

# Supreme Court Nomination Upsets Nation



Demonstrators march to Supreme Court in protest of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Oct. 4. AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana

By Alex Smith  
Asst. Social Media Manager

Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court on Saturday, Oct. 6 with a 50 to 48 vote, amid sexual assault allegations from three women.

The process has ensued many protests and started conversations across the world. News outlets such as BBC, The Indian Express, South China Morning Post and others have picked up the story as well as other major news outlets within the U.S.

Even after confirmation protests have continued and petitions for impeachment have begun. Protests in North Carolina, D.C., Ari-

zona, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Georgia, and many more occurred on Oct. 6, according to We Are UltraViolet website that was viewed by 6,200 thousand people.

At the time of Kavanaugh’s confirmation vote, a group of protestors began to gather on the doorstep of the Supreme Court court - banging on its doors. Capitol Police said 14 people were arrested for protests in the Senate Gallery, 13 during the vote and one a short time earlier.

“Police forcibly removed the protesters, with one person dragged out by their arms and legs. They kept screaming as they were pulled into the hallway,” according to Ralph Ellis

with CNN.

With allegations including “drugging and raping” girls at parties, made by Julie Swetnick, it’s no surprise that citizens have been outspoken in their efforts to deter the senate from confirming Kavanaugh into the Supreme Court.

“I have a firm recollection of seeing boys lined up outside rooms at many of these parties waiting for their ‘turn’ with a girl inside the room,” Swetnick, 55, said in an affidavit released by her lawyer, Michael Avenatti. “These boys included Mark Judge and Brett Kavanaugh,” she added. Judge was a high school classmate of Kavanaugh.

During accuser Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s testimo-

ny on Thursday the Rape, Assault and Incest National Network (RAINN) hotline spiked 201% compared with a typical day, said spokeswoman Sara McGovern.

Other national news involving sexual assault, such as Harvey Weinstein and the #metoo movement, have caused a 46% overall increase to calls.

Following the hearing, “there was a 57% uptick in calls to the national assault hotline from Friday to Sunday compared to an average Friday to Sunday” said McGovern.

To bring this home, students want to feel safe. Going to college shouldn’t mean putting yourself in danger or lessening quality of life. However, statistics prove that students on college campuses are at a higher risk for sexual assault.

Male college-age students (18-24) are 78% more likely than non-students of the same age to be a victim

of rape or sexual assault. But here at UNC Pembroke, there is good news.

Reports for rape, fondling, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking have gone down overall from 2016 according to the 2018 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. No reports were made and/or included for off-campus and public properties.

While this is a great thing, it is important to remember that of college-age female students only 20% report. To put that in perspective, only 310 out of every 1,000 sexual assaults are reported to police.

If you or someone you know was sexual assaulted, please reach out to Campus Police at 910.521.6235 or the Sexual Assault Advocate Erin Nored by email at erin.nored@uncp.edu. For someone to talk to and support please visit CAPS in Brave Health or call 910.521.6202.

Location Calendar Year	On-Campus		Residence Halls	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Rape	3	10	3	10
Fondling	4	9	3	0
Sexual Assault	7	19	6	10
Dating Violence	7	9	5	8
Domestic Violence	2	0	1	0
Stalking	7	5	2	2
Total	30	52	20	30

# Student Fatality Results In Protests at NCCU

By Antwon Johnson  
Asst. Around Campus Editor

Many students protested on North Carolina Central University’s campus on Oct. 1 by walking out of class in response to the death of DeAndre Ballard who was shot and killed by a security guard at an off-campus apartment on Sep. 17.

According to multiple reports, the security guard allegedly caught Ballard attempting to break into cars at the Campus Crossing apartment complex parking lot.

According to Durham police, the guard says he shot Ballard in self-defense after Ballard initiated contact with the guard and reached for his weapon.

“He was a good friend, He never caused any conflict or problems with anyone. I don’t see as to why this situation occurred. But the main thing is we just

really want the truth,” said NCCU student Johnathan Smith.

According to other close friends and family of the late college student, they

on is the fact that students don’t feel comfortable, students don’t feel safe, students don’t feel like they are truly supported,” said junior Jamielyn Riffin.



Photo Credit/ Antony Nganga ,Campus Echo

said that the story doesn’t match up with who Ballard was as a person.

The 23-year-old senior was on track to graduate next year.

“The thing I am trying to get the university to focus

In response to the tragic event there was a walkout led by Riffin along with the protest downtown held by dozens of students.

The Root reports that it took three days to identify Ballard’s body because his

family who was unaware that he had been shot and killed filed a missing persons report. DeAndre’s mother, Ernisha Ballard said her son left his keys

and identification in his room, and one of his shoes propped his door open signaling he intended to step out for just a moment.

The NCCU police department states that they have no jurisdiction or

connection with the Campus Crossings apartment complex nor with the security officer involved in the incident.

“It definitely leaves us dumbfounded. We would think 16 days would be more than enough time for police department to complete an investigation” said Miguel Staten, Ballard’s uncle.

“We want to put his name out there so people don’t forget about it and just sweep it under the rug.”

“I feel like we know that our students are there, and there should be some sort of empathy toward that situation,” said SGA president Davanta Parker in response to the Herald Sun when asked about her thoughts on the incident.

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# School of Education Receives \$1.1M Grant, Launches Program to Aid 20 Future American Indian Administrators

By **Jessica Horne**  
Editor-in-Chief

The university’s School of Education received a \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to promote the growth of American Indian administrators across the state.

According to a university press release, the focus of the grant is “to address the shortage of American Indian administrators in the state’s public school districts with a large American Indian student population.”

This project, known as the First Americans’ Educational Leadership (FAEL) project, will be led by Dr. Camille Goins, assistant professor and director of the department of educational leadership and specialties, middle grades program.

In addition, Goins is an alumna of UNCP, where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Master of Public administration.

“We are really excited and looking forward to implementing this pro-

gram,” Goins said.

“This university was established to train American Indian teachers and with this program we are building upon that foundation with a focus on the administrative role,” she added.

Between January 2019 and January 2020, 20 participants are expected to participate in the FAEL project.

“The project is designed to help participants attain a Master of School Administration degree or an Add-on in School Administration. Additionally, it will help graduate students acquire a principal licensure and complete two years of administration with ongoing support and professional development through induction support,” the release stated.

The FAEL project will also provide support in a number of ways for these students.

Funding will help students cover expenses such as “tuition, books, exam fees, stipend, childcare, mentoring services, among

others,” the release stated.

In addition, the university will partner with the Lumbee Tribe, Public Schools of Robeson County, Hoke County Schools and Scotland County Schools to assist participants in job placement and preparation.

According to the release, “American Indians represent less than one percent of school administrators in North Carolina.”

This is no surprise to Mary Ann Jacobs.

“The stats on American Indian education have been poor for a very long time,” Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, associate professor and chair of the Department of American Indian Studies, said.

“American Indian educational attainment has always been far below that of the general population because of the rural location of many American Indian communities, the negative history of American Indian Education (boarding school), racism toward AI students and communities in American public schools and the high rates of pover-

ty that make seeking a higher education degree an unrealistic goal for many American Indian students,” Jacobs added.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, “In 2007, some 44 percent of American Indians/ Alaska Natives age 25 or older had attended some college or completed an undergraduate or graduate degree.”

Moreover, while almost half of American Indians attended college or earned a degree, 36 percent finished high school without pursuing a college degree, with 20 percent failing to finish high school ([nces.ed.gov](http://nces.ed.gov)).

The FAEL project is just one initiative of many launched by the university to aid American Indian students as they prepare for success in academia and in their individual professions.

According to [uncp.edu](http://uncp.edu), UNCP was founded in 1887, as “Croatan Normal School,” a college established for the training and education of American Indian teachers.

## Redistricting Skews Election Outcome

By **Abaigeal Brown**  
Beyond Campus Editor

With midterm elections coming to an end on November 6, the state primaries have been carried out from as early as March into September to determine what names of government officials will be present on the general election ballot.

Although most citizens view voting as a basic concept, there are still many disconnects left between communities and government officials that leave people to distrust the process created by the founding fathers of this country centuries ago.

The general election ballot will take the winners from primary elections and give representatives such as senators, governors, and mayors the opportunity to represent their state or county.

When it comes to the politics of voting, a divide between the parties can overtake and lead to problems within the system. Gerrymandering, known as the process politicians use to manipulate electoral districts for political gain, has been one of the biggest problems for political parties in the past.

In 2016, the debacle of splitting the twelfth district into the now sixth and thirteenth made many believe the Republican party was aiding in racial gerrymandering.

In what seemed to be an attempt to try and keep the majority of the U.S. House of Representatives Republican, the Republican party was left to redraw the map.

The line splitting the two

districts divides the campus of North Carolina Agricultural & Technological University. This divide has students of the university as well as members of the community worrisome of the sway the divide may have on future elections considering NC A&T is the largest historically black public university in the country.

At the Middle District Court in Greensboro, N.C. the three district judges ruled that the Republican-drawn congressional district map was unconstitutional on grounds of partisan gerrymandering.

At a House of Representatives meeting in 2016 while determining the redistricting of the congressional district maps, Republican Rep. Dave Lewis stressed that the gerrymandering was purely partisan and not racial.

“I propose that we draw the maps to give a partisan advantage to 10 Republicans and three Democrats, because I do not believe it’s possible to draw a map with 11 Republicans and two Democrats,” Lewis said. “We want to make clear that we, to the extent are going to use political data in drawing this map - it is to gain partisan advantage on the map. I want that criteria to be clearly stated and understood.”

The twelfth district was previously marked by Democratic Rep. Alma Adams. The sixth district is now covered by Republican Rep. Mark Walker and Republican Rep. Ted Budd covers the thirteenth district.

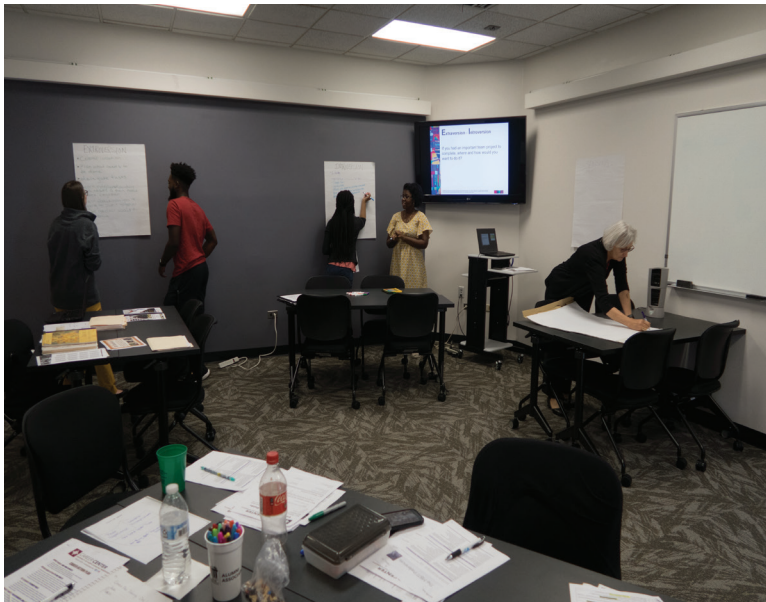
Ballot Questions for Robeson County
<b>1. RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT:</b> Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. <b>2. CHANGES TO CURRENT VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AMENDMENT:</b> Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights. <b>3. CAP MAXIMUM STATE INCOME TAX AT 7%:</b> Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%). <b>4. REQUIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE:</b> Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person. <b>5. LEGISLATURE TO CONTROL JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS:</b> Constitutional amendment to change the process for filing judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not to subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 12
<b>Early Voting Hours and Locations for Robeson County</b>
<b>HOURS</b> Wednesday, October 17- Friday, October 19 7 am - 7 pm Monday, October 22- Friday, October 26 7 am - 7 pm Sunday, October 28 1 pm - 4 pm Monday, October 29- Friday, November 2 7 am - 7 pm Saturday, November 3 8 am - 1 pm  <b>SELECT LOCATIONS</b> <b>Pembroke:</b> 818 W 3rd Street <b>Fairmont:</b> 421 S Main Street <b>Red Springs:</b> 122 Cross Street <b>St. Paul:</b> 210 W Blue Street <b>Maxton:</b> 4024 Missouri Road
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# Career Center Open’s With First Walk-In Sessions

The Career center prepares for future workshops.



PN Photo/Octavia Johnson

**By Octavia Johnson**  
Campus Life Editor

UNCP’s Career Center started a Career Counseling walk-in session in UC room 221 this fall. The room is open at 1:30-4:30 p.m. from Monday-Thursday for any student who needs help picking a major, career choices, internship or job search, resumes, cover letters, interviewing and creating an online profile

on LinkedIn with online branding. The room used to be occupied with University Center and Programs but was switched to the Career Center. The idea to create the walk-in was to help students have easier access to meeting face to face with career counselors on anything they need. The career center with the help of their new director, Marlane Mowitz, wanted to continue

to push the concept to help more students with their future within and after college. “We want everyone to know that we want everyone to succeed and do their very best,” Marketing Assistant of the Career Center Shay Chandler said. The career center has full-time Career Counselors, Career Peers who are UNCP students who are trained to help students and Graduate Counseling Students who are UNCP graduate students who help other students. “Walk-in can be helpful for working on your resume or cover letter, getting an internship, job search, interviewing or graduate school application tips,” Mowitz said. Chandler also believes students can benefit from the walk-in. “Students come in and they learn a lot from the experience,” Chandler said. “I had students who came

to me after they worked on their resumes and they learned a lot about themselves, their skills that they acquired at their jobs that they didn’t realize that they had.” Undergraduate and graduate students are going to the career center for help and the students can meet with a Career counselor for up to 60 minutes. The Career Center tries to use the walk-in to help graduating seniors who are not sure about what they wanted to do. “We want to students to be able to use the services here,” Mowitz said. “We want them to use it so that they can get instant help.” There are still some changes being made in the Career Center. For the future, they plan to have a member of the Career Center involved in each department on campus to learn how to better assist the students. They also plan to work with online students.

When asked about how about stats that show how well the students are doing after their time in the walk-in Chandler said she would love to use anything to help us and to help the students as well. Even though there is a walk-in, student can set an appointment by calling the Career Center’s office and set up an appointment on handshake. Handshake is a new platform for UNCP students and alumni that creates an easier access to connect with employers, job and internship opportunities, event information, schedule appointments with UNCP career counselors for resume preparation, career exploration, mock interviews, employment, study abroad and graduate school preparation. For more information about the Career Center contact the office at 910.521.6270.

# The Office for Diversity and Inclusion Promotes Safe Space for Students

**By Jasmine Mason**  
Asst. Campus Life Editor

The office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) here at UNCP focuses on promoting an environment that is inclusive, respectful, and diverse. This can help students prepare for a future in a very diverse and multicultural society, workforce, etc. The director of ODI, Dr.

Robert Canida II, Ph.D., stated that “Having this job allowed me to change lives through diversity and inclusion.” The ODI wants students to be open and comfortable with themselves around others, for it is important that students are comfortable in their learning environment. In addition, the office encourages students to embrace their individuality, by holding programs

such as Braves Dialogue Series, where students can discuss beliefs and opinions in a safe space in an open forum setting among peers. In doing so, the ODI strives to make sure that everyone has a sense of belonging by stressing a sense of inclusiveness with all programs, events, clubs and more on campus. Being that UNCP is a very diverse school within itself, the office seeks to

continue to foster a rich sense of diversity among the student body by reaching out and offering students a safe space to further express themselves. Two students were asked about their experiences with the ODI. “It changed my complete world view realizing this college experience is about more than just the diversity that we see” says senior, Paul Anderson II.

Junior student Brett Nicholson stated that, “Working with the ODI family, it has been a rewarding experience, because it allowed me to bring my voice, my background and my whole self into present and future programs.” In the future, the ODI plans to expand itself in order to reach more students. For more information on the ODI, visit [uncp.edu/odi](http://uncp.edu/odi).

# Students and Community Gather for 29th Annual Pembroke Day Festivities



Photos by Tyana Morris

**Student organizations of the university and local businesses of Robeson County gather around the Lowry Bell Tower to showcase their missions and to raise money and goods for Hurricane Florence relief and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Pembroke Day has been one of the longest active traditions at UNCP. The first event was held in 1989.**

**By Tyana Morris**  
Photo Editor

The event was rescheduled from its original date of September 27 to October 4 due to inclement weather. Pembroke Day is a collaboration between the university and the Town of Pembroke. It presents itself as an opportunity for students to learn about businesses and resources within the area and for the community to learn more about the university. Vendors representing local businesses and

nonprofits set up tents and booths in the Quad between Old Main and the Mary Livermore Library and offered food, crafts, promotional giveaways and informational materials. Student clubs, campus organizations, academic departments and university programs participated as well. Student Health Services held a health fair that included free health screenings while Walgreens offered vaccinations inside of Old Main. Several health agencies, including

Scotland Health Center, had representatives on hand to answer questions and provide information on a variety of topics, such as birth control and health insurance. A drive was also set up to accept canned food items, cleaning supplies, baby products and hygiene items, which will be donated to those affected by the devastating impacts of Hurricane Florence. A relief fund has been created to assist students and employees.





# Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra’s “A Night of John Williams” Comes to GPAC

PN Photo/ Madison Long



The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra serenaded the audience with pieces such as those featured in Disney classics, on Oct. 6 in GPAC.

By Madison Long  
Staff Writer

Families, students, and faculty filled the auditorium, on October 6th at 8 p.m., for a night of graceful music performed by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

Each song the orchestra performed was composed by John Williams.

The Director of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, Stefan Sanders stated, “John Williams has won more Oscars in the history of film music and is so famous because of the films he has made music for.”

Williams has composed music for movies that we have all heard of at some time such as, “Star Wars” series, “Harry Potter” films, and “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial.”

This music would take most people back to these movies, as the Orchestra played it with enthusiasm.

Some of the instruments played were the Flute, Clarinet, French Horn, Harp, Violin, and several more.

The Orchestra performed in the Givens Performing Arts Center, and began the night with the song “Superman March” and everyone in the crowd

rose to their feet with hand over heart.

They Continued the Night with “Highlights from Jurassic Park” and “Hymn to the Fallen” from “Saving Private Ryan.”

Sanders also said, “When we play ‘Hymn to the Fallen’ we like to dedicate it to those who have fallen Fighting.”

During the piece, Orchestra members played softly and gracefully.

One fan favorite feature of the evening was “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.”

“I really enjoyed listening to the music because it took me back to my child-

hood, and I love Harry Potter,” said freshman student, Greer Thorndyke.

Sanders went on to tell us about a director’s job in the making of film. He stated that while a director is in charge of making a film, the composer is in charge of making the music fit the film.

However, Sanders said, “Steven Spielberg trusted John Williams so much that he said he would work the film around the music, Spielberg believed in the power that Williams Music had.”

One film that Spielberg was in charge of directing was “E.T. the Extra-Ter-

trial.”

The Orchestra then played “E.T. Adventures on Earth.”

Williams has won 24 Grammys, 7 Oscars, 3 Emmys and 4 Golden Globe awards, this exemplifies just how respected and talented John Williams has been over the last six decades and still continues to be.

The performance ended with the “Star Wars Symphony.”

“I had a great time hearing the music from some of my favorite movies,” said sophomore, Kinsey Land.

## Lumbee Tribe Accepts \$3.6M Education Grant, Plans to Boost Project 3C

By Jessica Horne  
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, Oct. 5, a press conference was held at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club as the Lumbee Tribe of NC received the first installment of a \$3.6 million grant from the federal government.

The grant will be used in efforts to promote initiatives for American Indian students to grow and excel

academically.

As stated by a press release made by the Lumbee Tribe, “This grant will provide American Indian Students with experiences and skills necessary to: develop their self-efficacy; increase congruence between their interests and career choices; and, broaden their college and career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, education, and mathematics).”

One way the tribe hopes to make this possible is through Project 3C.

Project 3C is the collaborative effort of Robeson Community College, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the Public Schools of Robeson County as they join the Lumbee Tribe in instilling the importance of civic engagement, community ties and STEM careers in American Indian Students.

According to the Robesonian, “The project is designed to guide students in middle school and high school toward careers in fields related to science, technology, engineering and math, and the project partners will be asked to improve college preparedness of American Indian youth and tribal community engagement in the Lumbee Tribal Service Area.”

Initiatives such as

educational programs and community engagement opportunities will be put into place to make this possible.

As stated by the Robesonian, “The money already received will be used to hire project staff and to fund projects in the current fiscal year, which started Monday.”

## Office of International Programs Undergoes Name Change, Becomes Office of Global Engagement

By Naveed Ahmed  
Staff Writer

In an effort to attract international students and globalize UNCP, the Office for International Programs Office (IP) changed its name to the Office of Global Engagement.

The International Programs Office at UNCP plays multiple roles.

It is responsible to work on applications from regular and international exchange students.

The office is also responsible for arranging workshops and presentations to familiarize the foreign students with the US environment at

UNCP.

According to Alex Brandt, the Interim Director and study abroad coordinator, they have changed the name from International Programs Office to the Office of Global Engagement as part of the initiative to globalize campus.

The word global is also more up to date and inclusive as compared to the word international, he further added.

The initiative does not only include international students coming from other parts of the world, but they are also working to involve local American students with their global initiatives.

“Local students can get

involved in study abroad, they can also get involved practicing English with our international students,” Brandt said.

Not only the name, but the current structure and functions of the office have changed from its previous structure as well.

The \*Interim Director\* said, “We are planning to hire an Assistant Director of Admissions. This person will work on processing applications from international students and potentially recruiting international students.”

The newly appointed position of the assistant director of admissions will

work under the Office of Global Engagement and report to the undergraduate and graduate school.

“The position will report to multiple departments to recruit and process more international application,” Brandt said.

According to uncp.edu, “Our Vision is to prepare our students for the complexity of a changing world by fostering cross-cultural competence and encouraging global citizenship. We accomplish this vision through tailoring individualized experiences beginning at the campus, extending to the region,

and connecting to the international community.”

The office is located at 902 Dogwood Lane.

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, appointments are recommended.

To learn more, you can visit the office, call at 910.775.4095 or email ip@uncp.edu.

Additionally, you can visit uncp.edu/ip to get involved.

Last year, the Mass Communications department studied abroad in Ireland.



# Asheboro Man Charged with Assault for Foot Touching

By **Mason Miller**  
Managing Editor

UNC-Pembroke police arrested a man for assault at the beginning of this month for repeatedly touching a woman’s foot in a computer lab.

On Monday, Oct. 1, a female student reported that she was assaulted by male student on campus days prior to her report.

The report states that the woman was studying in the computer lab, when Christopher J. Deas, 42, approached the woman, went under the table and repeatedly touched the victim’s feet.

After the incident, the unnamed woman reported the assault and shortly after, Deas was arrested on assault charges and banned

from UNC-Pembroke’s campus.

Some students have recollection of Deas wandering into classrooms which he was never enrolled in and even writing love letters to some students.

Deas was arrested



**Pembroke Police booking photo**

ed on the following campuses: UNC, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke, North Carolina State, Davidson County Community College, University of North Carolina,

University of South Carolina, University of Pembroke and also banned University of South Carolina, Davidson County Community College and the University of Chapel Hill and arrested on assault charges on similar incidents of touching women’s feet.

The assaults date back to 2008 when Deas was arrested on North Carolina State University’s campus for assault on a female. Deas was arrested on NCSU’s campus again 2 years later in 2011 for the same offense.

According to a national jail booking site, Deas has been arrested three times in South Carolina and five times in North Carolina within the past decade.

# How to Stay Connected as a Commuter Student

By **Janisha Gore**  
Staff Writer

As a commuter student, it can be challenging to stay connected with things happening on campus.

When you have a job, family obligations, children, etc., school can easily begin to take a back seat on your list of priorities. [Don’t allow this to happen.]

Although you may or may not live on campus, there are ways to stay connected and not lose sight of the college life.

Here are a few ways that can help you to stay connected to your campus.

## Get Involved

In order for you to have a productive college career, you must be proactive, and that means getting involved in activities on campus.

With the host of activities, clubs and volunteer opportunities that UNCP offers, you are sure to find something that sparks your interest.

“A good way to stay connected is to attend social events,” said Mrs. Robin Johnson, administrative assistant for the Center for Student Success/ New Student Programs.

Attending social events gives you the opportunity to socialize and you will find that many students are in the same boat as you are; don’t ever feel alone.

“To stay connected, I try to attend events on campus,” said Dajhae Smith, a sophomore majoring in Nursing and Physical Therapy.

Attending games is a good way to feel the college spirit and not

to mention: it’s just fun.

“I’m a poet and I attend events at GPAC,” said Sey’naa Gardener, sophomore majoring in Marketing and Sales.

Whether you like theatre or end up with a free night that you aren’t busy, stop in to GPAC; you may be surprised at how entertained you’ll be.

## Join an Organization

“I think a good way to stay connected is to be a part of a social organization,” said Brittney Parris, senior majoring in Social Work.

“I am the president of ‘I Am Boss’ and it helps me to stay connected,” she said.

Although you may be hesitant to commit to anything at this point, joining a student organization may not be such a bad idea.

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# Upcoming Events

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**UNCP 9th Annual International Juried Competition** Oct. 3-20, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Locklear Hall-1st floor. Art Gallery exhibition.

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**Verses & Flows: Open Mic Night** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., UC Lounge. Phi Beta Sigma and Inkwell are hosting an open mic night with poetry, spoken word, and artistic expression.

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**Spirit Fest** 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., UC Lawn. RHA hosts the annual Spirit Fest with food and fun for everyone before the homecoming game.

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**Cup of Brew and Resume Review** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., UC 221. Career Center is having a workshop to write or polish resumes with hot chocolate and coffee.

**Popcorn and Politics** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., UC Lounge. Campus-wide initiative for students at UNCP to meet and greet local officials to raise awareness of issues that affect the community and encourage students to use their voice through voting!

**Grad Finale LinkedIn Days** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., UC Annex. Career Center is taking graduating seniors’ professional pictures for their LinkedIn accounts. Pick up “How To Guides” to help with their job or graduate school search.

**UNCP Homecoming Parade** 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Pembroke Area. Organizations can join in the parade before the homecoming game.

**Teacher Education Fair** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., UC Lounge. Career Center is hosting a Teacher Education Fair to network with multiple private school districts and learn about exciting teach opportunities.

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**Friday Night Lights** 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Hawks Nest Game Room. Hawks Nest invites students to free bowling, food, and games.

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**LGBTQ+ Spoken Word** 6 - 8 p.m., UC Lounge. Spectrum hosts a LGBTQ spoken word.

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**Writing Proposal Workshop** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dial Lab 149. Sigma Tau Delta hosts a workshop students learn how to send in research proposals to present at conferences or to publishers.

# News Briefs



- Following an 18-month investigation done by three New York Times reporters, their findings in over 100,000 pages of documents such as financial records as well as interviews with previous employees of Fred Trump, led them to the conclusion that Donald Trump was not the self-made billionaire he led on to convey during his campaign for presidency. The Times found that Donald Trump has inherited nearly \$413 million of fraudulent money by helping his father lower tax returns on property they owned.
- On Sep. 28 after the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to delay the final vote on Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court Justice nomination, the FBI followed through with a week-long investigation into sexual assault accusations made against him by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. The Senate came to their decision Oct. 6 with a 50-48 decision. Kavanaugh was later sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts as well as retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.
- Since Hurricane Florence has made its way through North Carolina, one of the most profitable businesses in the nation that takes place in the state is facing a huge dip in revenue. According to the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina, an estimated 100+ pounds of tobacco leaf has been damaged and unable to be harvested. Those damages result in anywhere from a \$250 million to \$350 million loss in the tobacco farming industry.
- For the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize winners, Nadia Murad, 25, and Dr. Denis Mukwege, 63, were both awarded for their “efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.” Murad was held captive in Mosul, Iraq by ISIS members for three months and was bought and sold as a sex slave by militants until she made a successful escape. Dr. Mukwege is a gynecologist from the Democratic Republic of Congo who has treated over 30,000 rape and sexual assault victims in his hospital.
- The Trump administration has declared in its latest environmental impact statement that by the year 2100 the Earth’s temperature will rise by 7 degrees Fahrenheit or 4 degrees Celsius due to a consistent high rate of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere. These projections are seen to be detrimental to the survival of coral reefs and could lead to ocean levels rising resulting in places such as Miami and Manhattan being underwater.
- On Sep. 11, the Seattle Municipal Court judges voted to vacate more than 500 misdemeanor marijuana charges between the times of 1996 and 2010. The motion to vacate these charges was proposed back in April by City Attorney Pete Holmes who believes the convictions disproportionately impacted people of color.
- The “Girl With Balloon” painting done by the infamous British artist Banksy was auctioned off at \$1.4 million Oct. 5 at Sotheby’s in London. To everyone’s surprise, an alarm sounded from the painting immediately following the declaration of the paintings sale and half of the painting was destroyed through a built-in shredder cleverly added by the artist over ten years ago.
- John Gagliardi, the winningest head coach in college football history died Sunday at the age of 91.



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# SPORTS



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## Braves Show Glimmers of Hope in 51-7 Loss to Wingate

By Joshua Reed  
Sports Editor

After being shutout for the first time in just over a decade, the UNCP football team looked to bounce back from the underwhelming performance against the Bulldogs of Wingate University at home in Grace P. Johnson Stadium on Oct. 6.

Instead, they again fell flat in front of the home crowd for a second consecutive week and while they were not shutout, they did struggle to preform consistently in all three phases of the game as well as capitalize on scoring opportunities when they were available. “There were some bright spots... There were some things that did go well and some plays... I thought our offense showed some good things and again that’s where we’re not that far away. Its just mistakes start to compound and before you know it in a college football game a good opponent jumps on those,” said Head Coach Shane Richardson.

The game got off to a rough start after the Black and Gold offense got on the field first and found some success on their opening drive before redshirt junior runningback Josh Sheridan fumbled on the Braves first play in Wingate territory.

While the Bulldogs wouldn’t capitalize off the turnover on the ensuing drive, they would go on to score 34 unanswered points and wouldn’t punt again until it was nearly the fourth quarter.

The Braves had a couple of opportunities to get on the scoreboard in the first half, but redshirt freshman placekicker Shawn Andrews would miss his only attempt of the night wide right of the goal post.

Regular starter Alex Alvarado would have his only attempt blocked with 24 seconds left before halftime after the Wingate overloaded one side of the line. The attempt was set up after redshirt quarterback Josh Dale took advantage of a Bulldog defender jumping offsides and found receiver Aaron Whitaker for his only snag of the night for 40 yards.

Whitaker was able to fight through obvious pass interference on the free play and with a defender draped all over him, he was still able to haul in and complete the catch.

The Braves lone scoring drive came midway through the third quarter and while it did benefit from a pair of Wingate pass interference penalties, it was still a well-orchestrated drive by starting true

freshman quarterback Josh Jones.

Jones was able to find redshirt junior receiver Quay Threatt deep for a 53-yard completion to put the Black and Gold into the red zone. After a penalty set them at the six-yard line and a rush for no gain on first down, Sheridan would rumble into the endzone off of the right side of the line. The offense was able to move the ball and pick up first downs at times throughout the game, but it seemed just when they were getting into a rhythm an untimely penalty or debilitating negative play would disrupt whatever they had going.

“We had a couple splash plays and good plays. I think we shot ourselves in the foot a lot of times. We would have a good play and then we would have a personal foul or holding or false start or turnover. I just think we need to just build off the momentum that we have and do a better job of focusing up on the keys, the snap count and protecting the ball,” said Sheridan.

While the defense was able to rack up four sacks on the night, they were often susceptible to allowing big plays through the air and allowed far too many manageable down and distance situations.

“I thought defensively we were just one step kind of behind or short or a guy not wrapping up here or there and before you know it, it just turns into bigger gain than what you expect,” said Richardson.

They allowed five completions of over 15

yards and only took one sack compared to Dales three.

Sheridan led the team in



Josh Sheridan carries the ball through the Wingate defense. Sheridan had UNCP’s only score in the game. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

yards to five different pass catchers and three receptions of over 30 yards. The rushing defense struggled as well and even though they didn’t allow an individual 100-yard rusher, the Bulldogs did rack up 194 net yards on the ground.

“Guys have to stay in their gaps. We got to be more physical than them. We got to be able to get off blocks. You got to stop the run, got to have good low pad leverage and you got to be able to make sure

rushing with 10 carries for 64 yards and a touchdown. His longest rush was a 32-yard scamper and he also hauled in a pair of catches for 31 yards. Threatt lead all receivers with 63 yards on three receptions, highlighted by the 53-yard bomb.

Redshirt junior defensive linemen Domenique Davis tied with redshirt senior defensive back Josh Manns for the team lead in tackles and also added a sack.

## Soccer Takes First PBC Win Over Clayton

By Ky’Aire Goode  
Asst. Sports Editor

Coming off of a very one-sided loss at third-ranked Columbus State, the women’s soccer team bounced back at home and scored their first Peach Belt Conference win of the



The Braves set up defensively in their 2-0 win over Clayton State. The win was UNCP’s first conference victory of the season. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

to Flagler. The team recognized the danger of falling to 0-3 in conference play and played tough in a must-win game.

“Starting 0-2 is not something that we’re used to. We ran into Flagler and Columbus State, two of the best teams in the con-

The Braves two goals of the contest came courtesy of senior forward Jillian Robson off assists from freshman Maya Grimes. The first came off a Grimes cross that settled in the box and allowed Robson to drill the ball past the keeper into the opposite side of the net on the ground. The second goal was set up similarly on another Grimes cross, with Robson this time putting the ball in the air to beat the keeper to the opposite corner and score once again. Robson usually doesn’t lead the attack for the Braves, typically leaving the bulk of the scoring to players such as forwards Stacey Scott and Alexis Pitman but proved more than capable of stepping up in a different role against the Lochs.

“Jillian’s a player that’s been in and out of the starting lineup. She’s played [every position]. She has a very low-key personality. She almost looks embarrassed when she scores, but we love Jil and we’re okay with that. I couldn’t be

happier for her.” Andersson said of Robson.

Andersson also pointed out

bounce-back performance like this.” coach Andersson said of his team’s defense.



Jillian Robson sprints down the pitch. Robson scored both of the Braves’ goals in their 2-0 win. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

that Robson now actually ties for the team lead in goals for the season with three despite the constant lineup changes.

The shutout led by goalkeeper Gina Ryan was the Braves’ fourth of the young season. The team still has yet to lose a game at home-where they have held opponents scoreless, a perfect 4-0 in such matchups. “It’s a sign of a great team where you can have a

The team now looks to string together conference wins and make a run in the buildup to the PBC tournament.

“I feel very good about where we’re at. I feel very good about going forward as well. Last year we won the conference tournament as the fourth seed, so we gotta make sure we get in the tournament and we’ll figure things out.” Andersson said.

season, beating Clayton State 2-0.

The Braves came out with a sense of urgency in the game, fresh off the Columbus State loss and also having recently lost

ference to start with after a three-week layoff. We have this game and seven more conference games, but we’re gonna take it one game at a time.” coach Lars Andersson said.



# Six Takeaways From Football vs. Wingate

By Joshua Reed  
Sports Editor

The UNCP football team took it on the chin against the Bulldogs of Wingate University in a 51-7 blow-out at home for the second straight week. The Braves were able to prevent getting blanked on the scoreboard in consecutive weeks and were did have a few bright spots as well as glaring deficiencies.

### Quarterback Competition is Settled:

The Braves coaching staff has finally settled on and are committed to a starting quarterback after an open competition through the offseason and first four games of the season. True freshman Josh Jones is the Black and Gold’s official starter going forward and after nearly bringing the team back from behind against Winston Salem he has gotten the starting nod the past three games.

“I would say that Josh Jones is our starter. I think he has shown a lot of very good promise and it’s a concept where Josh Dale does some really good things and he works really hard and he deserves some reps,” said Head Coach Shane Richardson.

He has shown to be the more polished passer by reading the defenses, going through his reads quickly, eluding pressure, pushing the ball down field and making good decisions when given time to throw. He leads both quarterbacks in passing yards (667), passing attempts (111) as well as completions (66), passing touchdowns (three), completion percentage (59.46%) and QBR (117.05)

“If the offense isn’t going, going, going after a few tries at it then we think that Josh Dale can kind of give a different spark at times,” said Richardson.

### Receiver Corey West Excelling in the Slot:

Even though he did not lead the team in receptions or receiving yards, sophomore receiver Corey west was able to get open and convert two of his three catches into first downs. He exhibited a knack for finding soft spots in zone coverage as well as quick releases to pick up chunks of 17 and 19 yards.

“He’s quick. I think he does have some pretty reliable hands. He works really hard. I think he’s a very dependable type of guy. I think quarterbacks have confidence in him, so I think

he does a pretty good job with what he has to work with. He’s able to find some holes in there to be able to get open,” said Richardson.

### Pass Rush was Active:

After logging just one sack against Newberry the week before the Black and Gold pass rush bounced back by bringing down the Wingate quarterback Shaw Crocker four times. Four different Braves registered sacks and the defensive line was constantly applying pressure and hitting the passers throughout the night.

### Offensive Line Struggled to Keep Quarterbacks Upright:

Both UNCP quarterbacks were under quite a bit of duress in this game and more often than not were forced to roll out of a collapsing pocket in order to complete passes. The young group seemed overwhelmed and outmatched at times and allowed four sacks on the night.

### Run Game Still Lacking Traction:

Through their first four games of the season the Braves offense are averaging 84.3 yards a game and a woeful 3 yards per carry. They have accumulated just 462 yards on the ground

this year and have only punched the ball in five times so far. The unit has popped some big runs in every game and often seem one block away from gauging defenses on a consistent basis.

“Just stick to what we’re doing. Things might not work out right now but if you keep doing it and trusting the O-line and everything is going to work out. We just got to be patient,” said running back Josh Sheridan.

### Rushing Defense Shaky in Consecutive Weeks:

While the defense front was very productive in rushing the pass, an area in which they struggled with for the second straight week was in defending the run. The allowed a net gain of 194 yards on 47 attempts on the ground to Wingate after allowing 200 yards to the Wolves the week before. They disrupt the run game at times and rack up tackles for loss, especially in the first half but as the game wears on they begin to wear down and allow significant gains.

“It all goes back to practice. Everything is practice. We have to practice how we play,” said Defensive lineman Dominique Davis on how the unit can play more

consistently.

### Red zone Struggles on Offense:

“I think we’re a good red zone team. There’s a couple times when we get in there, things don’t go our way but I think we’re based of the red zone and I just think we need to not focus more on practice. Just take it more seriously in the red zone because key to the red zone (conversions) in a lot of other games are very important so we just got to believe it and just go hard in the red zone,” said Sheridan on the unit’s inability to thrive when in scoring position.

“I think we got to be able to block consistently. We’ve got to be able to not have penalties consistently... We’ve got to be able to capitalize in the red zone. I felt like we got in the red zone but we’re not capitalizing and that’s obviously something we have to work on,” said Richardson.

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# Volleyball Wins Second Straight at Claflin

By Joshua Freeman  
Staff Writer

The UNCP volleyball team headed to the Tullis Arena in Orangeburg, S.C.

to take on the Panthers of Claflin University on Oct. 2nd. Their 3-0 win marked the first time this season in which the Braves have

secured consecutive victories. The Braves got eight service aces and four blocks on the night to improve to 5-0 all-time against the Panthers.

In the first set Claflin started out hot with an 8-2 run, then an error by the Braves helped the Panthers get a 19-13 advantage. The Black and Gold then came back and took a one-point lead 23-22 lead. After receiving a bad set, aided by an error by the Panthers, UNCP was able to win this set with a kill from freshman Brianna Warren.

The second set started in similar fashion to the first set with Claflin jumping out to an 5-2 advantage. The Braves would respond by scoring seven straight points of their own to get

out in front. The Panthers would regain the lead 14-13, but the Black and Gold would answer with three straight points to recapture the lead. The Braves would close out the second set with a late 5-0 run to secure the victory.

In the final set UNCP had an early lead but Claflin scored four straight points to take a 18-17 lead. The Braves recorded five of the next six points to snatch the lead back. The Panthers brought the set within a point at 23-22 thanks to an UNCP attack error. However, the Black and Gold would clinch the set with a service ace and a kill.

The ability to close the tight third set was an encouraging sign for UNCP, who at times have strug-

gled in pressure situations during sets. The Panthers pulled within a few points of stealing the set but the Braves remained poised and clinched their victory in a clean sweep, not allowing a comeback.

Warren lead the team in kills with 10 as well as the lead in blocks with two. Senior Baille Jones continued to lead the team in assists with 27. Junior Anna Heinz and freshman Shannon Skryd tied for the team lead with eight digs a piece. Freshman Hannah Talliere was responsible for a team high three service aces.

The Braves look to build on the momentum gained from the back-to-back wins as they continue through the latter part of their season.



The Braves won consecutive games for the first time this season by defeating Claflin. PN file photo/Trevon Knight

# Soccer Loses Matchup to Rival Columbus State 4-1

By Ky'Aire Goode  
Asst. Sports Editor

UNCP went toe-to-toe with their toughest foe yet in their second conference match of the season but were unable to overcome a late onslaught from the Cougars. The Braves lost 4-1 at Columbus State on October 4.

The match was tightly contested early. The Cougars struck fast in the first five minutes of the game on a rebounded goal by Brooke Nail. The Braves answered back with Alexis Pittman’s third goal of the season (off an assist from Maya Grimes) which came in at 22:17. The team failed to carry the momentum into half-time however, giving up a goal to Rachael Sweigard in the 27th minute to break the tie.

The team found itself unable to generate quality shots

for the rest of the match and ended the game with just four total compared to the Cougars’ 26. Columbus State took advantage of the lopsided shot totals and scored twice in the second half to put the game out of reach.

While the Braves’ defense eroded as the game went on, Coach Lars Andersson refused to single out blame. “I’m not pinning the four goals against [goalkeeper] Gina [Ryan]. When we win, we win as a team. When we don’t perform well it’s a reflection on me directly as a coach. Gina actually made some incredible saves in that game...Show me a better Division II goalkeeper in our country than Gina because I’d like to see it.”

Andersson preached preparation ahead of the matchup against the third-ranked Co-

lumbus State team, a matchup he knew would be the Braves’ biggest test of the season so far. After the Braves’ 4-0 win over Anderson University on September 8, Lars immediately shifted his focus to the match, originally scheduled for September 15.

He took a moment to ease the tension about the difficult task ahead.

“I’m even changing my church time around, they play at 11:00. I asked my wife if I could go to 7:00 [Catholic] Mass so I could watch Columbus State play.”

“I’ll ask Father Peter for forgiveness later.” Andersson joked.

He then shifted gears, taking the upcoming challenge of one of the country’s best teams very seriously.

“Columbus State is one of the best teams in the country...

but if you don’t want an opportunity like that, why do you play college soccer? Competitive players want to play in games like that. I look forward to it. It’ll be a tremendous challenge, but we have a full week to prepare and I know my players can’t wait to get going.” Andersson said.

That week would turn into two weeks, and eventually three, until the women’s soccer team had waited nearly a full month until October 4th to face the Cougars on the pitch due to delays caused by Hurricane Florence. By that point, much of the intensity and preparation had fallen by the wayside for the team, without much time to rebuild it before the game.

The coach did acknowledge the difficulties the revised schedule put on his team, but despite that, Andersson

minimized the excuses for his team after the tough loss. “We’re gonna stop talking about Hurricane Florence. In the big scheme of things, this is just football. We will not bring that up, we will make no more excuses. I’m sure Columbus State was ready for us...We got our butts kicked.” Andersson said.



The Braves look to regroup after losing to Columbus State. PN file photo/Trevon Knight



By Joshua Reed  
Sports Editor

After kicking off family weekend with a pair of lopsided losses the UNCP volleyball team responded with a landslide victory of their own by defeating the Hawks of Chowan University 3-0 at Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court on Sept. 29.

“I think we’re very resilient. I think we did respond well after being put in a tough situation so I’m proud of our toughness to be able to bounce back,” said Head Coach Ellen McGill.

In their second match of the day with a home crowd full of family members and friends showing their support, the Braves had tremendous contributions from a group of first- and second-year players propel them to a hard-fought victory to end the weekend on a high note.

“We give up a little bit of experience on the court, but I think that means that we’ll

be very strong in the future with some young ones getting so much playing time,” said McGill.

The first set was tightly contested and was within one point until the Black and gold would use a 9-2 rally after being down 9-8 to take the lead and would not relinquish it. The Hawks were able to get within striking distance by trailing by three points before a kill from freshman Brianna Warren would close out the initial set 25-21

In set No. 2 the Braves were extremely efficient in scoring registering an impressive .436 attack percentage as a team and even though they found themselves 21-20 late, they would go on to score five on the next six points to secure the second consecutive set.

Freshman Ashley Caesar would tally six of her team leading 13 kills in the second set and posted a .458 attack percentage through the first couple sets.

“She stepped up for us. She did a good job of making herself available in transition and I look forward to seeing more from her moving forward,” said McGill.

Warren would convert an impressive 8-of-11 attempts for a .636 mark in the same two set span.

“She’s been doing a great job. Especially as a freshman, she showed a lot of poise out there,” said McGill of Warrens contributions and development.

The Braves would complete the sweep over the visiting Hawks in the third set 25-23, but it proved to be the most tightly contested of the match. At first it did not seem as if the Black and Gold have any problem putting the game away as they jumped out to an early five-point advantage only to have Chowan claw their way back to within a single point at 24-23.

Following a UNCP timeout sophomore Kaila



Freshman Ashley Caesar led the team in kills with 13 in the Braves’ 3-0 sweep of Chowan University Hawks. PN photo/Trevon Knight

Crowder would extinguish any chance of a comeback with a clutch kill and her fifth of the set to close out the set and secure the match for the Braves.

Crowder would finish second on the team in kills on the day with a dozen, Warren would add one more kill in the last set to finish third in kills with nine and sophomore Tyler Fitzpatrick would chip in eight kills on the day to finish fourth on the team.

The Braves would have three players finish with double digit digs. Freshman Shannon Skryd continues to

impress in her first season with the program finishing third in digs on the day with 13.

While senior Bailee Jones and junior would end this contest tied for the team lead in digs with 15 a piece, Jones led the team in assists yet again with 41 compared to a combined nine from her teammate’s collective efforts.

“I think we played well enough to win, but I think we have a lot more in us. I think we could have executed a little bit better,” McGill said of her team’s overall performance.

## Takeaways from Football vs Newberry

By Joshua Reed  
Sports Editor

While the UNCP football’s team first game back in action in nearly a month didn’t go as planned in terms of the putting points on the board, there were still some not worthy performances that deserve recognition.

**Defensive Line Applied Constant Pressure:**

The defensive line was disruptive throughout the night and especially in the first quarter.

Not only were they getting great penetration into the backfield to free up their linebackers to make tackles near the line of scrimmage, they were also making plays themselves accounting for all five of the Braves’ tackles for loss and their lone sack of the night.

Redshirt junior Dominique Davis tied for third in total tackles with six from his defensive tackle spot and sophomore Taye Vereen notched the unit’s only sack on the day as well as logged five tackles.

Redshirt senior Tyler Hinton was a mainstay in the backfield; setting the edge, eliminating cut back lanes so that rushers couldn’t reverse field, constantly pressuring the quarterback and drawing holding penalties

**Offense Gets Creative with Speedy Receiver:**

An intriguing wrinkle that the Braves used in this game that gained yardage and a first down was a couple plays in which redshirt freshman receiver Tyshawn Carter found the ball in his hands. While the speedy Carter, who leads the team in yards per catch with 19.2 through three games, didn’t register a reception he was still as able to contribute on offense in certain packages.

He lined up in the back field in one instance in what appeared to be an obvious wildcat formation that the

Wolves had seen previously seen on tape, but when the ball was snapped instead of taking off or trying to find a rushing lane he opted to drop back and get a quick throw to receiver Eric Price for a three-yard reception.

His most impactful play came on the Braves third drive of the first quarter where he received a pitch from the receiver that was handed the ball on the jet sweep. Carter took a reverse end-around for an 11-yard gain to the Newberry side of the field. It fooled nearly the entire and was the first time the Black and Gold crossed into the opponent’s territory.

**Park’s Punts Prove to be Lethal:**

The Braves other standout performer was unusual projection but usual suspect as redshirt sophomore punter Isaac Parks had a sensational night kicking the ball. He was an absolute monster first half especially with a pair of punts that pinned the Wolves back deep in their own den, backing them up at their own one-yard line at the end of the first and beginning of the second quarters.

**Offensive Line Shows Signs of Improvement:**

Even though the unit surrendered three sacks on the night and the offense as a whole barely eclipsed 200 total yards (213) on 59 plays compared to Newberry’s 325 on 65 plays, they still showed some flashes of promise.

In the first half quarterbacks Josh Jones and Joshua Dale had clean pockets to work with when they were provided ample time to go through their reads, scan the field and make some throws while standing upright. However, as the game went on and especially in the second half of play, the protection began to spring leaks and the pocket often crumbled rather quickly.

## Newberry Wolves Shut Out Braves at Home 20-0

By Joshua Reed  
Sports Editor

The UNCP football team finally returned to action on Sept. 29 at Grace P. Johnson Stadium to take on the Wolves of Newberry College following an unprecedented reprieve from their athletic and scholastic seasons due to the destruction and aftermath that hurricane Florence wrought on the Carolinas.

After being forced to evacuate campus and forfeit their last two games prior to this contest due to safety concerns, the last game that Braves played was against ECSU on Sept. 8.

They hadn’t played an opponent in nearly a month and had only returned to practice as well as campus just six days prior to this match up. It seemed evident that such a hiatus had halted any of the carry over momentum and confidence from their blowout victory over Vikings earlier in the month.

It was the Braves offense that seemed the most impacted by their time apart from one another as they seemed out of sync for most of night and failed to score a single point in the team’s first shutout since the inaugural 2007 season.

“I thought the way we came out early in the game was very good and it was really sharp. It was a great contest back and forth and we were really holding our own there. Obviously, we couldn’t get a ton going on offense and then obviously we had a lot of executional breakdowns and it’s tough to be able win a game when you don’t score any points,” Head Coach Shane Richardson said.

After putting up 44 of the team’s 51 points in 2018 in their last contest, the Braves weren’t able to play a complete game against a red-hot Newberry team that came into this game riding a

two-game winning streak.

While their defense and special teams kept the score relatively close and was within just two scores going into the fourth quarter, the ineptitude of the offense was the undoing of the Black and Gold in the end.

Even though true freshman quarterback Josh Jones received the starting nod from the coaching staff at the onset of this game, the Braves once again utilized a two-quarterback system putting in redshirt freshman quarterback Joshua Dale at times in this contest in hopes of better production, but both passers consistently struggled to find and hit their open receivers.

“We were fully ready to stay with him (Jones) and we didn’t have much going so obviously we needed to try to do something to generate some sort of momentum there offensively. They’re two kids that don’t have any experience to pull from other than from this year... They both do good things, they’re both different and we got to try to find a way to put points on the board with one or the other or both,” said Richardson.

Jones finished with 18-31 for 147 yards passing, no touchdowns and an ill-advised interception while throwing off his back foot with pressure in his face. In his limited game action Dale completed just two passes for five-yards and added another 19 on the ground rushing.

“I see them stepping into a big role. They’re both young and they know what is expected from them and we just have to stay on them and they’re doing a great job already. We just got to keep them poised and just encourage them from here on out,” said Sheridan.

As stout as the defense played in the first half of play, they began to whither in the second half as the game went on and the of-

fense continued their stagnate struggle, putting them back on the field without much rest.

“We played great in the first and in the second half I think we got too lackadaisical and then we didn’t stay focused up so as we got to continue on in the game we have got finish off strong and it will be a better outcome,” said Manns

The “bend but don’t break” defense that gave up just three points in the opening act began to get gashed over the final 30 minutes and ended up giving up 200 net yards on the ground after allowing just about 80 yards in their previous two contest.

“They (the defense) had a really tough quarterback situation where (the quarterback was) very mobile and I think we had a tough time with him a couple time... You got to be able to score more points than them and you got to be able to hold them to less points,” Richardson said.

Runningback Josh Sheridan was brightest and perhaps the lone standout on the offensive side of the ball as he led the Braves in both rushing (8-38 yards) and receiving (4-42). He continues to be the spark that ignites this offense and was the big play threat in this game as he picked up multiple chunk plays that went for big gains and picked up first downs.

“(Sheridan) Created a lot of things on his own. I thought he really had a couple good runs that were very... just competitive and I’m just pleased with just kind of how he looked tonight,”said Richardson.

The Braves had an opportunity to prevent the shutout on their longest and deepest drive into Newberry’s side of the field when sophomore placekicker Alex Alvarado missed his only field goal attempt wide right from 32 yards out.



# Parks Proves that Punters Are Weapons Too



Redshirt sophomore punter Isaac Parks had a fantastic outing and put up a career best against Newberry, racking up 328 yards on seven punts. PN photo/Trevon Knight

**By Joshua Reed**  
Sports Editor

In the game of football playmakers are often thought as those who play at skill positions on offense such as the starting quarterback, star receiver, dynamic running back or a game wrecking defensive player. Seldom is a player that may not even see the field for even a dozen snaps regarded as a weapon for his team, but that is exactly what redshirt sophomore punter Isaac Parks has been for the Black in Gold this season. Through the first four games of the season Parks has been a tremendous asset for the Braves with his booming punts that often flip the field, pin the oppos-

ing offenses back in their own territory and giving his gunners plenty of time to field his high arching kicks. “As far as the team goes, everything kind of builds on each other so I think I’ve done my part, but my kicks wouldn’t be as impressive if I didn’t have a bunch of great guys on special teams with me,” said Parks. He has been phenomenal on his way to amassing 44.32 net punting yards, an average that has been climbing with each game and whopping six punts of 50 or more yards. He has also exhibited surgical precision with his ball placement on his kicks as he has downed seven of his 16 attempts inside the opposing teams 20-yard line. “Part of my success here

has been because the coaches really do support me, support my decisions, they really think highly of me, so it gives me a great feeling to go out there. It’s not just the coaches, it’s the whole team is really kind of behind me when I head out there to punt,” said Parks. His best outing so far this season and of his young career came against the Wolves of Newberry College on sept. 29 in the team’s first game back in action after the aftermath of hurricane Florence. He booted seven punts for an astounding 328 yards for a 46.86 average and a long of 53 yards. “That was definitely, probably one of the best career performances I’ve ever had. A little bit of luck involved just on the 53 yarder that bounced at the two (yard line) and hit that slow role to the one-yard line. That was a little bit of luck. Aside from that, a lot of that was practiced,” said Parks. The most impressive stat of the game wasn’t even the total net yards he put up, the healthy average or even his longest punt of the day. It was the fact that he was able to put four of his seven attempts inside the 20 of Newberry’s side of the field and what was

the most jaw dropping, and awe inspiring was when he was able to have two punts downed at the Wolves’ one-yard line. As fantastic as a performance was, he doesn’t believe it is his ceiling an in fact expects even better from himself going forward and sees this as a building block and not the apex of his career. Park’s punts seem to come off his foot with the same spin, tight spiral, velocity and high arch of a

spot. If you hit the just right and you can kid of think about it’ll actually come off (upward) and roll off your foot in a way... it will just spiral off,” said Parks. The art, appreciation and impact of having not just a quality but an excellent punter is not to be underestimated or undervalued. Braves Head Coach Shane Richardson knows and is grateful for having such a weapon in his team’s arsenal because of Park’s integral part that he plays in the team’s overall success.



Parks was able to pin the Wolves back deep at their own one-yard line on back-to-back drives in the first half. PN photo/Trevon Knight

strong-armed quarterback throwing a long bomb with the same amount of touch to pin opponents back deep. “It’s not one of those things you really think about when you’re a punter because it’s just expected from you but when you get a good flat drop and it hits kind of against the sweet

“Isaac punted fantastic, absolutely. He had actually practiced that way too and so that was just a great reflection of how hard he worked and what he looked like in practice so that was very pleasing to see,” said Richardson of his punters performance against Newberry.

## Hurricane Florence Disrupted Football’s Momentum Prior to Shutout

**By Joshua Reed**  
Sports Editor

Coming off of a furious flurry of scoring in the fourth quarter of their season opener against Winston Salem State and an offensive explosion in their 51-6 rout of the ECSU Vikings, the Braves were primed to keep the high scoring ball rolling. That was until mother nature threw a wrench in what was shaping to be a well-oiled machine in the Black and Gold’s offense in the form of hurricane. This tropical storm not only cost people their lives and displaced others, it also halted whatever momentum flow that was building with the Braves’ offense before it

could crest. As a result, the UNCP football team and coaching staff was forced to evacuate campus, and some the comfort of their homes, as Florence wreaked havoc across the Carolinas. This reprieve from play and practice resulted in the team having their match ups against Catawba and Tusculum cancelled. These games will not be able to be made up and will most likely eliminate the Braves from have a chance to return to the postseason barring some good fortune and an impeccable winning streak. While they can only control what they can control, the weather and their

schedule not being one of them, the Black and Gold weren’t able to recapture their prowess for scoring points that they had established prior to the hurricane and were instead shut out for the first time in over a decade in their second home game of the season against Newberry 20-0. “Having two weeks off to where you don’t play a game and you don’t practice, its tough on any type of continuity... I think that certainly did play a factor and I just think that’s a very simple dynamic that goes into it,” Head Coach Shane Richardson. After being forced to take a significant chunk of time off in the middle of

the season, the Braves just seemed to be a bit rusty and out of sync as team, not just on offense, even though that was where it was the most glaring. “Obviously, when you have time off it messes with the momentum and the flow. Offense is a lot about timing and feeling comfortable with each other and I think that definitely had part to do with some of that but you just got to be able to seize the moment on Saturdays,” said Richardson. The challenge in trying to maintain or regain their formative form could lie within reestablishing overall focus as well as chemistry. “It was a pretty big challenge. Some of us, we

had to work out during the hurricane on our own and when time is off the mission and the togetherness kind of goes away. So, we got to do a better job of staying together and clicking more,” said redshirt junior running-back Josh Sheridan. His teammate and defensive captain redshirt senior defensive back Josh Manns didn’t believe the time off was what lead to the underwhelming performance but instead an issue of maturity. “I don’t really think it was a challenge. It’s just more of a maturity thing. We all got to focus when it’s game day, game week and then we got to practice strong and then finish the game strong,” said Manns.

## Soccer Destroys Converse to Remain Unbeaten at Home

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UNCP moved to a perfect 5-0 all time against the Valkyries of Converse as the team defeated their foes at home by a score of 5-0 on October 2. The victory also moved the Braves to a perfect 3-0 at Lumber River EMC Stadium, their home field. The team emphasized getting out and running ahead of the Converse defensive sets and scoring goals on the move. The faster pace was good for the team’s conditioning and lead to a season-high five goals. Freshman forward Bree Mason was a standout on the offensive side, scoring her goal by winning a one-on-one faceoff with the Converse goalkeeper and adding two assists. The

score was Mason’s first of the season and her young career as a Brave. Maya Grimes, Alexis Pittman, Carly Rochelle and Jillian Robson all added scores as well as the team unleashed 28 shots on the Valkyries and showcased their scoring ability. Head Coach Lars Andersson praised the team’s improved depth during the game. UNCP played all 19 players on the roster during the game with five different players scoring goals against the Valkyries. “One of the things that we talked about [at the end of last season] was [scoring more goals] we have to have more people score goals. We can’t be so one-dimensional. We didn’t have a ton of players score last year. I think we



First year forward Bree Mason was one of three Braves to record their first goals of the season against the Valkyries of Converse College. PN photo/Trevon Knight

have more widespread goal scoring, I think we have greater depth on the roster.” Andersson said. UNCP continued to be stout defensively, pitching

another shutout on their home field where they haven’t allowed a goal all season. The Braves are a flawless 10-0 in home point differential, also recording

shutouts against Chowan and Anderson earlier this year. The team rebounded nicely from the loss to Flagler in the previous game, their first full game since the team resumed play following Hurricane Florence. While a victory over one non-conference opponent does not offset the loss, the Braves did enjoy getting back in the win column and settling some of the chaos the storm delay brought to the team. “We can live in the past or we can move forward. We can focus on the problem and find a solution... We’re not pushing the panic button. We know we’re behind but we’re going to push forward.” coach Andersson said.



# Officers Killed, 6 Others Wounded In South Carolina

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FLORENCE, S.C. (AP) —

Seven South Carolina law enforcement officers were shot Wednesday, one fatally, in a confrontation with a man who held children hostage as he fired on the officers, officials said.

The suspect was taken into custody and the children weren’t hurt after a two-hour standoff in an upscale neighborhood just outside of Florence, not far from areas that were devastated by flooding from Hurricane Florence, authorities said.

The man shot three Florence County deputies from inside a home as they came to serve a warrant around 4 p.m. Wednesday, Florence County Sheriff’s Maj. Mike Nunn said.

The suspect then shot four Florence city police officers, one fatally, as officers from all around the area swarmed in to help, Florence Police Chief Allen Heidler said.

A bullet-proof vehicle had to be used to rescue the wounded officers as the man held children hostage inside for two hours, Nunn

## Jump (from page 5) How to Stay Connected

You may not be able to attend every meeting or gathering, but the ones you do get a chance to attend will be worth it.

Also, everyone understands if you miss a meeting or two, just communicate to your fellow members and president beforehand on what you have going on

said. Officials refused to say why they were serving a warrant.

They also did not name him or the wounded officers, nor did they give the conditions for the wounded. City of Florence spokesman John Wukela identified the fallen officer to The Associated Press as Terrence Carraway of Darlington. Carraway, 52, had just celebrated 30 years as a police officer in the city, Wukela said.

He was pronounced dead at a local hospital. An autopsy will be performed at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, according to the coronor’s office.

Both Heidler and Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone had tears in their eyes as they spoke to reporters about two hours after the standoff ended.

“I want you to pray for the family who lost the bravest police officer I have ever known,” Heidler said, visibly overcome by emotion at the news conference.

Condolences and outpourings of support rolled in at news of the shooting. “This is simply devastating news from Florence,” Gov. Henry McMaster tweeted.

and I’m sure they will make provision for you to stay in the loop.

### Get a Study Partner

We all know what it’s like to be in the middle of an assignment without the motivation to complete it.

Getting a study partner can not only help you stay on task but it can give you valuable input on your work.

You don’t necessarily have to have the same classes to study together. Here’s

“The selfless acts of bravery from the men and women in law enforcement is real, just like the power of prayer is real.”

Thom Berry, spokesman for the State Law Enforcement Division, said the agency had sent crime scene technicians to assist officials in Florence but were not immediately requested to help with any investigation.

Boone said investigators from Richland County would help investigate the shooting. He did not say why he wasn’t using state police like most law enforcement agencies do in officer shootings in South Carolina.

Authorities said the shootings happened in Vintage Place, an upscale neighborhood west of the city.

Neighbors said the community is full of brick homes and well-kept yards. Property records show several houses valued at more than \$400,000.

Bobby Goin stood outside waiting for police to let him back to his home where his wife and granddaughter heard gunshots from the home back further in the neighborhood.

an example: let’s say you wrote a paper for your class and you’re unsure about it; get your study partner to proofread it for you. [At times, as the writer, we tend to miss our own mistakes.]

By allowing someone else to read your work, they can note errors made and can also offer grammatical advice on your essays.

This in return could help the reader better comprehend what you are trying

“Surprised is probably an understatement,” Goin said of the shooting in the neighborhood where he has lived for 20 years. “The worst thing that goes on around here is that someone runs a stop sign and it gets posted on Facebook.”

This is the second shooting of multiple police officers in South Carolina this year. In January, a 47-year-old former banker shot four officers in York County, killing one, after his wife called 911 to report he beat her. Christian McCall pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life without parole.

Florence, a city in South Carolina’s northeastern corner home to roughly 37,000, sits at the convergence of Interstates 95 and 20. It’s the largest city in the region known as the Pee Dee, where flooding from Hurricane Florence devastated areas to the east and south.

### UNC-Pembroke

UNCP has its own plan of action when it comes to dealing with active shooter situations. The university states that you have three options when you find yourself in an active shooter

to say as you gain another perspective of your work. [You in return may be a math wiz, and your partner is struggling with understanding a math concept.]

This would give you ample opportunity to analyze their work and help them better understand how to do it.

Having a study partner could prevent you from having a rough time in school and you’ll more than likely become the best of

situation. Run, Hide and Fight.

### Run

First have an escape plan preset in your mind for these situations. Second, leave your belongings behind - don’t worry about grabbing any personal items in your escape. Also, help others escape if you cant but don’t try to move any wounded. Prevent others from possibly entering an area where the shooter may be. Try to keep your hands visible at all times during your escape to avoid being shot by police.

### Hide

Make sure to silence your cell phone (including the vibration). Secure yourself in a room and lock the door

### Fight

In an active shooter situation, fighting is a last resort option when your life is in immediate danger. Fight to incapacitate the shooter and act with as much physical aggression as possible. Use nearby items if needed to aid you.

friends.

While it may seem like a struggle to stay connected, that there are many fun and productive ways to be involved.

Whether you decide to join an organization or get a study partner, attend a production at GPAC or attend a game, do what you can to be proactive in assuring you stay ‘Linkedin’.

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