their email address. The email address is arc@uncp.edu.

For information detailing the process, go to UNCP’s website and search in the search bar accommodating students with disabilities.

OSID Hosts First Hispanic Student Mixer



A group of students chatting and enjoying Latin American and Spanish Culture at the Hispanic Student Mixer. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.

by Ester Sanchez, Reporter

The Office of Student Inclusion and Diversity hosted their first Hispanic Student Mixer. The mixer was a place for the Hispanic student body to come together and make connections.

The mixer took place in the OSID suite office in Old Main. There were flags from many countries of Latin America and Spain.

They also had papel picado hanging from the walls. Papel picado is a Mexican banner that is similar to paper snowflakes, they are very colorful.

Through conversations, Latin music filled up empty noise, with artists like Bad Bunny and Rauw Alejandro. It gave people the sentiment of being with family and friends at birthday parties.

The dining area featured a PowerPoint that showed information about several Latin American countries. It showed history and facts from several countries. There was also a whiteboard with quotes by famous Latin people.

One of the quotes on the whiteboard was from Sonia Sotomayor, “the Latina in me is an ember that

blazes forever.”

Sotomayor is the first hispanic and woman of color to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States.

The mixer had foods from different nationalities including food from Mexico, Cuba and other countries.

They had platanos maduros (ripe plantains), chicken tamales, rice with chicken and beans. For dessert, there were conchas, a typical Mexican bread and tres leches cake.

Drinks were a favorite for everyone. They had jamaica, which is made from hibiscus flower, horchata, watermelon and pineapple juice.

Abrio and Alex Rodriguez en-

joyed the event very much. Abrio’s favorite food was the corn on the cob and horchata. Alex’s favorite was rice with chicken and watermelon juice.

“The atmosphere is very inviting and it’s nice to meet new people,” Abrio said.

Dr. Lawrence Lockelar and Angelica Hernandez from OSID planned the mixer.

“The mixer is meant to bring the Spanish-orientated community together and show students that by getting to know each other and getting involved, we can show pride and represent our community,” Hernan-

dez said.

OSID is the support system for advancing equity and inclusion at UNCP. They support students for who they are as an individual. Students can go to them to pitch an idea for an event, pin accessory or a committee.

There were over 80 people that attended the event.

“Being that it’s the first mixer we hold, it’s honorable to see the support for the Hispanic community from everyone,” Hernandez said.

The next Hispanic event hosted by OSID is Mar. 22 at 3 p.m. at UC Annex.



Dr. Lawrence Lockelar and some of the Hispanic Student Mixer attendees. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.

UNCP PLAYLIST NO. 2

What are students listening to?

by Jillian Shroyer, layout by Andrew Thrift

GOOD TIME
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BY NIKI
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BY BIG YAVO
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BY MAVERICK CITY MUSIC
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BY DAN + SHAY
Savannah Geroux

POISON
BY BRENT FAIYAZ
Sequoia Hunt

HEARTBREAKER
BY KIDDO MARV
Sydney Smith

COME FOR ME (UNLOCKED)
BY ALICIA KEYS, KHALID, LUCKY DANE
Yoxi Lopez

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Licorice Pizza’

by Joshua D. Baker

“I’m not going to forget you. Just like you’re not going to forget me,” Cooper Hoffman said in the movie.

These are words spoken by Licorice Pizza’s leading man Cooper Hoffman to leading woman Alana Haim and I think they describe my experience with the film to a tee.

The movie is about a Alana Kane and Gary Valentine falling in love with one another at San Fernando Valley.

I watched Licorice Pizza twice this week. Twice in theaters because Licorice Pizza hasn’t seen a digital release yet despite opening on Christmas day last year.

I saw it twice because I wasn’t sure what it was in the two-plus-hour plot was trying to say. To be honest, I’m still not sure what I was supposed to take away from my time with Licorice Pizza.

On the surface, Licorice Pizza is a coming-of-age romance set in 1973 California. It tells the story of Gary Valentine, who is Hoffman and Alana Kane, who is Haim, as they spin a ‘will-they-won’t-they’ love story through a plethora of 70’s set-pieces.

In this way, the story is told almost as a series of vignettes that tenuously create a thru-line to the next situation.

While the story can feel loose and wandering at times because of this, Anderson makes sure to keep the focus of every shenanigan on Hoffman and Haim’s faces.

Worse directors would fill these scenes with characters telling each other how they feel, but that never happens here.

I never felt like I didn’t know what a character was feeling, and the editing made sure to linger on those



Cooper Hooffman and Alnaa Haim in the movie “Licorice Pizza.” Photo/ Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures Inc./TNS

faces of jealousy, lust, and frustration just one beat too long, which perfectly create awkward silences.

Anderson also creates moments of prolonged bliss at times too, giving us scenes of characters smiling and laughing just over that beat we’re used to.

One scene in particular shows a hug and lets the camera just sit there

for such a long time that it feels like the movie is paying back the tab for all the awkward moments that came before.

The film is shot on 35mm Kodak film with a period correct lens, and it shows. The movie doesn’t look like anything else in theaters, and it really sells the 70’s aesthetic.

The camera work is beautiful and the soundtrack, arranged by Jonny Greenwood of Radiohead,

a regular on Anderson’s films, is full of poignant period-appropriate tracks that fit perfectly.

Licorice Pizza also nails what teenagers actually look like, there’s no Riverdale highschoolers running amok on screen. Even the “hot” highschooler still looks believably seventeen.

The films been nominated for three Academy Awards, including best picture. And on a technical level, Licorice Pizza is just as entitled to win as any movie nominated alongside it. But it won’t be my pick.

Minor Plot details....

Full disclosure, I love Paul Thomas Anderson’s films. He is, in my opinion, one of the best working American Directors. But Licorice Pizza’s story has sat wrong with me,

and I feel like there’s a much-needed dialogue not really happening about the story.

In the film Valentine is a 15-year-old child actor who falls for Kane, a 25-year-old photography assistant.

As the film progresses, I kept expecting some time-jump to happen that never occurs, or at least something to even out the age difference.

The crux of the story seems to root for this relationship, fraught with toxic tendencies, to succeed. This is a plot that would rightfully be lambasted as creepy and wrong if the genders were reversed.

Too many men are exploited each and every day, only to be laughed at when they come forward. I feel the need to say it, but it doesn’t matter if the boy pursued a 25-year-old, the fact that this story manages to romanticize this dynamic is wrong.

Movies don’t have to show beautiful and perfect relationships. However, they also shouldn’t glorify and romanticize these dynamics.

The Kinnanes Collect Their Bounty with ‘Home Team’

by Sharlyn Tabaco

For any big football fan, the notorious Bountygate scandal of the 2010 season is likely familiar. Sean Peyton, former coach of the New Orleans Saints, alongside other and members of the team were accused of having given out “bounties” in exchange for injuring players on the opposing teams.

This scandal led to the suspension of Peyton and resulted in his return to his hometown for the following season. Netflix’s newest collaboration with Happy Madison Production follows the story of coach Peyton and the events resulting from the Bountygate scandal. The movie, “Home Team,” claims to be based on a true story which, technically it is, though it hardly mentions the scandal itself

throughout the story.

The movie begins with coach Sean Peyton, played by Kevin James, winning the 2010 Superbowl. After a very joyful opening, the movie follows Peyton’s dismissal due to the accusations against him and his team.

This leads Peyton to return to his hometown of Argyl, Texas where he is hoping to reconnect with his sixth grade son, who has also taken an interest in the sport. After attending his son’s game and providing the teams head coach Troy Lambert, played by Taylor Laughtner, with some pointers which led to the team’s first touchdown of the season, Peyton is offered a position as defensive coordinator for the team and he accepted.

Through the progression of

the movie, we see Peyton begin to treat the sixth-grade team as if it were his former NFL team. He benched weaker players f and played his strongest players to their limit.

Eventually this leads to some issues with his son but, these issues are quickly resolved after Peyton realizes that his relationship with his son and the happiness of a group of young boys is far more important than the feeling of victory from winning a championship game.

The movie gives off a family friendly feel but it does pose the question: Would Peyton have felt the same need to reconnect with his son he had not been suspended and forced to return home?

While the film is enjoyable, it does not necessarily include many

details regarding the Bountygate scandal. The movie includes a few scenes where the subject is brought up though not much information is provided by the character of Sean Peyton, instead when he is asked by his son if he did “it” he responds by telling him that as head coach he is to take responsibility for the events whether he knew or not, but he does not provide a clear response.

It is a heartwarming movie with a classic ending of learning lessons over winning the championship but unfortunately, the movie certainly lacks strength in humor and in detail regarding the scandal which leads the main character into this life-changing perspective.

It is surely not Happy Madison Productions best, but the movie can is fairly.



2022 Spring Break Cartoon. The clock is ticking and the time for a break is near for everyone. PN Graphic/ Alana Peterson.

The Fresh Prince’s Fresh Start in ‘Bel-Air’

by Christopher Machine, Reporter

Will Smith returns to a familiar scene this year with the re-imagining of a show he previously starred in, “Bel-Air.” This time, Smith’s place is behind the camera as one of the show’s executive producers. It is a reboot of the original sitcom from 1990.

Taking place in current time, “Bel-Air” follows the story of Will Smith, played by Jabari Banks, transitioning from the streets of West Philadelphia into the Banks household. “Bel-Air” strives to give a more realistic retelling of Will’s adventure compared to their original show in the 90’s, changing the tone from sitcom comedy to a more serious one.

No longer do we hear the laughing track and studio audience

because the viewers now watch it themselves with their own laughs. Taking a nostalgic audio track away from the show.

The reboot does not have the same feel as the original because it was made to be a drama instead of a comedy sitcom. A good representation of the change from comedy to drama is Will’s cousin, Carlton. In “Bel-Air,” Carlton is popular and the star player of the lacrosse team as opposed to his more geeky demeanor in The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

The show starts off with sixteen year old Will Smith playing basketball. A conflict happens at the court, which leads to Will grabbing someone’s gun and firing it into the air. Will gets arrested, but escapes the situation because he is given the opportunity to go to Bel-Air.

When I watched this it was not



Jabari Banks, left, as Will and Jordan L. Jones as Jazz in “Bel-Air.” Photo/Peacock/TNS

something I could really laugh about because it is so serious. The drama does make it a little interesting to watch and it keeps me on the edge of my seat, though the comedy from

its predecessor will be missed. “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air” kept the show engaging with dramatic scenes in a comedical series, whereas Bel-Air will try to do the opposite.

Netflix

‘The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window’



Kristen Bell in “The Woman in the House Across the Street From the Girl in the Window.” Photo/Colleen E. Hayes/Netflix/TNS

by Michaela Tisdale and Christopher Machine

“The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window” is a comedic mystery series show on Netflix that plays into the tropes that often appear in mystery movies like getting ominous messages to stay away from the “case” written on the protagonist’s window, but with a comical spin by

having it written on our protagonist’s car window in broad daylight, in front of the police station.

Released on Jan. 28, the story follows a divorced woman named Anna, who is played by Kristen Bell.

Anna is a painter who is currently grieving over the loss of her daughter, Elizabeth who passed away recently due to a mistake involving her daughter being left alone with a cannibalistic serial killer. Her

grieving process involves heavily drinking, to the point of having a bottle of wine in one sitting.

Anna tries to regain some of her normalcy back by getting close to the new family that’s moved into her neighborhood, a widowed man named Neil played by Tom Tiley and his daughter, Emma played by Samsara Yett. These plans are cut short when she sees that Neil has a girlfriend named Lisa.

Anna begins to go through a jealousy phase but has it cut short by seeing Lisa with a fatal injury in her neck. Anna barely manages to call the police before passing out only to wake up in her house and discover that a body was never found and that the police don’t believe what she saw.

Once learning this, Anna sets off to find out what happened to Lisa that night and uncover the mystery behind her new neighbors.

“The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window,” set the scene for a murder mystery perfectly for me, allowing for twist and turns to flow naturally as the story progresses. It’s also revealed early on in the story

that Anna is mixing prescription medication with her alcohol and that a side effect may be illusions, potentially being the reason that she sees Lisa injured as well as everything else she uncovers.

Anna isn’t a flawless character, which works well to make her reactions and interpretations to situations feel more genuine. One of her major flaws that help define the show is that she has ombrophobia, the fear of water.

Rain has a drastic effect on Anna, making her faint when she sees it due to her phobia. This adverse reaction is the reason that she couldn’t find out what happened to Lisa, becoming a recurring event in the series.

Being able to put comdeical moments in a serious setting and maintain the plot is not an easy task, but I feel that “The Woman in the House Across the Street from the Girl in the Window” managed to pull it off, having me laugh while keeping me on the edge of my seat.

While having a good reception, a sequel has not been revealed yet due to the show being a miniseries made without a sequel in mind.

Music

KYLE’s ‘It’s Not So Bad’ Album: Its Kind of Bad

by Victor Mays, Reporter

After being away from the music spotlight for quite some time “KYLE” returns with his new album “It’s Not So Bad.” KYLE is a rapper and songwriter who became famous in 2016 with his debut single “iSpy.”

“It’s Not So Bad” was released on Spotify and Apple Music.

“Cmon”

“Cmon” is a song that blends some modern pop with some early 2000s drum beats in the background. While the song is catchy and easy to sing, the song is definitely a little repetitive. However it is not just the words that are repetitive but the beat and instrumental doesn’t go anywhere and doesn’t seem to build to some great climax like some other songs.

“Personal”

This song is definitely what Modern rap and pop music sounds like. There are vulgarities that sort of drag the song down for me. This is the type of song that makes you feel like you are on a night drive through a neon city.

“Perfect”

“Perfect” is the type of song to make you want to stand up and dance. When the beat drops I become sucked into the music. This is definitely the type of dance song to be played at a club. if you are on a drive, this is the type of song that



Album artwork for “It’s Not So Bad.” Image/Instagram/SuperDuperKyle

you roll your windows down to

“Unreplaceable”

“Unreplaceable” is a song that does not just feature KYLE. Craig David is listed as a feature on this track. This song is ultimately forgettable to me. There is nothing distinct about this song that could differentiate between other songs. There are moments in here that do somewhat sound like Early 2000s songs.

“Sunday”

“Sunday” has a very Los Angeles daytime drive feel to it. The instrumental however I liked more than the actual lyrics. Ultimately I like the song,

“Do Not Answer”

The song made me feel like I was on a cloud. Despite its fast pace at moments the song is pretty relaxing. The chorus of the song was for me the best part. That is in no small part due to the instrumental which outside of the tambourine in the background is very calming.

“Love’s theme song”

This song is pretty short. It clocks in at one minute and thirty four seconds. Due to the length it does not give the song ample time to sit with me. All I can really say is that I like the instrumental.

“Thumb thru”

This track also has another artist

featuring on it. Ivory Scott joins KYLE in a short but sweet song that for me lacks a lot of substance. It just comes off as noise sometimes more than an actual song.

“Shiesty”

This is one of my favorites on this album. Just like the last few songs it is very short. Much like the “Love’s theme song” , it’s not long enough to make that good of an impression on me. This one does have a decent instrumental and the lyrics are pretty easy to understand and memorize.

“Optimistic”

This track features Dougie F. I did not like this song. However I did enjoy that it is more lowkey then some of the more upbeat ones on the album.

“Eternity”

“Eternity” is too short. It’s got a great instrumental and lyrics. It should have been longer. The song has an afro beat feel to it, which makes this one pretty memorable.

“Sleepyhead”

This was a unique song. I really liked the 80s feel to it. It’s also the perfect length of songs. It lets the artist and the instrumental breath a little.

Overall the album is very inconsistent with its sounds. It tries to be retro and modern at the same time. This is not one of my favorite albums by KYLE. It is a decent album, but it is not for me.

The Silhouettes Dance Live in Acton at GPAC



After performing a dance routine about love and hope, The Silhouette dancers form their bodies into the word “forever” against a sparkly background. PN Photo/ Victor Mays.

by Michaela Tisdale, Promotions and Social Media Manager

“The Silhouettes” dance group performed at GPAC. The shadow dance group were first runners-up on “America’s Got Talent” Season 6 and received a golden buzzer for one of their acts. The group is made up of kids and the overall group is instructed by Lynne Waggoner-Patton. Their coach describes them as her “shadow dancers.” The dance group has been around for 12 years and they are currently traveling the world performing

their shadow dance talents. The dance group has a studio located in Colorado. Their routine is comprised of dancers using their bodies to create shapes out of their silhouettes. The stories are heartfelt and make the audience feel every single emotion that they are portraying. The overall theme of their group is called “The power of yes.” Their overall goal is to help people whether it is children or adults. Their stories create an overall message that people can learn from and think about. Some of the themes that the shadow dance



The Silhouette dancers are forming the ending scene from the movie “Cinderella” scene. PN Photo/ Victor Mays.



The image above displays the word “Hope” using the dancers’ form. The bottom image depicts a man tries to find his wife among a few dancers until he finally settles on one woman. PN Photos/ Victor Mays.

group portrayed are hope, kindness, strength, family, fairy tale, veterans serving, best friends, love, animals and loving yourself. The auditorium was filled with community members, faculty and students. The group had performed the night prior in Las Vegas. Each story that the dance group presented had its own shadow dance performance. The show started with the history of the group’s journey on “America’s Got Talent.” Even though the group didn’t win, this didn’t stop them from continuing to perform and travel the world to showcase their shadow talents. Each story opened up with a few sentences to describe what each act or theme was going to be. This was easy for the audience to understand what the story would be about before any of the dancers started dancing. One of the most memorable dances was the Disney dance. The dancer’s silhouettes recreated scenes from famous Disney movies such as “The Little Mermaid”, “Princess and the Frog” and “Beauty and the Beast.” This was a crowd favorite because

everyone was cheering as each figure popped up on the screen. Another crowd favorite was when the shadow dancers performed a theme for the veterans who served in the military. Each figure that appeared depicted how families felt whenever they had a loved one leave to go into the military. The tension in the audience was very quiet and somber. The dance group finished the theme off by spelling the word “Heroes” with their bodies. A few people from the crowd shared their overall experiences on the show and how it made them feel. “The show was great, good and felt really good to have gatherings again,” faculty member Missy McLean said. McLean brought one of her friends, Elizabeth Groves, as well to the show and she shared her thoughts and opinions on the show. “Everyone seemed to be really into the show, it was a live show, quality talent,” Groves said. The dance group left Pembroke to go back to Colorado to prepare for their next event.

College Cooking for the Soul: Margherita Pizza Quesadilla

by Jillian Shroyer

As students have settled down into their dorms and apartments to take on the semester, many find that dorm food is boring, cooking takes forever, and the cafeteria on campus offers great options, but sometimes seems so far away. For those who choose to stay in and want something simple, delicious, and quick to make to spice up your food life, here is a quick and easy recipe to make your very own Margherita Pizza Quesadilla. The recipe calls for four items that are simple and take 5 Minutes to make. Ingredients include Flour Tortillas, Basil (chopped

or leaf), Tomatoes (Sliced or Diced), and Mozzarella cheese (Cut or Ball). Serving size: 1X: 1 tortilla, 1 tomato (Sliced) 3 oz mozzarella (Sliced) 4 large Basil leaves (Whole or chopped) Cook Time: 5 Minutes Directions: Heat a skillet over medium-high heat. Place the tortilla on the skillet, then layer the tomato, mozzarella, and basil leaves on half of the tortilla to your liking. Cook it for a minute before flipping the empty side over and flipping the now folded



Margherita pizza set on a table. PN Photo/ Jillian Shroyer.

tortilla. Cook for another two minutes, allowing the cheese to melt, and allowing the tortilla sides to turn golden brown. Once that is done, slice it and enjoy! Now the recipe is simple enough, and delicious as is. If you really want to make it something special, go ahead and add some

dashes of Balsamic Vinegar to your liking. It really brings the freshness of the margarita pizza flavor out and gives the soul just what it was looking for! As a student who has lived both on campus in a dorm and off campus in an apartment, this recipe is quick, delicious, and very simple.

The UNCP Baseball Team Knocks Clarion Out Of The Ball Park



Redshirt senior Trystan Kimmel has pitched 31 innings this season, allowing only 14 hits and 9 runs. Kimmel has record of 5-0 on the season and has only allowed 1 home run in his 5 games. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.



Redshirt junior, Andrew Mills rounding second base. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.

by Mahala Treish, Photo Editor

UNCP Baseball team swept Clarion University of Pennsylvania off Sammy Cox Field, with all 3 wins going over 18 runs.

Clarion arrived March 4, to take on the Braves over a long weekend, with a single game on Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday.

On Friday, the Braves defended Sammy Cox Field with a final score of 20-6, a season-high run total for the team.

The 1st inning was hot for UNCP who got their first run early in the game by Spencer Faulkner, a redshirt sophomore.

Faulkner went on to have 5 runs, the most of the day. Right after Faulkner’s first run, Andrew Mills, redshirt junior, hit the ball to right center garnering 3 runs for the

Braves.

Trystan Kimmel, redshirt senior, was on fire with 11 strikeouts which helped keep Clarion’s runs for the day low. Clarion did not gain a single run until the 5th inning of the game making the score 10-1.

UNCP dominated Clarion on Saturday 20-1, the fifth straight win for the Braves. UNCP scored its first run by Owen Taylor, freshman, in the 2nd inning on a throwing error by Clarion. Taylor would record 5 runs for the day, a team-high.

In the 4th inning Gage Hammonds, redshirt senior hit a home run which brought Faulkner and Ethan Ott, freshman, home, making the score to 10-1. Hammonds had a team-high for home runs, with 2. UNCP recorded 5 home runs in total.

Brandon Kunz, redshirt junior, threw 71 pitches, with 50 of them

strikes.

The Braves stopped Clarion from making a comeback on Sunday 18-10 at the Sammy Cox Field.

UNCP finished the game with 3 home runs and 15 hits for the day. The Braves scored for the first time during the 1st inning by Faulkner.

Ott tied with Faulkner for the most hits on the day with 5. Ott also recorded 2 home runs. UNCP only had 4 strikeouts on the day and were walked 8 times. In the 6th inning the Braves scored 6 times, a game-high for the day. By the end of the weekend UNCP’s record was 13-5.

“ We started off to a slow start but once we started playing our game and not worrying so much about the other team, we started to look really good,” Faulkner said.

The next home game is March 16 against USC Aiken at 4pm.

The Braves Softball Splits Doubleheader With Wingate Bulldogs

by Jillian Shroyer, Reporter

The Braves Softball team traveled to Wingate University to battle the Bulldogs in a doubleheader on March 3.



Redshirt senior, Jordan Adcox has 142 career hits for the Braves. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.

UNCP lost the first game 5-4, but brought it back in the second game with 2 home runs bringing in the win of 11-5 over the Bulldogs.

Game one started strong for the Braves, leading off with scoring a run in the 1st inning against the Bulldogs. In the 3rd inning the Bulldogs packed some heat scoring a total of 4 runs. But things really took a turn in the 5th inning when the Braves led off and scored a total of 3 runs tying the game.

In the bottom of the 5th inning, the Bulldogs were able to score another run putting them in the lead for game one. The two teams battled through the 6th and 7th innings, not allowing one run to cross home plate. The Bulldogs took game one with a final score of 5-4.

Game two started with a standoff in the 1st inning, no runs made it across home plate. In the 2nd inning, the Braves led off yet again and brought the heat, with a total of 5 runs, the Braves started strong. At the bottom of the 2nd inning Wingate was only able to pull in 1 run. The Braves and Bulldogs

battled for the next three innings, when Wingate brought their bats and recorded a total of 4 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning, tying the score against the Braves.

By scoring another 4 runs in the top of the 6th inning, and 2 runs in

the top of the 7th, the Braves were able to hold their own and bring home the win by a final score of 11-5 over the Bulldogs.

The Braves are currently 11-5 overall on the season, and have yet to face a conference opponent.



Freshman Madison Carriker holds a batting average of .296 on the year, with 8 hits and 2 RBIs. 4 of her hits came against Wingate. PN Photo/Mykayla Brady.

Softball Home Games	
Date & Time	Opponent
Mar. 10 @ 1 & 3:30 pm.	Queens College POSTPONED
Mar. 14 @ 4 & 6:30 p.m.	Georgia College
Mar. 18 @ 2 & 4:30 p.m.	King College
Mar. 19 1 & 3:30 p.m.	Lees-McRae College
Mar. 25 @ 2 & 4:30 p.m.	Emmanuel College
Mar. 26 @ 1 & 3:30 p.m.	Erskine College
Apr. 6 @ 2 & 4:30 p.m.	Mount Olive College
Apr. 19 @ 3 & 5:30 p.m.	Barton College

Golf Team Finishes 7th At Low Tide Invitational

by Zachary C. Young, Editor-in-Chief

The Braves competed at the Low Tide Invitational at Dunes West Golf & River Club in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Redshirt junior, Georgia Page finished all her rounds with a score of 75, giving her a total of 225 through three rounds, finishing 9 over par. This was good enough to tie for an 8th place finish.

Because of her performance, Georgia Page was named Conference Carolinas “Golfer of the Week.” This marks the third time this season Page

has received this honor.

Page has finished in the top 20 of a tournament on four separate occasions this season. This was Page’s second time cracking the top 10.

Her first time being in the Battle at Hilton Head tournament on Feb. 21-22. The Braves also finished 7th as a team at the Battle of Hilton Head.

As a team the Braves shot 310 in round one, 312 in round two and 316 in the final round. With a tournament total of 938, the Braves finished in 7th place out of 13 schools.

The Braves shot 74 over par, finishing 61 strokes behind tournament

winner Limestone University.

This marks the second straight tournament the Braves have finished in 7th place.

Three other Braves would finish in the top 50 of the tournament: Sophomores Toni Blackwell and Elizabeth Ritchie and redshirt junior Amanda Hamrin.

Blackwell finished round one with a score of 77 and round two with a 76, and another 77 in round three. Her total of 230 was good enough to tie for 20th, finishing 14 over par.

Ritchie finished tied for 46th, with a round one score of 82 and 78

in round two, and another score of 82 in round three. Ritchie would finish 26 over par with a total of 242.

Hamrin also tied for 46th with a round one total of 77 and 84 in round two. With a round three total of 81, Hamrin finished 26 over par with a total score of 242.

The Braves will compete again during spring break at the Conference Carolinas Preview tournament on Mar. 14 and 15 at the Cateechee Golf Club in Hartwell, G.A.

The Conference Carolinas Championship will be held April 3-5 in Hartwell, Ga. at the Cateechee Golf Club.

Men’s Basketball Moves On To NCAs After Tournament Loss

by Nicole Cook, Reporter

The UNCP Men’s Basketball team was crowned regular season champions and headed to Spartanburg, SC. for the Conference Carolinas Championship. Belmont Abbey broke the Braves winning streak in the Chapionship, but still qualify for the 2022 NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship.

Recap: Pembroke @ Barton, Feb. 22

The Braves traveled to Wilson, NC. to take on the Bulldogs on their home court. UNCP won the game 103-75 which is a considerable improvement from when the Braves and Bulldogs last faced off in January and the Braves won by a mere 7 points. UNCP dominated the entire game and stayed in the lead from start to finish. The Braves began the half with an immediate layup from Spencer Levi and then continued to extend their lead. By the 10 minute mark, Pembroke was up by 18 points, 34-16. The Braves ended the half 56-38.

The second half had the Bulldogs coming out strong and scoring first off a steal and layup, UNCP’s offense was not phased and the Braves had a 22 point lead by the halfway point at 81-59. The Braves ended the game leading 103-75 with a 28 point difference. Tyrell Kirk had a career-high and the highest conference game-high in points scored by an individual at 41 points. Kirk also had the most assists while Deon Barrien and Trenton McIntyre tied the game-high of rebounds at nine. Pembroke’s free throw percentage was 71.4%, and their 3-pointer percentage was 45.8%.

North Greenville vs. Pembroke, Feb. 24

The Braves hosted the Crusaders at their home court here in Pembroke for senior night on Feb. 24. The game was not a close one with the Braves once again staying ahead the entire night and winning by 30 points at 101-71. The first half ended 53-28 with a dunk from Jakari Gallon a few minutes before the end of the half followed by another from Levi with less than a minute remaining.

The second half saw a lot of improvement from the Crusaders’ offense as they added 43 points to their score before the end of the game. Nevertheless, Pembroke’s offense did not let up and made any hope for a comeback from North Greenville impossible. At the 10 minute mark, the Braves were leading by 41 points, 81-40. The Braves broke 100 with a minute left in the half and ended senior night successfully. Kirk was the high scorer of the night with 26 points and a tied game-high in steals with Jordan Ratliffe at 4. Levi had a game-high of 13 rebounds and McIntyre had the leading number of assists at eight. Pembroke made 78.6% of their free throws and 34.5% of their 3-pointers.

Having claimed this win, the Braves were crowned regular season champions and would compete in the Conference Carolina Championships as the first seed.

“I think it means a lot to the program any time you have the ability to cut down nets and see your guys on the ladder.” Head Coach Drew Richards said after the win. “To be able to have a great crowd on senior night and to be able to do what we did, it’s kind of a storybook ending to the regular season.”

Semifinal Game: Southern Wesleyan vs. Pembroke, Mar. 5

The Braves traveled to Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium in Spartanburg, SC. to compete in the Conference Carolinas’ Men’s Basketball Championship. As the leaders of the conference standings this year, UNCP was placed as first seed and pitted against the Warriors of Southern Wesleyan for the first round semifinals game. The game started at 12 p.m. on Saturday and began with a rocky first half for the Braves. The Warriors scored first off a 3-pointer in the first minute. Ratliffe scored first for the Braves 3 minutes in with his own 3-pointer to make the score 5-3. However, the Warriors began dominating with Pembroke trailing behind by just a couple points a majority of the half. UNCP managed to take the lead at the 5 minute mark after a series of fouls from the Warriors at 23-21, however, Southern Wesleyan’s Arusha Hunter made two consecutive shots from the 3-point-line and put the Warriors back on track to win the half 36-25.

The second half saw the Braves struggle early on with foul trouble which included a technical and allowed the Warriors to further their lead 41-26 with 17 minutes remaining. By the 13 minute mark, the Warriors were up 50-35. However, from here the Braves would begin their comeback and score 27 points in the following 10 minutes to put them on top 62-59 with 3 minutes left on the clock. The Warriors came back with less than a couple minutes remaining at 66-65, but they gave



Redshirt Freshman Trenton McIntyre gets ready for a rebound as Redshirt Senior Spencer Levi jumps for a shot inside the paint to try and put Pembroke back in the lead at the end of the first half in the semifinal against Southern Wesleyan. PN Photo/ Zachary Young

up the lead to the Braves off of Kirk’s free throws with 13 seconds left on the clock. The Warriors got a shot off from beyond the arc in time for the win but missed, ending the game 67-66 for the Braves. Kirk was the Braves’ high-scorer of the night with 19 points and three assists. Levi had a game-high 9 rebounds and two blocks. Pembroke was 56% from the free-throw-line at 14-25.

Finals- Belmont Abbey vs. Pembroke, Mar. 6

UNCP stayed overnight in Spartanburg and took on the third seed Belmont Abbey at 1 p.m. Sunday for the Championship title. The Braves came out strong at the start of the first half with a dunk from Levi. Five minutes in, Pembroke was in the lead 11-7. However, the Braves went on a scoring drought for 4 minutes and allowed the Crusaders to pull ahead 14-13 with 11 minutes remaining. Belmont Abbey continued scoring to stay on top until the 5 minute mark when Nate Dunlop made two 3-pointers to put UNCP in the lead 32-27. The Braves were up 36-35 with a minute left in the half, but the Crusaders scored a jumper with 30 seconds remaining to end the half 37-36 with Belmont Abbey leading.

The Braves came out strong for the second half with Javonte Waverly scoring first off a 3-pointer 1 minute in. UNCP led the first part of the half up until the 13 minute mark when the Crusaders pulled ahead 50-48 off a 3-pointer. The Braves wouldn’t score again for another 3 minutes, allowing Belmont Abbey to further their lead 54-48. UNCP capitalized on a foul from the

Crusaders at the 8 minute mark and pulled ahead off of Levi’s free throws, 59-58. The Brave’s defense put Belmont Abbey on a 3 minute scoring drought, but the Crusaders came back with 3 minutes remaining and finished out the game still leading at 79-73. Levi led the Braves on the scoreboard with 20 points, and two game-highs of 13 rebounds and 5 blocks. Kirk had a game-high 7 assists. Pembroke made 50% of their free throws at 11/22.

Despite falling short of the conference tournament championship title, UNCP Men’s Basketball still qualifies as the 4th seed for the NCAA Southeast Regional and will face off against 5th seed Flagler College in the quarterfinals this Saturday.

After winning the regular season on senior night, Coach Richards said that even though he hopes his players enjoy their success together as much as possible, it was cool to see that his guys were already looking forward to the next part of their story.

“As soon as we get back, it’s time to get back to work because we’ve got a lot of unfinished business and a lot of people who are really doubting us, and I’m hoping we can use it as motivation to get better,” said Richardson. Pembroke fans will be able to see this same ideology play out and cheer them on against the Saints either in person at Christenberry Fieldhouse in Augusta, Georgia on Saturday, or online through the NCAA DII official website. The kickoff time is still yet to be determined.



Redshirt Junior Jordan Ratliffe looks for an opportunity on the Braves’ attack as Trenton McIntyre battles the Warriors’ defense to become an open option. PN Photo/ Zachary Young