

Faculty Respond to Mary Livermore’s Removal of Resources

“Although they may have been deemed useless or not fitting the library’s collection, somebody’s trash is someone else’s treasure”

Abaigeal Brown & Mason Miller
Beyond Campus and Managing Editors

In the last edition of The Pine Needle, Dean of Library Services Dennis Swanson sat down with student journalists Abaigeal Brown and Mason Miller to discuss the discarding of library resources. Once the article was published, faculty and staff presented The Pine Needle with more accurate information.

Staff and faculty felt their voices were not accurately represented in the article as well as in the process of deselecting books and other library materials at Mary Livermore.

An anonymous source who once worked closely with the university challenged Swanson’s previous statements about the true number of books that have been discarded.

“With the total number of books, 125,000 needs to be added to that 25,000. He mentions DC gave him

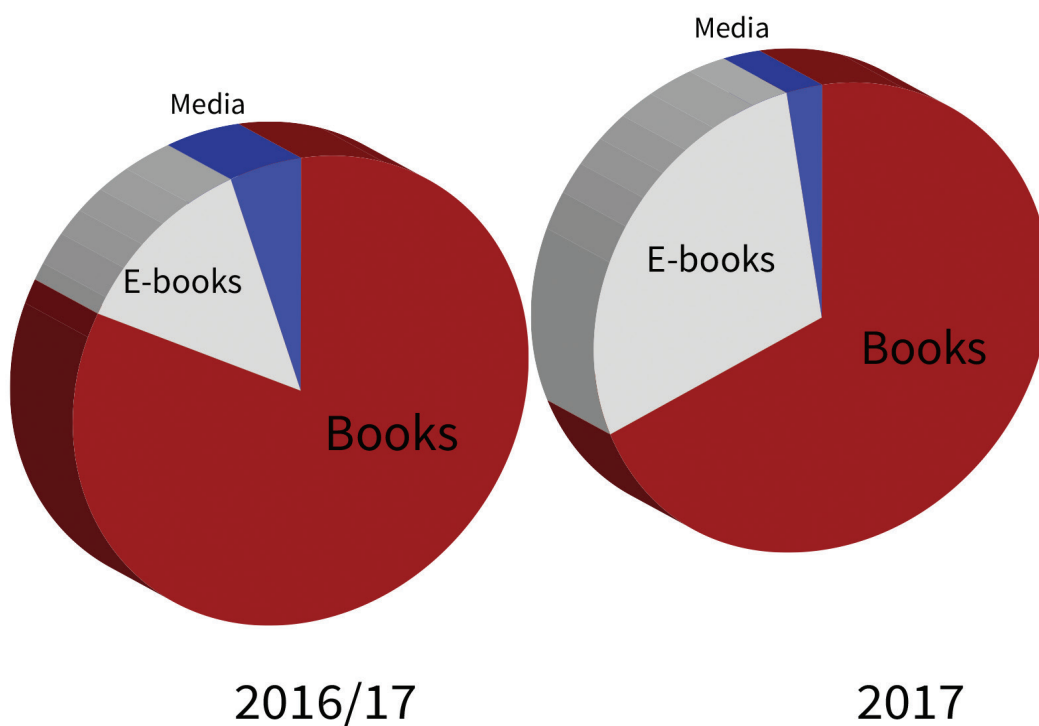
permission to the library to recycle books. He is confusing books with government documents. DC mandates government documents. The removal of books was his own personal decision,” the source said.

According to a data request made by The Pine Needle, the official number of titles held during the 2016-2017 academic year was 496,561. A further breakdown of this data

concludes that the number of books circulated that year was 10,226 - alongside 15,759 audiovisual/media materials and 29,119 media used for streaming media curricular. Comparative to the 2017 fiscal year, the total number of physical titles held dropped to 309,000.

Dr. Robert Canida who has a masters degree in library sciences and is President of Friends of the Library, an organization

Source: UNCP data request



could have used a weeding of some sort, most libraries do,” Canida said. “But to that degree and that amount of weeding of materials, that troubles me as a librarian then also as a representative for the [Friends of the Library] knowing that those are items that are no longer going to be available to our students, faculty, staff and community.”

Some members in the local community expressed their concerns not only with how the library discarded books, but also the removal of computer and other technological resources on the first floor of Mary Livermore. Computers were originally available on the first floor as a reference guide to locate the library’s books as well as other electronic resources. Since then, these computers have since been removed.

“As FOL president, it concerns me that there are no computer stations for community to use and I understand this is not a community library, but

Lumberton Kidnappings, Local Rumors Leave Students Fearful

By Jessica Horne
Editor-in-Chief

Due to the recent kidnapping of 13-year-old Hania Aguilar among other stories circulating on the web and within the community, students have taken to Twitter and Facebook, voicing their concerns for safety and pleading for their peers to stay safe. Students have also voiced concerns about lack of campus police involvement.

Chief and Director of Campus Police and Public Safety McDuffie Cummings Jr. said that campus police are being “more vigilant” in parking lots, stepping up their patrols and are on high alert.

He also said that according to the Pembroke Police Department, there have been no further information or reports of white vans or black or purple Dodge Chargers that match the descriptions cited in the stories circulating.

Circle K Incident

“We did have an incident,” Cummings said, referring to an incident that occurred at the local Circle K in Pembroke.

It was 9:30 p.m. when two students, a female student and her friend, pulled into the local Circle K gas station. A purple charger was parked by a pump and

two men were standing by it engaging in conversation.

According to Cummings, the student reported that one of the men said “hey did you see that girl” to the other which “made her feel uneasy” and promptly leave the station.

She then called 911 to report it, also citing that she saw the car pull out onto the road and that it made no attempts to follow her home.

Campus police were made aware of it later.

On Campus Chick-fil-A Incident

One alleged rumor circulating throughout social media is of an incident that occurred behind the Chick-fil-A on campus in which two females were targeted by someone in a purple charger who tried to “snatch” them up or kidnap them.

According to Cummings, nothing on the incident was reported.

“I pulled the cameras up, played them back, it was pouring rain that night,” he said.

Cummings said that there was no Charger in the parking lot at the time of the incident.

He says that he fears that rumors are being circulated and that people are believing them.

However, he encourages

students, above all to share any suspicious activity with campus police.

“Report it. Let us investigate it. Let us find out what’s going on and that’s the—that’s the biggest thing,” Cummings said.

The campus police are equipped with security tools that assist them in keeping the campus safe.

“Let us use our years of experience, let us use the tools that we have—our camera system, our outside contacts, our outside resources...to help determine if what you saw was or is a threat to the campus community,” he said.

Camera System

There are 571 cameras on campus that monitor activity daily.

According to Cummings, these cameras monitor parking lots, academic buildings, residence halls and typically help the police in investigations.

However, the cameras only store up to 30 days of activity, therefore the department still relies heavily on incident reports and tips from the campus community.

Call Boxes

There are 52 call boxes on campus.

Call boxes allow students direct contact with

campus police at the push of a button.

However, three of those call boxes were damaged by Hurricane Florence and are out of commission at this time.

The locations of the damaged call boxes are as follows: between Pine and Oak Residence Halls, the bridge at Village Apartments and the one by Weinstein Health Sciences Building.

LiveSafe App

The university uses an application called LiveSafe. Students can download it for free from the Appstore for any device.

The app includes a map of campus, with locations of AED (automated external defibrillator) devices and call boxes for student safety.

In addition, students can receive alerts from police and send anonymous tips and photos of any suspicious activity to the police directly through the app.

Students can also share locations with friends who can “watch them walk” or monitor their movement across campus within the GoSafe function of the app. LiveSafe app users can request a SafeRide from campus police at the touch of a button, if they feel uneasy or unsafe at any time.

LiveSafe currently has 1,900 subscribers.

1992 Kidnapping Incident

According to Cummings, this is not the first time that he has seen these things happen in the area.

In his 25 years of serving at the university, working his way up through the ranks, Cummings said he remembers an incident in 1992 where a student was abducted from an off-campus location and was killed.

Although a young officer at the time, new to the university and unaware of how it functioned, Cummings said that the incident prompted the university to release timely warnings to the campus community for serious and potentially dangerous crime.

Cummings takes these issues very seriously.

“If I have a student abducted, I’m gonna do everything in my power, SBI, FBI to find that student and to get that student back healthy and safe,” he said.

Campus Police consists of officers who have undergone training in SWAT, drug interdiction and investigation.

For more information on these events or student safety contact Campus Police and Public Safety at 910.521.6235 or campus.police@uncp.edu.



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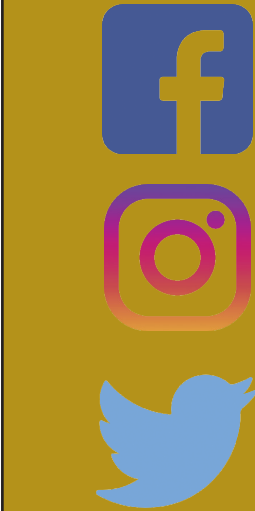
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New Housing Selection Process

By **Mason Miller**
Managing Editor

The Housing Management system that students use to select and reclaim housing options will experience new changes this spring.

Starting in Fall 2019, students will experience a new housing model that focuses on housing freshman together.

The option currently available to students to select ‘room reclaim’ during the selection process will no longer be available to students who live in North, Belk, Pine and Oak.

With the new housing system, freshman will no

longer be allowed to live in any of the apartments on



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campus. The four residence halls located in the front of UNC Pembroke’s campus will also be used to house solely freshman.

Upperclassmen, with the exception of Residential

Advisors, Living & Learning College and Honors

College, will not be housed in residence halls North, Oak, Belk and Pine.

Upperclassmen will have the option to stay in Cypress, Village Apartments or Courtyard Apartments.

The Housing Management System will virtually look the same after the system changes, according to Associate Director of Housing Edward Wittenburg.

The housing management system will operate on a “class status lottery system”, similar to how students sign up for classes.

Seniors will get the first choice on housing, then Juniors, Sophomores and finally Freshmen.

According to Housing Director Paul Posener, retention was one key factor when deciding how the new housing management system should operate.

SGA Election Fills Four Senator Seats

By **Octavia Johnson**
Campus Life Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) announced Zachius Coleridge-Taylor, Stephanie Balacco, Tyler Harris and Ahmaad Green as their fall of 2018 senators.

During the election, SGA sent out an email to all the students at UNCP to vote between seven candidates running for four open senator seats in the organization. The seven candidates; Stephanie Balacco, Evan Castro, Zachius Coleridge-Taylor, Daquarius Gentry, Ahmaad Green, Tyler Harris and Aschalew Teka had their campaigns put into a “candidate handbook” that was provided in an email.

Four candidates stepped forward to speak to the Pine Needle about what they plan to do if they were elected SGA senator.

Although he didn’t take a seat after the elections, Castro was a freshman who advocating for recycling. He hoped to put out tables in the UC Mall to encourage students to recycle.

“Many students want to recycle but some don’t know how to,” he said.

Castro believes if students had more knowledge

with what materials to recycle, the ‘green campus’ will expand.

Even though recycling is an important factor for the school, the highest votes at the end of the election went to Taylor, who recieved 374, who was advocating for accessible parking on campus.

Taylor, junior, believes ‘the voice matters’ and he can make a difference by being in SGA.

Taylor hopes to have students have more accessibility in parking that are closer to their classroom buildings.

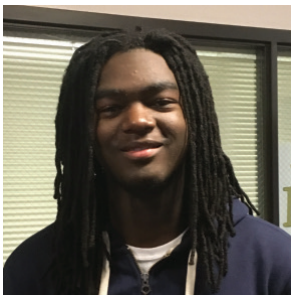
Next to parking, Taylor also wants to extend library hours, expand the outreach program and add more coin converters in residential halls.

“This is my home, of course, when living here, you want to see changes,” he said. “I want to help other individuals and be a mouth piece for them.”

According to the candi



Junior Zachius Coleridge-Taylor takes senator seat. PN Photo/ Octavia Johnson



Freshman Ahmaad Green also takes senator seat. PN Photo/ Octavia Johnson

date handbook, Balacco, who received the second highest votes being 361, is a non-traditional student, returning to college after working as a paramedic for just under eight years. She volunteered to help students to vote and wants easier access to counseling services on campus, easier access to college textbooks and more support for commuter and non-traditional students.

Harris and Green were tied with 346 votes and filled the last two chairs.

Green, freshman, was introduced to SGA by Justice Boyd. Green realized he could help others by being a part of SGA. Like Taylor being the ‘mouth piece’, Green feels that he is the “voice of the people”.

“I here to bring what the people want me to bring,” he said. “I’m not here for myself, I’m here to make changes for everyone here

on campus.”

Green wants to help students to see where their fees are going to or a breakdown of what they’re paying for. He plans to use his vocal approach to help other students’ with their issues and concerns by what he learned from his upbringing.

“I came up in a household where you had to voice your opinion if you want something done,” Green said. “Catching signs wasn’t a thing in my house, you had to be blunt.”

Harris was a senior who used to play football at a junior college. He wants to help the school and the students get a voice.

“I want to help students while I’m still in college,” he said.

Harris hopes to have



Junior Tyler Harris takes third seat in the SGA Senate. PN Photo/ Octavia Johnson

all the emergency polls fixed, have students more involved in the community and get more students to use their voices more.

Man indicted for making threats to schools, hospital

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina man has been indicted for making threats of mass violence to three schools and a hospital.

The Winston-Salem Journal reports a Forsyth County grand jury indicted 21-year-old Dennis Alexis Maldonado Monday on charges of making a false report of mass violence on educational property communicating threats.

The indictments said Maldonado told a police officer and posted to social media that he was going to “shoot up” an elementary, middle and high school in Walkertown. Assistant District Attorney Jessica Spencer told a judge that Maldonado said he made the threat to the schools because he wanted to be famous.

He’s also accused of calling in a threat to Forsyth Medical Center.

Maldonado is jailed on a \$50,000 bond. It’s not known if he has an attorney.

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The American Dream: The Naveed Ahmed Story

Feature By Jessica Horne
Editor-in-Chief

“The American dream” looks different for everyone. For one very ambitious Pakistani native, the “American dream” looked like a doctorate degree, luxury cars, a big house and a big reputation of success in the community.

However, after three years of applying for scholarship programs and being turned down—over and over—22-year-old Naveed Ahmed would finally catch his big break.

Ahmed was standing at the window in his dorm room, with phone in hand, searching for Wifi signal when it happened.

“So... I received an email and the email said that—uh ‘congratulations we are delighted to inform you that you have been selected as a principal candidate for Global UGRAD

of 18.’ So, that was one of the most exciting moments for me because it was my third time that I applied for this program and this was my only and last chance that I could apply for the program,” Ahmed said.

Additionally, Ahmed placed in the top 480 of 33,000 applicants in the Global UGRAD program.

After being shortlisted, he would undergo the rigorous interviewing process and place in the 108 students who were accepted into the program.

However, even after receiving the news that would change his life forever, Ahmed couldn’t help but feel a sense of what he described as “uncertainty” looming above the idea of the adventure he was preparing to embark on.

He couldn’t believe he would actually make it to America and get to fulfill his dreams.

Ahmed—a Pakistani native from a poorly educated area that lacked road access and opportunities for children to thrive, the eldest son of two illiterate parents and the first of his immediate family to attend school and one of 33,000 others to apply for the program— admitted that a part of him was uncertain that the opportunity would abandon him and leave him in the very same place that he started.

But, a glimmer of hope came for him at the sight of Washington, D.C.

“It wasuh—I guess—uh— 9 p.m. at night when we were about to land I could see bright D.C. so this was one of the moments where I thought ‘finally, I’m here,’” he said.

The lights that beckoned him closer in the airline, felt like the long-awaited welcome to America that the very weary air traveler

had dreamt of. After a six hour flight from Pakistan to Turkey, a three hour flight from Turkey to Frankfurt, Germany, and a nine hour flight from Frankfurt to Washington, D.C., Ahmed was finally about to begin his adventure, until he was asked to go through a secondary security check at the airport in D.C.

Once again, his heart pounded in his chest as he endured several questions from customs workers, facing what he called ‘yet another uncertainty.’ “And when I could hear the sound of the stamp ‘ca-check’ so I thought, yeah, now I’m in the United States,” Ahmed said. “That was a relief for me,” he added. Ahmed admits that his outlook has changed substantially since his starry-eyed kid phase, citing that journalism both

“found him” and provided a quicker and easier path to his dreams than medical school could have. In addition, the Global UGRAD program will conclude soon, and Ahmed plans to return to Pakistan early to mid-December to finish his final years of undergraduate studies at the University of Islamabad. From there, he plans to contribute to his community in positive ways and to inspire others before returning to America for his master’s degree in the future. Being the first of the 80,000 members of his town to travel to the U.S. on a scholarship, there is no doubt that Ahmed’s story will inspire other Pakistani children to reach for their dreams, especially the big American ones.

Students Attend British Movie Night

By Demetria McNeill
Staff Writer

On Nov. 13, the offices of Global Engagement and Campus Engagement and Leadership hosted a British movie night in Old Main, room 238 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In addition, British snacks were also provided for students to enjoy. The movie feature for the evening was Attack the Block.

Attack the Block is a 2011 British science fiction comedy horror film, written and directed by Joe Cornish starring John Boyega, Nick Frost, Jodie Whittaker and Luke Treadaway.

The film centers on a teenage street gang who must defend themselves from predatory alien invaders on a council estate in South London on Guy Fawkes Night.



Octavia Johnson: Always on the Go

Feature By Antwon Johnson
Asst Beyond Campus

It’s Tuesday morning around 9:30 am, in the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Office in Belk Hall, cold as usual.

Inside the office is Octavia Johnson, the media and marketing chair for RHA, sitting at the leather computer desk on her laptop, typing at a rapid speed. With keys clicking on her keyboard and a focused face, she is in the zone.

Soon 30 minutes pass and she is packing up to go to class, feeling upbeat and ready to take on the rest of the day.

“I’ve been in the office since 8 this morning,” she says. “Have another meeting to attend later on today.”

As she walks towards the door she says “Byeeee” very rapidly, and speed walks off.

This is an everyday routine for Octavia, who wakes up, goes to class, attends meetings and repeats

the venture every day. Perhaps, what’s so intriguing is the fact that she is always on the go, yet always on time to everything, a trait and quality that not too many college students possess.

“I used to be unorganized before I got to college,” she says.

“I didn’t have the motivation to do multiple things or even be a part of them,” she adds.

However, when she stepped foot on the campus of UNCP she noticed the changes around her, like how fast paced college is and how easy it is to fall off or slack off in everything. “Coming here my first year there was a change in mindset, like I wanted better for myself,” she says.

Soon after, she quickly got involved, gaining leadership skills and organization skills from clubs such as RHA, I Am Boss, and her position on staff at The Pine Needle. “As I got involved more, I surrounded myself

with people who were great at being organized and used time management which has benefited me even more,” she says. “I’ve learned that this mindset of being on the go came from me being the type of person that wants to see everyone to succeed and grow with me.”

Not only she is on the go as far as her academic life, she also is in her personal life, scheduling time with her friends whether it be eating together or going out and enjoying events.

The mindset of being on the go has also been rewarding to her as well, getting recognized by the North Carolina Association of Residence Halls as Executive Board Member of the Month, and being loved and respected by her peers on campus.

“I just want to push as far as I can,” she says.

“There’s so many seconds, minutes, and hours in a day, I want to make every one of them count,” Johnson adds.

Student Athletes Fight Against NCAA Regulations

By Tyana Morris
Photo Editor

Sophomore Tyrone Young can recall a time where he weighed the pros and cons of being a student athlete.

“After a game on a Saturday night, it’s almost 10:00 and the cafe is closed,” the football player said, remembering the times he had no food in his dorm. “I would have to ask my relatives to send me money to get something to eat.”

Hungry nights in the dorm are a harsh reality that is common for many college athletes. Due to regulations set by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, institutions are prohibited from providing athletic scholarships that

cover all the costs associated with attending a college or university. The rules allow scholarships and grants to include tuition, room and board, and books.

That means there is no such thing as a “full ride” scholarship for college players.

In fact, according to ESPN, out-of-pocket expenses for a “full” scholarship athlete ranges from \$1,000 a year to \$6,904 a year depending on the institution, forcing many students to either take out a loan, or as former UNC Pembroke football player, Brandon Connor, has seen, take up odd jobs to make up that deficit.

“When athletes don’t get [compensation], they usually start selling drugs or doing crazy stuff just

to make the money that they need,” said Connor, who ended up leaving the team due to issues with the coaching staff.

“God Himself could not have made me stay and play for that team,” he added.

Both current and former players under the NCAA have decided to take a stand against their unjust rules.

In 2006, former Stanford football player, Jason White and others sued the NCAA alleging that the “limits on athletic scholarships constituted a form of anti-competitive price collusion that violated anti-trust law.” In a settlement before the trial, the NCAA agreed to increase funds to compensate former athletes by \$10 million.

However, it’s unclear how many former athletes benefitted from the settlement because the NCAA wasn’t compelled to publicly reveal how much it paid out, but the full amount of money was not distributed.

In addition to White, former UCLA football player, Ramogi Huma, initiated and has led the movement for the rights of college athletes’ after witnessing the NCAA suspend his teammate for accepting a bag of groceries when he had no food, and after learning that the NCAA prevented UCLA from paying medical expenses for players that were injured during summer workouts.

Huma has launched the National College Players Association (NCPA) where they advocate for college

athletes’ rights, as well as the College Athletes Players Association (CAPA), where he is the founder and president.

According to the CAPA website, in the 15 years of his fight for players’ rights, Huma and NCPA successfully sponsored a Student-Athletes Bill of Rights in the state of California.

The law requires colleges to pay for their athletes’ sports-related medical expenses, prohibits them from taking scholarships away from athletes permanently injured in their sport, and requires them to extend scholarships up to one year for former players whose teams have low graduation rates.

Texas detention camp for teen migrants keeps growing

By GARANCE BURKE AND MARTHA MENDOZA , Associated Press TORNILLO, Texas (AP) — The Trump administration announced in June it would open a temporary shelter for up to 360 migrant children in this isolated corner of the Texas desert. Less than six months later, the facility has expanded into a detention camp holding thousands of teenagers — and it shows every sign of becoming more permanent.

By Tuesday, 2,324 largely Central American boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were sleeping inside the highly guarded facility in rows of bunk beds in canvas tents, some of which once housed first responders to Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,300 teens have arrived since the end of October.

Rising from the cotton fields and dusty roads not far from the fence marking the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the camp has rows of beige tents and golf carts that ferry staffers carrying walkie-talkies. Teens with identical haircuts and government-issued shirts and pants can be seen walking single file from tent to tent, flanked by staff at the front and back.

More people are detained in Tornillo’s tent city than in all but one of

the nation’s 204 federal prisons, yet construction continues.

None of the 2,100 staff are going through rigorous FBI fingerprint background checks, according to a government watchdog memo obtained exclusively by the AP. “Instead, Tornillo is using checks conducted by a private contractor that has access to less comprehensive data, thereby heightening the risk that an individual with a criminal history could have direct access to children,” the memo says.

Federal plans to close Tornillo by Dec. 31 may be impossible to meet. There aren’t 2,300 extra beds in other facilities, and a contract obtained by the AP shows the project could continue into 2020. Planned closures have already been extended three times since this summer.

The teens at Tornillo were not separated from their families at the border. Almost all came on their own hoping to join family members in the United States.

The camp’s population may grow even more if migrants in the caravans castigated by President Donald Trump enter the U.S. Federal officials have said they may fly caravan teens who arrive in San Diego directly to El Paso, then bus them to Tornillo,

according to a nonprofit social service provider who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to publicly discuss the matter.

As the population inside the camp swells, young detainees’ anguish has deepened.

“The few times they let me call my mom I would tell her that one day I would be free, but really I felt like I would be there for the rest of my life,” a 17-year-old from Honduras who was held at Tornillo earlier this year told AP. “I feel so bad for the kids who are still there. What if they have to spend Christmas there? They need a hug, and nobody is allowed to hug there.”

He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal from immigration authorities.

The nonprofit agency contracted to run Tornillo says it is proud of its work. It says it is operating the facility with the same precision and care used for shelters put up after natural disasters.

“We don’t have anything to hide. This is an exceptionally run operation,” said Krista Piferrer, a spokeswoman for BCFS Health and Human Services, a faith-based organization that runs Tornillo.

A spokesman for the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mark Weber, said no decisions have been made about whether Tornillo will close by year’s end as scheduled.

“Whatever it is we decide to do, in the very near future, we’ll do a public notice about that,” he said.

In June, as detention centers for migrant children overflowed, Scott Lloyd, director of HHS’s Office of Refugee Resettlement, signed a memo granting a waiver to staff up Tornillo without the required child abuse and neglect checks, which flag any potential employee who has a record of hurting a child. There were two reasons, according to a memo by HHS’s inspector general’s office: first, there was pressure to move quickly to open the detention camp, and second, Lloyd’s agency assumed Tornillo staff had already undergone FBI fingerprint checks. They had not.

Lloyd, under fire for his handling of the migrant crisis, was transferred out of the refugee resettlement branch and to a different division of HHS last week. Weber did not immediately respond to questions as to why the department waived background checks.

Failing to properly check staffers’ backgrounds “can lead to potential abuse

and neglect of these kids,” said Dr. Colleen Kraft, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Since the facility opened, BCFS has been checking job candidates’ national and local criminal histories and doing multi-state sex offender registry checks, the nonprofit’s spokesperson, Piferrer, said.

BCFS has filed more than 30 reports on “significant incidents” at Tornillo since June, some involving interactions between children and staff, but none of a sexual nature, Piferrer said.

Jeffrey Harp, a retired FBI assistant special agent in charge, told the AP that FBI fingerprint background checks can be completed in a few minutes and reveal much more information about job candidates than checks that simply run a person’s name against criminal history databases.

“How do you know the person is who they say they are unless you do a fingerprint check? They can’t lie about their fingerprints, but they can lie about their name or take on someone else’s identity who has a crystal clean record,” Harp said.

Paparozzi Responds to Synagogue Shootings, Violence in Society

“Unfortunately, it may be a problem that we can’t remedy—it may be a bad cancer for which there is no cure in our world today.”

By Jessica Horne Editor-in-Chief

UNCP Professor and Chair of Sociology and Criminal Justice Dr. Mario A. Paparozzi shared his thoughts and perspective on violence in society following the shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. late October.

Paparozzi draws from his previous experiences as both a parole officer and husband of a former prosecutor.

“So, we’re very involved in crime outside of academia,” he said.

Paparozzi said that although no one can really explain the cause of these occurrences, there are a number of factors, in his opinion, that contribute to these tragedies and disasters.

Among these contributing factors are child rearing/development, the detachment of society, hatred and evil of individuals.

Child Rearing/Development

“More than half of the children in our country are not being reared at home with a natural parent or grandparent,” he said, citing that the idea is from a traditional view.

Paparozzi also stated that discipline has become an issue with far reaching effects.

“Discipline is a big problem with children,” he said. “Well, they’re growing up to be the kinds of people we see.”

However, he also said that it’s important to remember how small the percentage is of those who grow up and become the unhinged mass shooters we see today.

He said of the individual, “We’ll never really know what accounts for their particular behavior, what happened to them in their lives...”

“Honestly, there are probably for every one of these people who commit

these terrible crimes, there are probably a whole different package of explanations that go with each one and that’s the problem,” Paparozzi said.

A Detached Society

He described our society today as being more detached.

Many individuals no longer know their neighbors who live just down the street.

He described this detachment as a feeling of “no sense of connection, compassion and belongingness” to others or even those around us.

One contributor of this detachment which concerns Paparozzi is the “digitization” of the world.

Also, he said that in his opinion, social media, which helps connect everyone is actually disconnecting us from “social interactions, personalities, the ability to read people, assess people” and “to connect” with each other

face-to-face.

Additionally, often, people misread messages from others and behave in ways they never would face-to-face through texting, emails and social media outlets.

“All of these things have led to an element of society that is toward detachment rather than attachment,” he said.

Hatred of a Group or Individual

An example of hatred Paparozzi gave was Hitler and the Nazi party.

“How could people hate people so much?” he asked.

Another example was slavery and the racial segregation of America. He also said the Egyptians’ hatred for the people of Israel.

He tied these things in with shootings at the synagogue in Pittsburgh and the one at the Baptist church in Charleston, S.C. and asked “What kind of monster does that?”

“Maybe if you knew the person you’re supposed to

hate, you’d wonder ‘why do I hate this guy’ or ‘why do I hate this woman,’” said Paparozzi.

Evil

Although many people debate the existence of good and evil or supernatural forces, Paparozzi thinks evil is very real and evident in the world we live in today.

“I believe that evil exists in the world. I don’t know the extent of it, but I believe that some people are just downright evil,” Paparozzi said.

Years of interacting with criminals and transporting individuals who have committed terrible crimes have shaped the way he thinks of the existence of evil.

From a sociological perspective, it can’t be proven, he said.

However, when someone asks him what he means by the term “evil,” he tells them “you’ll know it when you see it.”

News Briefs



- (AP) — North Carolina authorities have arrested two people in connection to the fatal shooting of a teenager. News outlets report a 17-year-old boy was arrested Sunday and charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of 19-year-old Tyjuan Jaquar Gibson. Twenty-year-old Joseph Daquan Scott was arrested and charged with making a false police report. Salisbury police say the 17-year-old, Gibson and other teenagers were at Scott’s house last week. They say firearms were present and the 17-year-old shot Gibson. Police say he and another person took Gibson to a hospital, where he died. Authorities say Scott then falsely reported his car stolen to the Rowan County Sheriff’s Office, which found the abandoned vehicle and two weapons. Authorities determined the incidents were related. It’s unclear if the 17-year-old or Scott has a lawyer.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has traced an ongoing E. coli outbreak to romaine lettuce grown in the Central Coastal region of California. Lettuce from other parts of the U.S. and Mexico is safe to eat, the CDC says. However, if you’re not sure where your romaine lettuce came from, err on the side of caution and throw it out, health experts say. A total of 43 people in 12 states have been infected in this outbreak. No deaths have been reported.
- After Van Dyke was convicted of murder in the death of Laquan McDonald in 2014 three other officers were at the station are scheduled to go on trial Tuesday on charges they tried to cover up for him. The charges against Officer Thomas Gaffney, former Officer Joseph Walsh, and ex-Detective David March include obstruction of justice, official misconduct, and conspiracy to commit those offenses. The trial will focus on “consistently false information that could not have been submitted except for an agreement to write consistently false information,” Assistant Special Prosecutor Brian Watson said at a hearing in the case last month.
- (AP) — North Carolina authorities have increased security at a high school after investigators say they found a homemade explosive in an abandoned vehicle nearby. It wasn’t clear if there was a link between the device and the school. But the Lenoir County Sheriff’s Office said Sunday that investigators combed North Lenoir Senior High School over the weekend as a precaution. The investigation began Saturday after an all-terrain vehicle used for maintenance was stolen from the school. The vehicle was found a short distance away, and while deputies searched the area they found another vehicle in a field and saw what they described as a homemade explosive inside. Sheriff Ronnie Ingram said surveillance video showed no one had entered the school, but they searched campus to make sure there were no hazards.
- The Camp Fire’s death toll has increased to 88, while 203 remain missing, the Butte County Sheriff said during a Monday night news briefing. The wildfire, the deadliest and most destructive in California’s history, was contained on Sunday after burning for 17 days. It ravaged 153,336 acres (240 square miles).Of the 88 dead, 54 have been tentatively identified. Another 16 have been positively identified. Of those 16, 13 were residents of Paradise — the town nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, charred to an eerie wasteland of burnt-out cars and home foundations.
- A Fayetteville man was charged Monday with being a fugitive from justice from Will County, Ill., where he was wanted for dumping a woman’s body in a hole, according to documents.Deiontae Shawnrico McMillian, 24, will be charged with concealment of a homicidal death when he is extradited to Illinois.He is accused of putting the body of Danica Shernay Ford, of Concord, in a hole in a wooded area in Joliet, which is about 25 miles southwest of Chicago.
- A driver trying to park a minivan in Manhattan’s bustling Chinatown careened over a curb and onto a sidewalk Monday night, killing one person and injuring six others, authorities said.At least two of the injured victims were in critical condition; two others had injuries that were serious but not life-threatening, police said.Police and fire officials responded to the corner of Canal and Forsyth streets about 6:47 p.m., where they said that minutes earlier, a 70-year-old man had tried to park a minivan. But in so doing, they said, the man had hit the gas rather than the brakes, and the minivan mounted a curb, smashing two fruit carts and striking several victims.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 28th

American Indian Storytelling & Dance 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., GPAC. GPAC and the Museum of the Southeast American Indian host an exciting and educational show of traditional stories and dance for \$3.

So Sweeeet Bake Sale 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., UC Mall. Zeta Phi Beta is hosing a bake sale for students, faculty and staff.

Don’t Be Misi-N-Formed: No Means No 6 - 7 p.m., UC room 213. The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and the Campus Association of Social Workers host an event to raise awareness about sexual assault on campus and in surrounding areas. They want to inform students on how to cope if they experienced any situation involving sexual assault.

Feminism Discussion Panel 5 - 7 p.m., UC Lounge. The American Association of University Women will host a panel with the Rape Crisis Center to speak on feminism, gender equity, toxic masculinity and human rights.

Financial Independence & Budgeting Workshop 7 - 8:30 p.m., Health Science Building room 259. Lambda Theta Alpha is having a workshop based on financial and budgeting for students to learn how to better use/save your money.

Thursday, Nov. 29th

Well-Advised Lunch Series: Accepting the Global Challenge 12 - 1 p.m., UC room 208. Campus Engagement and Leadership is working with the Office of Global Engagement to have a lunch series for advisors who want to learn how improve their efforts within their organizations.

Student Organization LAUNCH 4 - 6 p.m., UC room 213. Campus Engagement and Leadership is giving new organizations a chance to be recognized.

Self Defense Tactics & Tips 6 - 7:30 p.m., Jones Buiding room 1167. Lambda Theta Alpha are collaborating with UNCP campus police to host a self defense class.

Young Native Voices 6:30 - 8 p.m., Livermore Library’s reading room. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting an event where Native American youth showcase their talents and gifts to UNCP.

Friday, Nov. 30th

Pie the FIRST 1 - 3 p.m., UC Lawn. Lambda Theta Alpha and Lambda Theta Phi will host a pie a brother or sister in the face by students.

Karaoke Night 6:20 - 9:20 p.m., UC Lounge. Zeta Phi Beta will host a karaoke night with free food.

10th Annual Holiday Extravaganza 8 - 10:30 p.m., GPAC. Students and faculty will be performing their talents for the community.

Saturday, Dec. 1st

Cake Cutting for Founder’s Day 12 - 2 p.m., UC Patio. Students can come and play new games from different parts of the world.

Sunday Dec. 2nd

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical 4 - 6 p.m., GPAC. Come out to see Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer the musicall

Thursday, Dec. 6th

Holiday in the Garden 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Campus Garden at Pine Cottage. The Biology Department is giving students a chance to enjoy a break from the stress.

Friday, Dec. 7th

Friday Night Lights 7 - 10 p.m., Hawks Nest. Hawks Nest is open for free play with free food.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th

De-Stress Fest 12 - 5 p.m., UC Lounge. Take an exam stress break.

Record voting turnout in 2018 midterm elections

By Alex Smith
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The midterm elections this year broke multiple records being the highest voter turnout in more than a century as well as the highest number for a midterm election in history. An estimated 113 million people participated in the 2018 midterm elections with nearly half of eligible voters participating.

Early voting turnout for the midterm

elections was 74 percent higher than 2014 numbers in North Carolina with more than 2 million votes cast, according to the North Carolina State Board of Elections. Those numbers mean that about 29 percent of the state’s voters voted early.

According to an online interview conducted by Statista, the top three issues among young voters, aged 18-21 years, were related to economic, security,

and education conditions. Other topics at hand were women’s issues, healthcare, energy and senior issues.

For the 2017-2018 year there were 134,168 residents recorded as living in Robeson County by Suburban Stats. Of those, the North Carolina State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement reports that there are 77,691 registered voters as of 2018. The Fayetteville area has a popula-

tion of 319,431 while 220,701 of them are registered to vote. That comes up to nearly 58 percent of Robeson County and 69 percent of Cumberland County are registered to vote.

While in the 2018 midterm elections only 14.7 percent of voters in Robeson county used early voting, as a whole, North Carolina Elections officials have accepted more ballots from people who voted early in person during the first 12 days this

election than during the full early voting period for the 2014 midterms, according to the News and Observer’s analysis.

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is also turning up the heat on voting and getting students involved. UNC Pembroke, one of 83 campuses in 23 states, has been titled a Voter-Friendly Campus as a result of the efforts of the office of Community and Civic

Engagement. The UNCP Votes Coalition is led by students Harrison Pegram and Thomas Crowe-Allbritton and overseen by staff fellows Dalton Hoffer and Bethany Wendler. The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) provides UNC Pembroke with student voting and registration statistics. The statistics help provide insight for the coalition’s future efforts.

SPORTS



Football Ends Season 2-8, Winless on Road

By Ky'Aire Goode
Asst. Sports Editor

The Braves led a comeback drive in regulation to tie the game and missed two chances to score in overtime in their heart-breaking, season-ending 23-30 loss to Catawba on Nov. 17.

Josh Jones continued to shine in this game, capping off his stellar freshman season with perhaps his best game as the Braves' quarterback. Jones went 19-for-33, threw for 230 yards and a career-high three touchdowns to three different receivers. Red-shirt freshman Joshua Dale looked solid as he continued to make his sporadic appearances at quarterback. Dale completed four of his five passes for 49 yards.

The offense stepped up and competed in the last game of the season, as running back McKinley Nelson rushed for 107 yards and the receivers made timely catches. Freshman tight end Faheem Diaab stood out among the pass-catchers in the game, hauling in four passes for 56 yards and a touchdown.

Jones put the team on his back in the fourth quarter after a Lee Brackman field goal for Catawba put the Indians up 23-17 with just 1:46 to go in the game.

Much like in the first game of the season at Winston-Salem State, Jones



UNCP head football coach Shane Richardson leads the Braves through the tunnel and out onto the field before their game. The Braves finished the 2018 season 2-8 after the Nov. 17 23-20 loss to Catawba. PN file photo/Trevon Knight

ended the year the way he started it. The freshman QB led his team down the field with some clutch passing late. Jones connected with receiver Shammond Hicks on a 10-yard touchdown strike to cap an 8-play, 68-yard drive.

The touchdown tied the game with just 21 seconds left. Kicker Alex Alvarado's extra point attempt that would've likely won the game for UNCP in regulation was blocked by Catawba on the very next play however and sent the game

into overtime. The Braves gave up a quick touchdown to Catawba on the first drive of the overtime period and found themselves down again, 30-23. Jones again tried to work some late-game magic but misfired

on a would-be touchdown on third down and receiver Tyshawn Carter dropped the game-tying score on fourth down, ending the game and the season for UNCP.

Men's Basketball End Pickle Classic with Dominant Win Over Trojans

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP men's basketball team made their way to Mount Olive, N.C. to take part in the 53rd annual Pickle Classic at the Kornegay Arena on Nov. 16 and 17.

After an early shock that resulted in a late scoring drought in the first game of the classic against Barton, the Braves bounced back in with a commanding 105-58 win in their match up with the Mount Olive Trojans to push their record to 3-1 on the season just before their home opener.

Barton:

In the first game of the two-game road venture the Braves took on the Bulldogs of Barton University. Both teams entered the contest without a loss on their records and despite leading early, often and as many as 13 points at one juncture, the Black and

Gold's offense was almost completely stagnate for most of the second half. The Bulldogs mounted a ferocious comeback following a 17-4 scoring run to pull off the 77-72 upset of the nationally ranked Braves.

The team had four players register double-digit points in this game and each of those four also posted at least four rebounds. The Braves were led in scoring by sophomore David Strother who had a dozen, followed by junior Akia Pruitt with 11 and sophomores Jamal Bryant and Tyrell Kirk tied for third most with 10 each.

Mount Olive:

In the final and most lopsided game of the classic, the Braves smothered and stifled hosting Mount Olive and unleashed an onslaught of offense on the Trojans by eclipsing the century mark in points.

The Black and Gold were especially dominant



Sophomore guard Tyrell Kirk dribbles the ball for the Braves. Kirk tied for third on the team with 10 points in the Braves' loss to Barton on Nov. 16. PN file photo/Trevon Knight

and ultra-aggressive in the paint as 50 of their 105 points came in that area and 28 of those came via second chance opportunities after corralling offensive rebounds.

Even though the Braves didn't jump out to an early first half lead, they would use a 15-2 run to take the lead and unlike the night before, the team would not relinquish the lead or

stall out on offense in the second half. Newcomer Spencer Levi lead the team in scoring in this outing with 23 points coming off the bench.

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

Once again multiple and ill-timed mistakes proved to be costly yet again in the Braves 34-13 loss to the Eagles of Carson Newman University on Nov. 10.

The game was a tightly contested affair through three quarters before the visiting Eagles were able to pull away in the later half of the final quarter with a pair of late touchdowns.

The game couldn’t have gotten off to a better start for the home team when the kickoff unit forced and recovered a fumble on the very first play of the game, setting up the Braves’ offense already deep their opponent’s territory at the CNU 29-yard line.

However, after only being able to manage advance the ball an additional two yards, the Braves would come away with nothing to show for it as kicker Shawn Andrew would miss his first and only attempt of the

afternoon wide left.

This would set the precedent for what would happen time and time again for the Braves throughout this game. Missed opportunities that came as a result of missed assignments, dropped passes, errant throws, missed blocks and momentum killing mistakes would lead to another debilitating defeat for the Braves.

In what can be split into a tale of two halves, the Braves were able to move the ball with consistency in the first half and the defense was able to come up with timely stops just when the Eagles seemed to be rolling as the score was just separated by a four-point margin after two quarters.

“Obviously, when you can’t run in between the tackles and then the passing game isn’t really getting a great answer, its tough on the offensive side of the ball,” said Head Coach Shane Richardson.

In the second half the

Eagles were able to make the proper adjustments as well as counter UNCP’s adjustments after the intermission and forced multiple three and outs of the Black and Gold offense as well as find creases in the Braves defense for huge gains.

“I feel like their defense adjusted and the adjustment we was ready for it, but we wasn’t ready at the same time so in the future we just got to take advantage and make the plays we got to make at opportune times,” said running back Quadrin Williams.

In the end despite just being able to convert half of their redzone positions for touchdowns, the Eagles were able to break a couple of long rushes for scores and used their second ranked option rushing offense to rack up 438 yards



Quarterback Josh Jones rolls out to the left to attempt a pass. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

on the ground.

“If one guy is out of position, if one guy doesn’t really do his job the right way defending this type of offense then it can really be bad,” said Richardson

After having to split time for the majority of the season, true freshman quarterback Josh Jones played the majority of the game under center for the Braves and after starting off completing passes early and often to

multiple targets, was only able to complete just two passes in the third quarter and none in the fourth before being pulled in the team’s final drive.

“I thought he felt a little bit rushed and I thought there were some in accurate passes there and I thought we had some drops so the passing game didn’t feel good at all,” said Richardson.

Takeaways from Football vs Carson-Newman

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The Black and Gold dropped their final home contest of the 2018 season at Grace P. Johnson Stadium to the Eagles of Carson-Newman University in a mistake riddled 34-13 defeat that lead to the final box score not reflecting how closely contested this game true was.

Banged-up Offensive Line Preformed Well:

Despite only dressing a handful off healthy offensive linemen and having all five starters up front be first year players, they preformed very admirably and were not to blame for the offense’s woes or short comings in this match up. They opened lanes for the runningbacks, provided several clean pockets and didn’t yield a sack until their very last drive of the game.

“There was a lot of good. I kept watching them in terms of pass protection...There’s a lot of youth and there’s a lot of room for those guys to continue to get better. To be able to show flashes, move the ball, protect, run the ball and do some things...I know that they’re getting better and I know that it will pay off here,” said Head Coach Shane Richardson.

Untimely Turnovers Killed Momentum:

Even though the Black and Gold only lost one of their four fumbles on the day and Jones only had one of his passes get picked off, both turnovers resulted in touchdowns for the Eagles. Jones’ interception came as the Braves were trying to mount a comeback late in the fourth quarter down two scores and was taken back for a 28-yard touchdown the other way.

On the lost fumble receiver Eric Price had gotten to the left edge of the CNU

defense after taking a hand-off from the jet sweep when he was stripped. It came as the Braves were driving deep into the Eagles’ territory and on the very next play the defense yielded a 75-yard touchdown jaunt.

Rush Defense Continues to get Gashed:

As stout as the Braves defensive front seven were at times in this match-up and even had three defensive linemen finish with more than five tackles, they were not able to keep the Eagles’ potent option rushing attack from popping big runs.

The unit found themselves out of position at times and the CNU runningbacks found and hit those open rushing lanes for chunk plays and long touchdowns. They allowed a net gain of 438 yards on 56 carries, two 100-yard rushers and four scores on the ground.

“They try to lull you to sleep a little bit and all of a sudden if you’re not disciplined enough, everybody fitting it perfectly then that can happen,” said Richardson

Mixed Results for Jones in Extended Action:

Jones got his most extensive look as the team’s full-time starter after splitting time with redshirt freshman Joshua Dale throughout games this season. He started off quite well completing 5-7 in the first quarter and posted a completion percentage of over 50 percent in the first half.

However, he and the offense as a whole would cool off and stall out in the second half and would only add field goal the rest of the way. While some of his targets did struggle with drops, Jones himself was often off target with some his passes, throwing behind or just missing some of his intended targets.

Braves Pull Away from Barton Late in Home Opener



Senior James Murray-Boyles led the team in scoring with 18 points. PN photo/Trevon Knight

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP men’s basketball took down the Bulldogs of Wingate University 76-69 on Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court in the Braves home opener on Nov. 20 in decisive fashion. The Black and Gold was once again dominant in the paint as the tied a conference record with 14 blocks and put up 21 second chance points off of offensive rebounds.

The Braves were absolute bullies in the paint on the day as they out rebounded Wingate by 25 (56-31) and had every player that touched the court for them corral at least two boards. They will enter Thanksgiving break as well as a 10 day pause in action riding a two-game winning streak and feeling good about their well-balanced team.

It was a tightly contested affair for most of the day, feature multiple scoring runs by both teams and even though when it appeared that the Braves were giving themselves some breathing room or distancing themselves, the Bulldogs would claw their way back and keep it close

with some proficient shooting from three-point range (15/31).

“It’s actually not uncommon for our defense to have a higher three-point percentage. The way we defend, the way we have offense is all 15 feet. We want to protect 15 feet... We actually had to make an adjustment defensively and tell our guys almost to stop helping (each other), which goes against how we practice every single day,” said Assistant Coach Drew Richards.

The first half started off going back and forth until the Black and Gold went on a 12-2 run to build a 21-11 advantage. They would hold a 13-point lead midway through the opening stanza (26-13) before the Bulldogs would chisel away at that deficit and even take one-point lead into the half 35-34 after a 11-2 run.

“Their shooters are pretty relentless when they shoot so they are always looking for their shot, but we made adjustments going towards the second half, which is always stay aggressive,” said senior James Murray-Boyles.

UNCP would open up

the second half with an 9-0 run to regain the lead and would not yield it again the rest of the way. Even though they would not take back the lead, Wingate would trail by a single point with just under 10 minutes to play in the final half. However, the home team would pull away and secure the victory with a late 12-0 run.

“In the second half coach (Miller) challenged them at half time to play our brand of basketball and I thought multiple guys came out and really decided to play the style of play that has made us successful and I think that made a big difference down the stretch,” said Richards.

The Braves had three players post double-digit point and nearly record double-doubles as they each came up just short of recording double-digit rebounds as well. Murray-Boyles lead the way with 18-points, most of which came in the second half surge and all seven of his rebounds came on the defensive end.

“My goal is always to be aggressive when I come on the floor. I knew I didn’t attempt that many shots in the first half, but I still wanted to play with the same mindset in the second half,” said Murray-Boyles.

Junior Akia Pruitt came in just behind him scoring with 15 points, eight rebounds and lead the team with four blocks. Second-year guard Tyrell Kirk finished with 11 points, three blocks and a team high nine rebounds.

“When he plays really strong, I don’t think anyone can stop him. In the second half especially, he played some of his strongest basketball of the year. I think that made a huge difference,” said Richards of efforts and Pruitt’s contributions.

Women’s Basketball Goes 1-1 in Peach Belt & Conference of the Carolinas Challenge



The UNCP Women’s Basketball team started of their season by breaking even in the PBC/Conference of the Carolinas Challenge. PN File Photo/Tyana Morris

By Ky’Aire Goode
Asst. Sports Editor

Augusta University played host to the PBC/Conference Carolinas Challenge to begin the 2018 women’s basketball season. UNCP started their fourth year in a row with a 1-0 record on Nov. 9 after pulling away from the Southern Wesleyan Warriors 56-44 in their first action of the season. Sophomore guard Melanie Horne led the way for the Braves with 12 points while Deja McCain and Aliyah Farmer both chipped in with 10. The team established a strong, physical paint presence in the game, scoring 32 points from in close compared to 20 for the Warriors.

The Braves were physical on the glass as well, outrebounding Southern Wesleyan 46-30. Neither team was par-

ticularly good from the perimeter, as the two teams combined to shoot just 12 percent from three-point range, going a staggering 6-for-50. Instead, with the teams putting more of an emphasis on the inside game and getting out and running in transition UNCP scored 18 points off turnovers. The Warriors only scored 8, despite both teams turning the ball over 13 times. The lack of perimeter shooting helped to keep the game close all the way into the fourth quarter, where UNCP held a 40-39 lead before pulling away with a 6-0 run and a separate 7-0 run that put the game out of reach for Southern Wesleyan. More from the Challenge: The Braves’ played their second game of the challenge on Saturday, Nov. 10, a 76-72 loss to the Barton

Bulldogs which would mark UNCP’s first loss of the new season. The team committed 20 turnovers in the loss and surrendered 21 points off those turnovers, fresh off of 13 giveaways in the first game against Southern Wesleyan. This is an area the Braves will surely look to clean up as they continue their season. The Braves kept the game competitive despite the turnovers by scoring the ball well, having three players in double figures. Sophomore guard Melanie Horne continued to shine for the Braves, scoring 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting with 3 three-pointers made. The ultra-efficient night from Horne and overall scoring improvement is something to build on as the Braves look ahead to future opponents.

Chepkesor Finishes on Top at NCAA Southeast Region Championship



Freshman Joshua Chepkesor finished a 10K course in just over 31 minutes to secure a championship in the NCAA Southeast Regional. PN File Photo/UNCP Athletics

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP cross-country team headed to the UNG Cross Country Course in Gainesville, Ga. Where Kenyan freshman Joshua Chepkesor finished the 10K course in just over 31 minutes and crossed the finish line just 0.27 seconds ahead of the rest of the 142 participants to secure the NCAA Southeast Region championship. Chepkesor’s time of 31:09 is the third-fastest finish in the history of the UNCP men’s cross-country program, and the best time since former All-American and Rio Olympian Pardon Ndhlovu posted a time of

30:55 at the 2011 NCAA Southeast Region Championships in Charlotte. He bacme the second freshman in as many years to win the region title, joining teammate and fellow countryman Silus Kipkoech who captured the title last season. With the finish, Chepkesor qualifies for the 2018 NCAA Division II National Championships on December 1 at Schenley Park in Pittsburgh, Pa. Kipkoech came in sixth place with a time of 31:57.3, senior Logan Ward crossed in 17th place with a time of 32:43.8 and redshirt senior Matthew Martin (33:48.3) was able to finish with a 35th place outing. Redshirt junior Ean

Ormsby (34:03.3) and red-shirt senior Jonathan Martin (34:08.01) were within five seconds of each other coming in at the 48th and 50th place. Freshman Jarett Arabie finished in 82nd place with a personal-best time of 35:28.8. On the women’s team, freshman Skylar Moreno clocked in a personal-best time of 23:42.5 on the 6K course and led the Braves to a 16th place finish in the final team standings. Sophomore Molly McCann came in at 75th with a time of 25:40.9, sophomore Riley Axe (25:40.9) placed in 85th and sophomore Corey Pethers finished in 101st place with a mark of 26:13.1.

UNC in Talks with Mack Brown to be Next Coach

By AARON BEARD, AP
Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Mack Brown turned around North Carolina’s football program once before, and the Tar Heels believe he could do it again. The school is negotiating with Brown on a deal to return to Chapel Hill as its next football coach, two people with knowledge of the situation said Monday. The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the school hasn’t publicly commented on its coaching search. One of the people said that the deal is being finalized. North Carolina has moved quickly to replace Larry Fedora, who was fired on Sunday after seven seasons. The 67-year-old Brown coached the Tar Heels from 1988-97 before spending 16 seasons at Texas. His last two teams at North Carolina finished ranked in the top 10 nationally. He later led the Longhorns to the national championship for 2005. He left Texas in 2013 and has been working in broadcasting. Inside Carolina first reported news on Brown, who didn’t immediately return calls from the AP on Monday. The Tar Heels are in the midst of a deep two-year downturn. Fedora matched a program record with 11 wins and won an Atlantic Coast Conference division championship in 2015, but the Tar Heels have lost 21 of 27 games — including 16 of 18 in the ACC — since November 2016. Recruiting has also slid along with fan attendance at Kenan Stadium. So the school is looking for a jolt from someone who offers a connection to one of the most successful sustained runs in program history, which followed an extensive rebuilding effort.

Brown started 1-10 in each of his first two seasons, but steadily built up the program through strong recruiting, particularly with instate prospects. The Tar Heels won 10 games in 1993, then went 10-2 and finished No. 10 in the AP poll in 1996. His 1997 team finished 11-1 — the only loss coming to Florida State at the peak of the Seminoles’ romp through that decade — and No. 6 in the final AP poll. But by that point, Brown was gone. He left after the regular-season finale against Duke to take over at Texas and missed a 42-3 win against Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl. Once at Texas, Brown coached a Heisman Trophy winner in Ricky Williams, then another Heisman finalist — Vince Young — led the Longhorns to a 13-0 season in 2005 that ended with a win against USC in a Rose Bowl classic for the national title. Texas played for another championship in the 2009 season behind quarterback Colt McCoy, but lost to Alabama to finish 13-1. Brown’s final four teams went a combined 30-21 before his exit in 2013. While Brown would inherit a UNC program in desperate need of a turnaround, there is at least one bit of good news for him: the school has been finishing construction on a new indoor football practice facility with adjoining outdoor fields — a complex that was supposed to open this season but hit delays — as part of a \$115 million athletics facility project. AP Sports Writer Jim Vertuno in Austin, Texas, contributed to this report. More AP college football: <https://apnews.com/Collegefootball> and http://www.twitter.com/AP_Top25

Eight Braves Place in 38th Annual Pembroke Classic



Redshirt junior Brandon Sloop was one of eight Braves to place in the 38th Annual Pembroke Classic on Nov. 11. The event featured wrestlers from programs and universities from all across the east coast including such as UCF, UNC Chapel Hill, Campbell, Florida, Appalachian State, SMU, NC State and some independent entries. There was also a junior tournament and female participants. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

Carolina Panthers’ Playoff Hopes Take Hit with 3-Game Skid

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Cam Newton sat at his locker for several minutes after Sunday’s game, his elbows resting on his knees and his hands cupped firmly around the back of his head while staring motionless at the floor. The 2015 MVP couldn’t believe how the Panthers had managed to lose their third straight game, 30-27 to the Seattle Seahawks — despite playing so well offensively for the majority of the game. “Three weeks ago if somebody had said this was going to happen I would have slapped them,” Newton said later. “But things happen and nobody is going to feel sorry for us. We are just opening up a lot of hope for a lot of other teams, and we can’t allow that to happen.” But the Panthers already have. Following Sunday night’s game in which Minnesota beat Green Bay 24-17, the Panthers (6-5) were on the outside looking in at the NFC playoff picture. With five games remaining, they trailed the Vikings (6-4-1), Redskins (6-5) and Seahawks (6-5) in the hunt for the two wild card spots. All of that would have been hard to imagine three weeks ago for the Panthers, who were 6-2 after a 42-28 win over Tampa Bay on Nov. 4. Cracks in the armor began to surface on a Thursday night in Pittsburgh when the Steelers clobbered the Panthers 52-21. Carolina followed that up with a 20-19 stinker on the road in Detroit when coach Ron Rivera unsuccessfully opted to go for 2 in the final



Carolina Panthers’ Cam Newton (1) watches the action from the sidelines during the second half of an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018. (AP Photo/Mike McCarn)

seconds of regulation. On Sunday, the Panthers led the Seahawks 27-20 with less than seven minutes remaining after Newton connected on a 2-yard touchdown pass to Christian McCaffrey. But a stalled late-game drive, a missed 52-yard field goal by Graham Gano and a defensive breakdown in the secondary set the stage for Seattle’s comeback, which ended Carolina’s 10-game home winning streak. “You’re 6-2 and now you’re 6-5. I don’t know if that’s how anybody saw it going,” tight end Greg Olsen said.

Carolina has a chance to right itself the next two weeks at Tampa Bay and Cleveland, but it closes the season with two games against division leader New Orleans (10-1), which has looked nearly unstoppable on offense, and one game against Atlanta, a team it lost to earlier this season on the road. “We just need to win one game right now,” Olsen said. Carolina lost its season-worst third straight on a day when the offense played as well as it has all

season. Christian McCaffrey ran 17 times for 125 yards and a touchdown and caught 11 passes for 112 yards and another score to set a franchise record for total yards from scrimmage. He also became the first Carolina player ever to have 100 yards receiving and 100 yards rushing in a game as the Panthers piled up 476 yards. Newton was solid, completing 25 of 30 passes for 256 yards and two touchdowns and running for 63 yards on eight carries. But two

mistakes deep in Seattle territory loomed large. He threw an interception in the end zone and failed to pick up a first down on a fourth-and-2 run near the goal line early in the game. “I think we have playmakers all over the field and a lot of guys did an awesome job today,” McCaffrey said. “It’s just a matter of finding a way to finish. We played fast and we stayed focused and at the end of the game. We’ve got to find a way to win. That’s what the great teams do.”

What Happened to Football’s “Code Black” Defense?

By **Joshua Reed**
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The UNCP football team just wrapped up their 2018 campaign with yet another underwhelming season. They finished with a dismal record of 2-8 for a second consecutive season and again failed to make it to the postseason. The last time that Braves reached the playoffs was in the 2016 season when they used an explosive offense and dominant defense to make it to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. That team finished the season with an overall record of 10-2 and were undefeated at home going 5-0 at Grace P. Johnson Stadium and their stout defense was ferocious and opportunistic all season long. After the exodus of some of the programs veteran players, leadership and all-time record holding offensive play makers, they were expected to lean on a still very talented and deep defense. Especially along the defensive line nicknamed “Death Row” where the program’s

all-time leader in sacks in senior Tyler Hinton has led the unit over the past few years. However, what was supposed to be the backbone of this team while they transitioned to and began cultivating a young offense that would feature a litany of first- and second-year players, the defense has been woefully underperforming the past two years. So much so that even their vaunted pass rush has gone through stretches in which they put little to no pressure on opposing quarterbacks. No single faction of the defense is responsible for their gradual deterioration or shoulder the majority of the blame as they all play off of each other. The pass rush goes hand and hand with the coverage in the secondary. The longer defensive backs can cover, the more time the defensive linemen and blitzers have to apply pressure and be disruptive in the backfield. So when it seems like one is struggling mightily it can also mean that another level of the unit is failing to do

their part to aid the other. This season especially, the Braves’ secondary constantly struggled to maintain tight coverage, break up or come down with contested catches as well on make plays when the ball is in the air as they only recorded six interceptions on the season four less than last year’s total and eight less from 2016, half of which belonged to redshirt junior Shawn Everett. The pass rush has steadily dipped as well since their last winning season in which they racked up 35 sacks in 2016, down to 27 sacks in 2017 and then only managed to take down opposing quarterbacks on just 22 occasions this year. To add insult to injury, the defense will be losing over half of that production as the top to sack leaders from this past season in Hinton and fellow senior defensive end Tajai Liles will be graduating in the spring. As ineffective as the pass rush and coverage was at times throughout this season, what was the most atrocious and glaring lack

in proper execution was the fundamentals of tackling. On far too many instances early on and especially late in games whiffed, missed and broken tackles led to big plays and touchdowns for opposing offenses. Although the unit was set up in precarious positions several times throughout the season as their young and inexperienced offense left them defending short fields as a result of turnovers or were put right back on the field after quick three-and -outs, they got progressively worse as the year winded down even when the offense began pulling their weight. In four of their last six games the Braves were able to put over 20 points on offense, but the defense allowed 30 or more points during the same span of time. They were constantly susceptible to allowing long scoring drives, quick scoring strikes and chunk plays of all varieties. This year’s unit was egregiously vulnerable when defending the run. They allowed a grand total 2103 yards on the

ground, 210 yards per game and five yards per carry. While the defense will lose several starters and key contributors to spring commencement and voluntary departures from the program, the cupboards are not bare. Along with Everett, the Black and Gold will be turning stalwart starters such as defensive linemen Dominique Davis and Taye Vereen. With the Hinton and Liles graduating, the Braves will look to redshirt freshman Adonai Aloma to step up in an increased role next season as the one of the incumbents. Head Coach Shane Richardson was hired on the reputation of being strong defensive minded coach and his team’s defense has immensely underperformed and failed to live up to their usual high standards. They are going to need to vastly improve over the offseason or risk being in jeopardy of having another losing season or become a team that relies on their still maturing young offense to carry the load and bail them out on a regular basis.

I understand this is not a community library, but we serve the community. I mean that’s part of our DNA for this university; it’s [Mary Livermore Library] here in the community of Pembroke therefore we have more resources than the public library so I think we should provide as much as possible to the needs of our community,” Canida said. “So there’s no computers for community use as of now and even with our students there’s only maybe 20-25 computers in the computer lab for research and we have 7,000 students. I’m not familiar with any academic library that has a reference area but no computers for students to do research.”

Currently, anyone who is searching for a specific book in the Mary Livermore Library has to track down a member of the library staff and have them search the title on their reference computers.

Members of the community as well as some faculty have been unsure if recycling the deselected books was the most reasonable course of action to follow through the weeding process.

“The dumpsters that everyone saw in the back of the library that books were being put in, items like that could have been used possibly by some faculty who do a lot of service learning and supporting their home countries,” Canida said. “Dr. Cliff Mensa, a professor in economics, every year he goes home to Ghana and he could have taken some of those items. If they are going to the recycle bin why not offer them to someone who could possibly use them? Although they may have been deemed useless or not fitting the libraries collection, somebody’s trash is someone else’s treasure.”

Faculty and staff alike expressed deep concern that they had not been adequately warned about the books which were to be discarded. According to an email chain received by The Pine Needle, Dr. Swanson emailed all of UNC Pembroke’s department chairs a spreadsheet of film titles labeled “curricular support” that would be discarded, most of which had not been checked out in over two years according to Swanson. The email chain begins on August 14, a week before the beginning of the fall semester stating the removal of 2,793 films from the library’s collection. The



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Provost was also present in the email chain.

One professor even went so far as to question the method(s) that were used to determine which film and books hadn’t been checked out in a number of years. Stating that a film present on the list had in fact been checked out within the past two years.

Numerous professors and faculty have questioned the methods Swanson used to determine which books would get discarded.

“You can’t just decide to put stuff in the garbage because you’re not using it anymore,” American Indian Studies Department chair Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs said.

“I have learned not to go over to the library to find a video on my own, but to

ask ahead - at least a week ahead of when I need it. I used to be able to go and just get a video off the shelf myself,” Dr.Jacobs continued.

In addition to the controversial discussion amongst the university community, other members in the local community have expressed their disconcert.

“After my visits to the Mary Livermore Library, its not as welcoming as once before. The children’s books which were available for families to browse through have been relocated to another area on campus that is not open to the community; the removal of the computer resources on the lower level which were used by not only the community, but faculty, staff, students and alumni;

No access to copiers which were used by the community and school teachers late at night to make copies and plan for their next day/week work,” one unnamed source said.

“The dean is not open or receptive to the rich history of this community and is not making any effort to communicate with the community. In his efforts to make changes, he has removed historical books that pertain to the community especially the government documents along with the microfiche readers and the microfiche. These are or were vital commodities that were utilized in the community and surrounding communities,” the source continued.

GOP US Sen. Hyde-Smith wins divisive runoff, keeps her seat

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS, Associated Press JACKSON, Miss. (AP) —

Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith won a divisive Mississippi runoff Tuesday, surviving a video-recorded remark decried as racist and defeating a former federal official who hoped to become the state’s first African-American senator since Reconstruction. The runoff was rocked by the video, in which Hyde-Smith said of a supporter, “If he invited me to a public hanging, I’d be on the front row.” A separate video showed her talking about “liberal folks” and making it “just a little more difficult” for them to vote. The comments by Hyde-Smith, who is white, made Mississippi’s history of racist lynchings a theme of the runoff and spurred many black voters to return to the polls Tuesday. In the aftermath of the

video, Republicans worried they could face a repeat of last year’s special election in Alabama, in which a flawed Republican candidate handed Democrats a reliable GOP Senate seat in the Deep South. The GOP pumped resources into Mississippi, and President Donald Trump made a strong effort on behalf of Hyde-Smith, holding last-minute rallies in Mississippi on Monday. Speaking to supporters after her win, Hyde-Smith vowed to fight for everyone in the state when she goes to Washington. “I want everybody to know, no matter who you voted for today, I’m going to always represent every Mississippian. I will work very hard and do my very best to make Mississippi very proud,” she said. Her supporters said the furor over her comments was overblown. They also stuck by her as a photo was

circulated of her wearing a replica Confederate military hat during a 2014 visit to Beauvoir, the last home of Confederate president Jefferson Davis. “So many things are taken out of context,” said Elizabeth Gallinghouse, 84, from Diamondhead, Mississippi. “The fact that she toured Jefferson Davis’s house. You or I could have done the same thing. They said, ‘Put this cap on. Hold this gun.’ It was a fun time. She wasn’t trying to send any messages.” The contest caps a campaign season that exposed persistent racial divisions in America — and the willingness of some political candidates to exploit them to win elections. With Hyde-Smith’s victory, Republicans control 53 of the Senate’s 100 seats. The GOP lost control of the House, where Democrats will assume the majority in January. In the final weeks of the

runoff, Hyde-Smith’s campaign said the remark about making voting difficult was a joke. She said the “public hanging” comment was “an exaggerated expression of regard” for a fellow cattle rancher. During a televised debate nine days after the video was publicized, she apologized to “anyone that was offended by my comments,” but also said the remark was used as a “weapon” against her. Democratic opponent Mike Espy, 64, a former U.S. agriculture secretary, replied: “I don’t know what’s in your heart, but I know what came out of your mouth.” Addressing his supporters Tuesday night, Espy said: “While this is not the result we were hoping for, I am proud of the historic campaign we ran and grateful for the support we received across Mississippi. We built the largest grassroots organization our state has seen in a generation.”

The “public hanging” comment also resonated with his supporters. “That really offended me,” said Charles Connley, 60, a black voter from Picayune. Some corporate donors, including Walmart, requested refunds on their campaign contributions to Hyde-Smith after the videos surfaced. Hyde-Smith was in her second term as Mississippi agriculture commissioner when Republican Gov. Phil Bryant appointed her to temporarily succeed GOP Sen. Thad Cochran. The longtime lawmaker retired in April amid health concerns. The win makes Hyde-Smith, 59, the first woman elected to Congress from Mississippi. Hyde-Smith and Espy emerged from a field of four candidates Nov. 6 to advance to Tuesday’s runoff. big WIN in the Great State of Mississippi.

What Is Title IX and How Can It Help Me?

By Alex Smith
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According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center over 90 percent of people sexually assaulted or raped on a college campus do not report. To help combat these numbers, the Title IX (9) office on campus offers a variety of services for students.

According to the ACLU, under Title IX, discrimination based on sex can include sexual harassment, rape and sexual assault. Among other rights, a school becomes legally responsible when the school’s response to harassment “is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances”, as a result of Davis v.

Monroe.

For campuses, the Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 allows students to present his or her case of sex discrimination for the school to investigate, but this is not necessary. Title IX is about giving students options and rights.

Should a student contact the Title IX Coordinator, whom is Ronette Gerber here at UNC Pembroke, that student may take action and initiate an investigation, request a no-contact order, request that professors give lenience for missed courses within reason, receive help from the sex advocate in Counseling and Psychological Services. They also help

with accommodations for pregnant students or ongoing sexual violence.

However, a student that reports a sexually violent act, dating violence or domestic violence does not have to take any further actions. Nearly 60 to 65 percent of students do not want an investigation conducted and that is his or her right. It is at the very least it is suggested that the student go to counseling for help in dealing with the event/s but again, this is not required of anyone.

In September of 2017 the Title IX office received a victim-based grant of \$548,000 from the Office on Violence Against Women, a part of the Department

of Justice that currently has 25 grant programs. The office here is using this money to reduce sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking on our campus. In an addition to the office as a part of the grant, we now have Megan Strickland as the OVW Grant Coordinator whom oversees all expenses and decisions made with the grant.

Decisions made so far are to use the money for training, town of Pembroke assignments, and collaborate with Robeson Community College and the Southeastern Rape Crisis Center.

UNC Pembroke also has a detective within the campus police force. This position, previously held

by Sebastian Veneziano, is now open as Veneziano left the university in October of 2018. As a part of the OVW grant the Title IX office wants to work closely with the new detective when hired and provide additional training on how to handle such cases.

The best way to prevent a sexually violent act is to always look for consent. Gerber states that, “Rarely does someone fight. No one hollers ‘Rape!’” so there are other cues to look for. Is the other person engaging? Don’t ask “did she say no?” Instead ask “did she say yes?” Don’t assume the answer is yes if the response is nothing.