

Library Removes 25,000 Unwanted Books

By **Mason Miller & Abaigeal Brown**
Managing & Beyond Campus Editors

Since last year, the Mary Livermore Library has been discarding thousands of books from the physical collection. Due to legal restrictions that determine acceptable places to transport the old materials, dumpsters located behind the library have been getting filled with books and moved from the university to a recycling plant.

The process of putting the books in the recycling had been going on for approximately a weeks time. Dr. Swanson said 25,000 books have been recycled and about \$7,000 was made in profit during the book sale. The sale was held in late October where prices ranged from ten cents to a dollar per book.

doesn't go into the general fund of the university," said Swanson.

Old books could only be recycled or given to other depository schools, which are selected schools that the congressional district's sat through three days of a book sale and nobody bought them," Swanson said. "We put out a list of what we had available to other depository schools and we sent some to a couple other places and nobody

local schools, other libraries or simply being donated.

"A bulk book buyer came in and didn't want them. We checked around with other places such as local high schools but we're limited what we can do with state

outdated information, were designated for courses the university no longer offered or hadn't been checked out in 10+ years were discarded.

"We looked through all of the books ourselves, and if an item had not been

checked out in more than 10 years - as long as it wasn't something in our American Indian studies or something that had intrinsic value - then we had to remove those," Swanson said. "We remove things that become dated, that are of no value, in our case that have been replaced by things that are online and we remove them because space is a valuable commodity."

The first weeding process that took place at Mary Livermore Library was centered around bound periodicals, this process was previously mentioned

in The Pine Needle, Issue No. 1, Volume 79 of 2018.

Although the renovation process had been well underway, these cuts in materials allowed for more space in the library downstairs as well as upstairs where majority of study rooms are

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PN Photo/ Mason Miller

"There is a set of rules for books. When books, or what they call library materials are sold, either in a book sale or by surplus-ing or however we do it, the rule is 92% so 92 cents on the dollar has to come back to the library budget. It's income for the library, it

congressman or woman chooses to hold books and other resources. By law of North Carolina, at least one school must be acting as a depository in the state.

"All these books we [the library] didn't want anymore, the faculty didn't want anymore and they wanted them. The office in D.C. gave us permission and said the books could go to recycling."

The sight of a dumpster full of books has made some students and faculty draw questions as to where the books are going and why they are not being given to

property in terms of legally getting rid of it. I can't just take a bunch of books and give them to somebody," Swanson said.

Particular designations were made as to which books and library materials would be able to stay in Mary Livermore's collection. Any publications that had



Long lines, machine breakdowns mar vote on Election Day

By **CHRISTINA A. CASIDY, COLLEEN LONG** and **MICHAEL BALSAMO**, Associated Press
ATLANTA (AP) —

Problem signs that arose during weeks of early voting carried into Election Day as some voters across the country faced hours-long lines, malfunctioning voting equipment and unexpectedly closed polling places.

Some of the biggest back-ups were in Georgia, where the governor's race was among the nation's most-watched midterm contests and was generating heavy turnout.

One voter in Gwinnett

County, Ontario Woods, waited more than three hours and said she saw about two dozen people who had come to vote leave because of the lines.

"We've been trying to tell them to wait, but people have children," Woods said. "People are getting hungry. People are tired."

The good-government group Common Cause blamed high turnout combined with too few voting machines, ballots and workers.

Fulton County elections director Richard Barron acknowledged that some precincts did have lines of voters but said that was due to the length of the ballots

and voting machines taken from use because of an ongoing lawsuit. While voting went on without a hitch in many communities, voters from New York to Arizona faced long lines and malfunctioning equipment.

By Tuesday afternoon, the non-partisan Election Protection hotline had received about 17,500 calls from voters reporting problems at their polling places. mid-term election

Robeson County 2018 Midterm Results

By **Mason Miller**
Managing Editor

Robeson County was home to multiple local elections, and one closely watched federal election for a United States House of Representatives seat.

With 100 percent of the precincts in Robeson county reporting around before 9:00 p.m, Channing Jones with 317 votes and Theresa Locklear with 290 votes are the first victors tonight winning both seats in the Pembroke Town Council.

For more updated election coverage visit pineneedlenews.com



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HANIA NOELIA AGUILAR

November 5, 2018
Lumberton, North Carolina



SUV similar to the stolen get-away vehicle

DESCRIPTION	
Age: 13 years old at the time of disappearance	Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown	Height: 5'0" at the time of disappearance
Weight: 125 pounds at the time of disappearance	Sex: Female
Race: White (Hispanic)	



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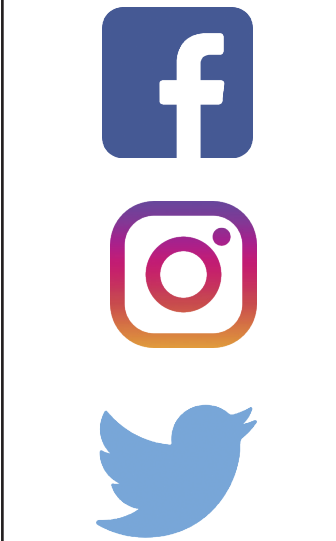
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UNCP Honors American Indians in Month Long Celebration

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

By Jessica Horne
Editor-in-Chief

In honor of the founders of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, as well as the importance of the rich cultural ties that the university has to American Indians, UNC Pembroke will hold a month long celebration of American Indian heritage (AIH).

According to Lawrence Locklear, Lumbee, author of Hail to UNCP and former Southeast American Indian Studies coordinator, “We (American Indians) celebrate our heritage 365 days a year, but it (National AIH month) gives us a month to focus on our heritage.”

Campus events centered on the traditions, practices and culture of American Indians will be held throughout the month of November.

“It is a time especially for our students to demonstrate pride in their heritage and to share our history and culture to others who are interested,” Locklear added.

He also said that this month is an opportunity to educate students and community members on American Indian history.

In addition, the month not only aims to celebrate AIH, but to educate students and American Indian students who may not be aware of American Indian history.



On Saturday, Nov. 3, dancers dressed out in American Indian regalia kickstarted the celebration of American Indian Heritage Day just before UNCP faced off against Mars Hill at 1 p.m. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

On Saturday, Nov. 3, dancers dressed out in American Indian regalia kicked off American Indian Heritage Day at Grace P. Johnson Stadium just before UNCP faced off against Mars Hill at 1 p.m.

Throughout American Indian Heritage (AIH) month, students have the opportunity to explore American Indian Heritage as they participate in these campus wide events.

Doing so will not only educate students, faculty and community members, but will also be a campus-wide celebration of the rich heritage that the university was founded on in 1887.

Without the passion of UNC Pembroke’s founders, as early educators and students of American Indian heritage who pursued the opportunity to a formal education, the university would never have existed and Americans Indians, specifically Lumbee natives of Robeson County, might not have attained the chance at a higher education until much later.

The campus wide celebration of the rich heritage that the university was founded on in 1887.

For more information on National American Indian heritage month, you can visit <https://nativeamerican-heritagemonth.gov>.

According to <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>, “In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 ‘National American Indian Heritage Month.’”

Hardee’s Is Back!



After suffering extensive fire damage on Jan. 5, 2018, Hardees officially finished repair efforts and hosted their grand opening on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2018. PN Photo/Tyana Morris



Several cars lined the drive thru area at Hardee’s on 317 W. Third St in Pembroke on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2018 around noon. PN Photo/Tyana Morris

Halloween Recap: Livermore Library Gets Spooky

By Madison Long
Staff Writer

Pembroke Activities Council (PAC) hosted a Haunted Library Halloween event in Mary Livermore Library on Oct. 29 from 7-9 p.m.

Students crafted pumpkins and skulls on the bottom floor and enjoyed the experience of an escape room on the top floor. Candy was also provided to students who participated in the event.

The library was decorated with cobwebs and orange lights in the festive spirit of Halloween.

“I’m a big fan of Halloween time and was really excited attending the haunted Livermore library,” said senior Demetria McNeill.

As students participated in the activities, Halloween music filled the library creating a spine-chilling atmosphere.

“Seeing the library decked out with spooky cobwebs and exciting Halloween decorations really put students in the mood to paint pumpkins and go through an escape room,” said freshman Jillian Shroyer.

This spooky event kickoffed the week leading up to Halloween.

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Art and Art Club’s Model Night Exhibition



A piece done by the artist Nicole “Knapps” Bell being shown at the SGA-hosted Art and Art Club’s Model Night at the UC Annex. PN Photo/ Antwon Johnson

By Antwon Johnson
Asst. Beyond Campus

UNCP’s SGA hosted an Arts and Arts Club Model Night on Oct. 30 in the UC Lounge. The event showcased talents such as visual art, musical art and poetry or spoken word.

Sophomore Jimmy Jenkins, majoring in art with a concentration in design, showcased his art which is called “No-tan”.

“No-tan is a combination of the colors black and white, similar to the yin and yang sign,” Jenkins said.

On the traditional side of art, sophomore Isaiah Holley, majoring in art with a concentration in drawing, does a variety of drawings but his favorite is the art of Realism.

“I try to put as much texture as I can, to give off that realistic feeling,” Holley said.

Holley showed many pieces of his artwork and said that his smaller drawings took 30 hours to complete and his bigger drawings took 140 hours.

He is also looking at his art from a business perspective as he sells his art on Etsy.com under the store name Artistic Shadows.

“I have a passion for art, so I want to make a living out of it,” he said.

Senior Nicole Bell, majoring in art with a concentration in studio art, showcased four works at the show, two of which were completed over the summer as a side series.

“The two four feet paintings were completed during my independent study with Professor Joseph Begnaud” Bell said. “All four paintings are considered multimedia being that I used acrylic paint, oil paint, and markers/sharpie.”

The Hertford County native specializes in drawing, sketching and painting but has great experiences with clay, pottery, sculpting and welding.

SGA Vice President Jorden Revels said that they wanted to give art students a bigger platform to show their talents.

“We believe that art is one of the biggest expressions for students,” Revels said.

When asked what they wanted the art show to accomplish, all three artists said that they hope it opens the campus’ eyes on the art department and that they have a outlet to get there name out.

“Patience is key when dealing with art and I’m very patient myself,” Holley said. “I want this show to continue to get my name out as a young artist.”

“The art show serves my purpose, which is to get my artwork seen by a lot of people,” Bell said.

“Being that digital art doesn’t get enough recognition I am excited to be able the show the potential of it at the art show,” Jenkins said.

I Am Boss Holds Organization ‘Build a Bra Event’ to Raise Breast Cancer Awareness Throughout Campus

By Octavia Johnson
Campus Life Editor

The on-campus organization I Am Boss hosted an event for Breast Cancer Awareness month, called Build-A-Bra on Oct. 24 in UC room 213 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

I Am Boss President Brittney Parris thought of the idea to design bras with ribbons, rhinestones, pearls, flowers, glitter and glitter strips.

The members of I Am Boss made the conference room into an arts and crafts studio with lots of supplies for participants to use to make their bras. Participants could use the bras provided or bring their own.

“These bras are cute,” a student said.

The plan was to give the bras to another organization, Bras for a Cause, to have a few selected to be framed and auctioned off. Some of the bras would also be given to the Cape Fear Valley Friends of the Cancer Center for patients and survivors.

Robin Johnson, adviser of I Am Boss, and Parris met with Bras for a Cause at one of their banquets.

The banquet consisted of people paying for tickets, making donations and giving awards out to people who gave the most to breast cancer patients and hospitals.

“We want to support the patients and survivors,” Parris said. “My grandma was a breast cancer survivor so that’s where I got the idea.”

I Am Boss member Shiheem Bryant called out raffle tickets to win prizes while the participants finished up on the bras. The prizes consist of pink socks, bracelets, pens and footballs. After the raffle drawings, everyone who participated got the last prizes.

“I was pleased, there were more people than I expected,” Johnson said. “It’s outside of the box and Brittney did a great job, I think we all did a great job.”

At the end, there were 14 bras that were designed and put on the table at the end of the room to dry. Alex Champ, who is in charge of public relations and social media, took pictures of

each participant with their designed bras to put on the I Am Boss social media.

Parris would love for more students to continue to attend I Am Boss’ events in the future. For the past month, I Am Boss has had a Breast Cancer Bake Sale, Brunch with a Boss and Halloween Social. Johnson agrees that this semester was I Am Boss’ best one.

“I Am Boss has been around for four years and we have made such a positive impact,” Johnson said. “We have proven that by bringing all kind of students to our events.”

According to Brave Connect, “I Am Boss is an organization who dedicates to motivate academically, develop and empower students to build their confidence, self-respect, poise and ultimately, make them BOSS.”

New Café at Library Deserves Checking Out

By Sara Bowling
Staff Writer

There’s a new eatery on campus: Café 641 is the university’s latest addition to dine around campus, located in the Mary Livermore Library.

The café serves soups, salads, sandwiches, and even Belgian waffles. They also carry coffee and smoothies. It’s just another great reason to save up those flex dollars.

Retail Manager of Sodexo Kevin Lee said Café 641 was nothing but positive; it has only been open for roughly three weeks and the feedback is exceptional.

In the future, meal replacements will be able to be used.

Debra Locklear, an employee at Café 641 said that the restaurant is ALWAYS busy, serving over 100 people a day! Hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Locklear recommended that students try the Siciliano, which consists of ham, salami, provolone cheese and veggies. She also recommended two of their most popular waffles: the Red Velvet waffle with cream cheese drizzle and whipped cream, and the Chocolate Covered Strawberry waffle with strawberry and chocolate drizzle and whipped cream.

All salads, sandwiches and waffles are fresh and made that day.

“I’m not a fan of all the extras; I prefer just a plain waffle with syrup. Even though it’s not on the menu, it was available for me and I absolutely enjoyed it. And for \$3, who could beat it,” said sophomore Brandon Snead.

Overall, Café 641 is an asset to UNC Pembroke and the community.

Make sure to stop in for a good lunch and get some studying and homework done as the semester comes to a close.



Students gather to create bras for the I Am Boss Build A Bra Event. PN Photo/ Octavia Johnson

The Latest: US urges UN to press Saudi Arabia on slaying

Nov. 5, 2018 8:21AM

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Latest on the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi (all times local):

4:15 p.m.

Five months after quitting the U.N.’s top human rights body, the United States has resurfaced at a Human Rights Council venue — calling for a “thorough, conclusive and transparent” investigation into the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Charge d’Affaires Mark Cassayre said the U.S. condemned the killing of the journalist at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul last

month.

The United States joined several dozen countries to raise the Khashoggi killing during an examination of Saudi Arabia’s record under a regular review process.

The Trump administration pulled the U.S. out of the 47-member council in June, accusing it of anti-Israel bias, among other things.

Council spokesman Rolando Gomez said the review process falls under the council and that the U.S. has announced plans to participate throughout the current round that began Monday.

12:30 p.m.

A top Saudi human

rights official has reiterated his government’s “regret and pain” over the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Speaking at a regular review of the kingdom’s record by the U.N.’s top human rights body, Bandar bin Mohammed al-Aiban, the president of the Saudi Human Rights Commission, emphasized that the monarchy had ordered an investigation to “bring the perpetrators to justice in order to bear the fact to the public.”

The killing of Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul last month was likely to come up among representatives of more than 100 countries set to

speak during the review of Saudi Arabia on Monday. Other countries, including China, Mexico, Chad and Monaco, are also due to be reviewed in coming days by the 47-member U.N.-backed body.

11:35 a.m.

A newspaper close to Turkey’s government claims that a team from Saudi Arabia sent to help Turkish authorities investigate the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi worked instead to remove evidence of the slaying.

Sabah newspaper, citing “trusted sources,” said Monday that an 11-member team of Saudi investigators that arrived in Turkey nine days after Khashoggi was

killed included a chemical expert and a toxicology expert.

On Saturday, the paper said Khashoggi’s body — which still hasn’t been found — was dismembered and removed from the Saudi Consulate in five suitcases.

Meanwhile, Khashoggi’s sons appealed for his remains to be returned so that he may be buried in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview with CNN on Sunday, the sons also said they hoped he did not suffer when he was killed.

AAUW Hosts #Selfie Event, Empowers Students

By Jasmine Mason
Asst. Campus Life Editor

On October 24, the AAUW (American Association of University Women) hosted a #selfie event in the UC Lounge to encourage students to cultivate a positive self image.

The #selfie event was a fun time for all students, especially female students to come out, make their own picture frames and to appreciate their “selfie.”

They supplied students with crafts material to decorate and customize their personal frames.

This event gave students the opportunity to stop and visualize themselves



Left to Right, Sadira Bacchus, vice president of AAUW, poses with Ranada Johnson, president of AAUW, at the #selfie event in the UC Lounge Oct. 24. PN Photo/Jasmine Mason

Additionally, it sought to empower students to take

whatever they were feeling and be able to express it on a picture frame that they would later be able to place their own image in.

It also gave students time to take a break from their work and studies and reflect back on themselves.

AAUW set up several frames on each table free to any student that was willing to participate.

The organization’s purpose is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

They also empower female students to rise above any setbacks and be a better person, for themselves and

the society.

The chapter’s President, Ranada Johnson of UNCP, stated that, “This event is giving students the opportunity to express themselves through art.”

This was a great event in order to advertise their organization and gain one on one connections with students, especially with females that may potentially be interested in joining AAUW.

When students were finished creating their personalized picture frames, they were able to take a picture with the huge picture frame AAUW provided.

The organization also offered to print the pictures

for students to keep.

Vice President of AAUW, Sadira Bacchus said of the event, “Hopefully students encourage one another to love themselves and embrace their own differences.”

Any female students interested in joining AAUW must be currently enrolled at UNCP, have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA and have good student conduct with no infractions with the Office of Student Conduct.

For more information about the American Association of University Women, you can find them on Brave Connect, through Brave Web.

Campus Movie Fest Returns to UNCP, Holds Student Short Film Competition

By Octavia Johnson
Campus Life Editor

Campus Movie Fest came to UNCP to have 55 teams of students conduct videos with professional equipment to compete for a place in the 16 spots of videos shown and top awards given on the final night. The event was on Nov. 2 in UC Annex at 7:30.

According to their website, “Campus Movie Fest is the world’s largest student film festival, the premier outlet for the next generation of filmmakers, with more than one million students at colleges and universities worldwide getting the chance to tell their stories through film.”

Campus Movie Fest’s staff travel to each university to allow students to create a video within a week of their choice that conveys a type of emotion, whether it be that of happiness, sadness, anger or empowerment.

The students came up with different kinds of videos in hope of winning the four top awards in the competition; Audience, Silver Tripod, Best Performance and Jury awards.

The staff, along with help from secret judges, deliberated to choose their final 16.

The films in the running for the first four awards were Curse of 1 University Dr., Retina, Perfection, Escape the Thought pt. 1, Escape the Thought pt. 2, A Letter to You, Anhedonia, Dreamchasers, Take the Time, As a Black Woman I Stand, Most Days are Bad Days, Everything is Better Loud, Invisible, Sage, This Is Me and For a Bigger Cause.

The event was hosted by this year’s homecoming king and queen, Paul Anderson and Cheona Emanuel.

The event had door prizes for the audiences were Beats by Dre, Echo Dot, Fire TV Stick, Drone and 32-inch TCL Roku TV. The hosts would draw a raffle ticket or choose the top tweet from different quotes on twitter.

They started with the first four movie showings; Curse of 1 University Dr., Retina, Perfection and Escape the Thought pt. 1.

Curse of 1 University Dr. was a film about a curse on the campus street from an ancient burial ground.

Retina was about a student having a bad day with the ending that the audience can interpret.

Perfection was about a student trying to balance a lot of work in college while

trying out for a part in a play. After overhearing her friends gossip about her behind her back, she committed suicide.

Escape the Thought pt. 1 was about a student battling depression and fighting with a “voice” in his head.

The next four movie showings; A Letter to You, Anhedonia, Dreamchasers and Take the Time.

A Letter to You was about a girl meeting a guy and believing that everything was great until he tried to come onto her.

Anhedonia was about a boy going through bullying, losing his mom and developing depression. He stayed on the phone with his friend only to drop it while the depression consumed him.

Dreamchasers was about two students running or chasing something.

Take the Time was a dance video with multiple students dancing to a song.

The next four films were As a Black Woman I Stand, Most Days are Bad Days, Everything is Better Loud and Escape the Thought pt. 2.

As a Black Woman I Stand showed a black woman achieving her goals after being told she couldn’t.

Most Days are Bad Days depicted a student who trying to continue his life after the death of a love one while coping with depression.

Everything is Better Loud was about the impact on how music can affect a person.

Escape the Thought pt. 2 is the sequel film of part 1 but despite trying to close that “voice” away, the student realizes he forgot his birthday then commits suicide.

“Those were our favorite ones so far,” Anderson said to the audience. “What about you guys?”

The audience answered with cheers and a few hand claps.

They started the “best dressed” competition.

The PAC members gave green bracelets to the students who they believed had the best outfit that night.

The hosts asked the audience to decide who they think were the best dressed. Asia Harrison won the most cheers for her best dressed attire.

The final movie showings were Invisible, Sage, This is Me and For a Bigger Cause.

Invisible was about a girl who feels throughout her life she’s invisible.

Sage was about a “hippie” trying to explain how her everyday life is.

This is Me was a personal documentary film about a girl’s life of surviving abuse.

For a Bigger Cause was based on a true event of the Greensboro, NC sit-in.

After all the movies were shown, the staff showed clips of the highlights and the other films that didn’t make the 16.

Then the hosts came back to give out the last door prize which they drew the name of the people from some of the films. They pulled the director of This is Me and she won a \$100 Delta Airline gift card.

The Movie Fest staff showed the award winners on the screen.

The Audience award went to For a Better Cause.

The Silver Tripod award went to Take the Time.

Best Performance award went to Tremon Massy who played “the voice” in Escaped the Thought pt. 1 and 2.

The Jury awards went to Escape the Thought pt. 1, Escape the Thought pt. 2, A Letter to You and For a Bigger Cause.

News Briefs



- An official with North Korea's Foreign Ministry issued a veiled threat Friday, warning that Pyongyang could restart "building up nuclear forces" if the US does not ease the crippling sanctions levied on North Korea. According to CNN, the comments come ahead of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's meeting with his North Korean counterpart, Kim Yong Chol, in New York this week. The piece, carried in North Korea's state-run news agency KCNA, accused Washington of believing the "foolish idea that the DPRK came out to the negotiating table, yielding to the sanctions and failing to understand that "the improvement of relations and sanctions are incompatible."
- According to CNN, Lowe's will be closing 51 North American stores. Lowe's said Monday that those locations are underperforming, and the decision will help the hardware chain focus on its most profitable stores. "The store closures are a necessary step in our strategic reassessment as we focus on building a stronger business", said CEO Marvin Ellison, in a statement.
- A total of 30 have become sick, including 10 deaths, in connection with an adenovirus outbreak at a New Jersey health care facility, the state Department of Health announced Monday. According to CNN, all but one case are children with weakened immune systems and other serious medical issues, many of whom require assistance to breathe and function, at the Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Haskell, New Jersey.
- A newlywed couple died early Sunday after the helicopter carrying them from their wedding crashed in Uvalde, Texas. According to CNN, the couple, Will Byer and Bailee Ackerman Byler, were seniors at Sam Houston State University. They got married Saturday evening at the Byler family ranch before departing on the helicopter in front of family and friends.
- Former Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle Shariff Floyd will file a \$180 million lawsuit against Dr. Andrews, the Andrews Institute for Orthopedic Surgery and others on Tuesday. According to CNN, the suit says Floyd underwent an extensive surgical procedure even though he was told he was set for minor arthroscopic knee surgery that would sideline him for at most a month. It says the former Viking was negligently given a pain blocker and suffered permanent nerve and muscle damage in his leg.
- "Rihanna does not think much of Snapchat's apology for an advertisement that appeared to mock her domestic violence incident with her former boyfriend, Chris Brown. The ad, for a game called 'Would You Rather?', featured photos of the two singers and asked users if they would 'rather slap Rihanna or punch Chris Brown.' The 'Would You Rather' ad was removed earlier this week, and Snapchat released an apology," according to CNN. Snapchat removed the ad, but the singer voiced her displeasure that the advert was ever posted in the first place. "I'd love to call it ignorance but I know you ain't that dumb. You spent money to animate something that would intentionally bring shame to [domestic violence] victims and made a joke of it," the award-winning singer published on her Instagram story. Snapchat will be investigating the posting and has said they will ensure nothing like this "disgusting" ever happens again.

Aid arrives for migrants at Mexico City stadium as US votes

By MARIA VERZA and AMY GUTHRIE, Associated Press
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Humanitarian aid converged around a stadium in Mexico City where thousands of Central American migrants winding their way toward the United States were resting Tuesday after an arduous trek that has taken them through three countries in three weeks.
Mexico City Mayor Jose Ramon Amieva said 4,500 migrants have arrived at the Jesus Martinez stadium since Sunday, and city officials are bracing to attend as many as 5,500 at the site by Wednesday. Hundreds of city employees and even more volunteers were on hand to sort donations and direct migrants toward food, water, diapers and other basics.
Migrants searched through piles of donated clothes, grabbed boxes of milk for children and lined up to make quick calls home at a stand set up by the Red Cross as U.S. voters went to the polls for midterm elections in which President Donald Trump has made the migrant caravan a central issue.
Employees from the capital's human rights commission registered new arrivals with biographical data— such as age and country of origin— and placed yellow bracelets on wrists to keep count.
Rina Valenzuela wore one of the yellow bracelets as she sat attentively listening to aid workers from the nonprofit Institute for Women in Migration explain the difficulties of applying for and securing asylum in the U.S. Valenzuela, who is from El Salvador, decided she's better off applying for refuge in Mexico.
"Why go fight there, with as much effort and as much suffering as we have gone through, just for them to turn me back? Well, no," she said.
The aid workers explained that the asylum process in the U.S. could take years, with no guarantee of approval.
Honduran Antonio Perez listened to the warnings but said he remains determined to continue north.
"This is interesting but tough news," he reflected. "But neither this nor Donald Trump is going to stop me."
The atmosphere at the stadium was more institutional and organized than what migrants encountered on the road, where townspeople pushed bags of drinking water, tacos and fruit into their hands as they passed through tiny hamlets in southern Mexico.
But there were signs Tuesday that the stadium was already nearing its capacity to hold 6,000 people.
Maria Yesenia Perez, 41, said there was no space in the stadium when she and her 8-year-old daughter arrived during the night, so the two from Honduras slept on the grass outside. Migrants pitched tents in the parking lot and constructed makeshift shelters from plywood covered with blankets and tarps. Forty portable toilets were scattered across the grass.
The stadium's enclosed space and government intervention makes it difficult for aid workers to reach the migrants, said Nancy Rojas, an Oxfam charity worker who has accompanied the migrants for weeks.
Four big tents have been set up for women and children to sleep under with thin mattresses and blankets, while men were relegated Monday night to concrete bleachers. Temperatures dropped below 52 degrees Fahrenheit (11 Celsius) during the night in a city some 7,300 feet (2,240 meters) above sea level and still hundreds of miles from the U.S. border.
City officials administered vaccines for tetanus and influenza.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 7th

Courtyard Apartments Relationship Hotline 6 - 9 p.m., Courtyard Apartments Community Building. A hotline to answer questions about relationship advice.

Thursday, Nov. 8th

Honoring Native Food Ways 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., UC Annex. Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Southeast American Indian Studies are giving out different Indigenous foods. They are also teaching about the use of the foods in diets.

Ask the Sexperts 7 - 8:30 p.m., UC Lounge. Student Health Services is working with Spectrum on discussing sexual health and sexuality with a panel of experts.

Friday, Nov. 9th

Corn Hole Tournament 5 - 8 p.m., Quad. Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting a corn hole tournament to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness and Education.

Friday Night Lights 7 - 10 p.m., Hawks Nest Game Room. Free bowling, billiards, ping pong, foosball and video games in the Hawks Nest.

Saturday, Nov. 10th

Relief... "Learning and Giving" Campus and Community Wide for Hurricane Florence 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Parking lot in front of Old Main. Broadcast Education Association Student Club are asking for donations from the campus to help with hurricane relief.

World of Music Showcase 8 - 9:30 p.m., Moore Hall Auditorium. Vocal Harmony is having a concert with different genres of music.

Monday, Nov. 12th

IEW Global Engagement Fair 12 - 1:30 p.m., UC Lounge. Students can come learn about various cultures.

International cafe 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Cafeteria. The cafe lunch will consist of different foods from around the world.

Tuesday, Nov. 13th

British Movie Night 6 - 8 p.m., Old Main 238. Office of Global Engagement and Campus Engagement and Leadership are hosting a movie night with Attack the Block with British snacks!

Wednesday, Nov. 14th

Brave Dialogue: Exploring Intersections with Indigenous and Global Nations 3 - 4:30 p.m., UC 208. For Native American Heritage Month, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting an intersectionality in relation to Native American heritage. The speaker for the event is Dr. Jane Haladay.

Thursday, Nov. 15th

Diversity Abroad 3 - 4:30 p.m., Health Science Building 117. Multicultural students and students of color will have a panel to discuss living and studying abroad.

Friday, Nov. 16th

International Festival 12 - 2 p.m., UC Lounge. Students can come and play new games from different parts of the world.

Self Defense Seminar 4 - 5:30 p.m., Auxiliary Gym. Students can learn self-defense techniques and empowerment to build their confidence.

Sunday, Nov. 18th

Movie Night: Hostiles 7 - 8 p.m., UC Lounge. UNCP's Distinguished Speaker Wes Studi will be acting in the movie "Hostiles" and students are invited to come and watch.

Monday, Nov. 19th

Distinguished Speaker Series: Wes Studi 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., GPAC. Wes Studi, a native from Oklahoma, actor and musician, is coming to UNCP to speak about his experience of successfully filling non-traditional roles.

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For additional questions or inquiries, contact us at pineneedle@uncp.edu.

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The Pine Needle

Men’s Cross Country Claims Conference Title

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The Black and Gold sent both their men’s and women’s Cross-Country teams to Augusta, G.A. on Nov. 3 to compete in the Peach Belt Conference Championships on the Redcliffe Plantation. While the women’s team finished just outside of a top-five finish, the men’s team finished in first place and captured the conference title for just the second time in program history.

The Braves were fueled to their finish atop the final standings due in major part to a pair of top two finishes by freshman Joshua Chepkesor and sophomore Silus Kipkoech. The two native Africans all the way from Edloret, Kenya finished in first and second place and were two of three Braves to finish in the top-six. Chepkesor finished the 8K course in 24:22.3 en route to becoming the second UNCP freshman in as many years to bring home top honors in the conference championship. Kipkoech, who was recently named PBC runner of the year for the second year in a row, was a mere 19 seconds behind with a time of 24:41.4 to finish as a close second. Senior Logan Ward came in sixth place with a mark of 25:07.6, and redshirt

senior Matthew Martin came across in 11th place with a time of 25:49.0. All four runners were also recipients of all-conference honors. Redshirt junior Ean Ormsby recorded a career-best time of 26:06.6 and finished in 16th place, just 1.6 seconds shy of 15th place as well as receiving on the all-conference team honors. Freshman Jarett Arabie came across in 35th place with a personal-best time of 27:02.7 and sophomore Holden Newman finished in 39th place with a time of 27:30.1, which was 47 seconds better than his previous career best in the 8K run.

For the woman’s team, freshman Skylar Moreno finished ninth with a personal-best mark of 19:01.6 to put the Black and Gold into sixth-place at the conference championship and was able to pick up an all-conference notoriety as well.

Sophomore Riley Axe finished in 30th place with a time of 19:52.5 and her fellow sophomore Molly McCann came in 39th place with a time of 20:14.7. Sophomores Corey Pethers, Shelby McMurray and Sam Badami finished in 51st, 61st and 63rd place round out the scoring for the women’s team.

Braves Volleyball Wins Last Home Match Against Warriors 3-0

By Summer Williamson
Staff Writer

Oct. 30 marked the last home game of the season for the UNC Pembroke Braves volleyball team. They had a 3-0 victory over Southern Wesleyan’s Warriors on Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night. After a weekend of losses on the road, the team made a decent comeback in the comfort of home at Lumbee Guarantee Bank Court.

In the beginning of set one, the Braves struggled to find their balance on the court and allowed the Warriors to gain a seven-point lead. With freshman Shannon Skryd’s quick reactions and senior Amber Tyndall’s

swift kills, the Braves pulled through and won the set 25-21.

Set two was an improvement with the team beginning to play with their usual intensity. Both freshmen Ashley Caesar and Skryd began to perform well at the net with blocks, while junior libero Anna Heinz, kept a tight hold on the back line. Skryd also performed well while playing the back line making many quick last-second digs. The Braves won the set 25-19.

Set three seemed to be the most difficult for the Braves. The Warriors came back from the in-between-sets break and put up a hard

fight against UNCP. With the assists from senior Bail-ee Jones and sophomore Casey O’Quinn, senior hitter Aquia Jones began to make some kills. Skryd and Caesar continued to keep their blocks up, with Heinz cleaning up what fell. The Braves pulled through the set winning 25-20.

The Braves gained this victory as a team, but the leaders of the night consisted of Jones and Skryd with 11 kills each. Tyndall had 10. Caesar and Skryd had 4 blocks each. Assists were led by Jones with 22 and followed by O’Quinn with 19. Heinz led in digs with 14 and Skryd followed with 11.



Redshirt sophomore Tyler Fitzpatrick skies over the net to send the ball back at the Warriors. The Braves won 3-0 against Southern Wesleyan on Oct. 30 PN File Photo/Trevon Knight

Braves Fall to Ohio State Buckeyes 81-63

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP men’s basketball team kicked off their 2018-2019 campaign with an exhibition bout against the Buckeyes of Ohio State University on Nov. 2. At the Schottenstein Center in Columbus, OH.

Before the action got started the volunteer assistant coach Eldon Miller, father of head coach Ben Miller, was honored by Ohio State basketball for leading the program for a decade from 1977-1986. Eldon also won a national invitational tournament title in his final season at the helm.

Ohio State jumped out to a quick 11-point lead and would have a 13-2 advantage in the opening minutes of the game. The Buckeyes would build a 23-point advantage and lead 40-17 after the Braves struggled shooting for the majority of the half and the home team dominated in the paint. The Black and Gold cut the



David Strother #2 of UNC Pembroke looking to pass the ball during the game between the Ohio State Buckeyes and UNC Pembroke at the Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio on Nov. 1, 2018. (Photo by Jason Mowry/Icon Sportswire) (Icon Sportswire via AP Images)

before the end of the half, leaving the score at 42-24. The Buckeyes were red-hot coming out of the intermission and scored the first 11 points of the second half. After trailing by as many as 30 points at one point in the half, the Braves got rolling on offense and tightened up defensively in the last five minutes of the game to bring the final score to 81-63. Senior James Murray-Boyles lead the team with 15 points, 11 of which came in the second half. Sophomore David Strother came in second on the team in scoring with 11 points and was an efficient 3-4 on three-pointers. Sophomore Tyrell Kirk was strong as a defender with nine of his team-leading 11 rebounds coming on defense. While it took the Braves awhile to settle in and make shots, the second half showed that this years’ team can hang with Division I opponents as they matched the Buckeyes’ 39 points in the second half.

Jump Pass Lifts Duke Past Miami



Duke quarterback Quentin Harris (18) passes as Miami defensive lineman Gerald Willis III (9) during th second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, in Miami Gardens, Fla. Duke won 20-12. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — This time, Duke didn’t lose on a Miami miracle.

Quentin Harris’ jump pass to Daniel Helm late in the third quarter put Duke ahead for good, and the Blue Devils got a stop on the final play to beat reeling Miami 20-12 on a rain-soaked Saturday night and hand the Hurricanes their third straight loss.

Duke outscored the Hurricanes 13-0 after halftime, and won at Miami for the first time since 1976.

“Best feeling in the

world,” Duke linebacker Ben Humphreys said. “We stuck together like glue. Adversity struck. We got down but we battled back.”

Deon Jackson scored on a 75-yard rush on the game’s first snap from scrimmage for Duke (6-3, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which secured bowl eligibility. The Blue Devils — who lost when Miami scored on an eight-lateral kickoff return as time expired at Duke in 2015 — saw this game come down to the very last play, but Miami quarterback N’Kosi Perry’s pass from the Duke

28 fell incomplete.

“The performance I had tonight, it’s definitely not acceptable,” said Perry, who completed 5 of 16 passes for 35 yards.

Deejay Dallas had an 83-yard touchdown run for Miami (5-4, 2-3) and finished with 124 rushing yards, but also fumbled the ball away twice. Travis Homer had a game-high 133 rushing yards and a touchdown for the Hurricanes.

“They fought hard. We fought hard,” Duke coach David Cutcliffe said. “That was an old-fashioned mud game. We were fortunate to

pull it out and get the win in the fourth quarter.”

It was a bad day for Miami, and a worse day for the Sunshine State.

It was just the third time in the last 40 years that Miami, Florida and Florida State, the “Big Three” of college football in the Sunshine State lost on the same day. The others were Oct. 30, 2004 and Oct. 8, 2011 — though all three schools also lost last weekend, just not on the same day.

Miami started Malik Rosier at quarterback, and he completed 8 of 12 passes for 76 yards. Perry replaced

Rosier early and they rotated throughout the game.

“It would be in our best interest if one guy steps up,” Miami coach Mark Richt said. “We’re still trying to find that answer right now.”

Miami has not scored more than 14 points in any of its last three games. Miami got to the Duke 13 in the final seconds and Lawrence Cager caught what would have been a touchdown pass with 10 ticks remaining, but he was called for offensive pass interference and two plays later the game was over.

With the field waterlogged, thanks to a first-half downpour, both offenses struggled. But Duke found a way to create its own breaks on the drive that gave it the lead.

Facing third-and-3 at the Miami 15, Jackson took a handoff, stopped short of the line of scrimmage and threw a jump pass to the 6-foot-4 Helm — who couldn’t make the initial catch, but tipped the ball over 5-foot-11 Miami safety Jaquan Johnson, then dove and caught his own deflection as Johnson punched the turf in disbelief.

“Just the game of football,” Johnson said. “Sometimes it goes like that.”

The go-ahead pass from Harris came two plays later.

UP NEXT
Duke: Host North Carolina on Nov. 10.
Miami: Visit Georgia Tech on Nov. 10.

Basketball Primed for Great Season

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP men’s basketball team is ready to embark on the 2018-19 season and they believe they are primed to not just defend their title of PBC champions, but win it outright. The Braves also intend to make a stronger playoff push after a semifinal round exit in the NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament at the end of last year’s record-setting season.

This year’s team will attempt to accomplish these goals without two of the most impactful players to ever be apart of the program as guard Brandon Watts and forward Nigel Grant both graduated this past spring.

“It’s tough, but the thing about our team is that we have so much talent and we never really had to rebuild, we just reload and go from there. We have a lot of depth just like we did last year and we have a lot of people that can score the ball,” said senior James Murray-Boyles.

Watts finished his career for the Black and Gold as one of the all-time greatest players in program history. Grant was sensational in his two years as a Brave displaying dominance in scoring as well as in the paint.

“It’s going to be a collaborative effort in order to fill the gaps. We’re going to have to change up a little bit of what we do,” said Assistant Coach Drew Richards. Watts was also the team’s best perimeter defender according to Richards. The staff would like players to step up in that role and improve defensively so that they can neutralize opposing team’s best shooters.

The team is returning with seven of their top nine players from last season.

One new player that the Braves envision playing a big role is sophomore forward Spencer Levi, who transferred in from the Division III level following a monstrous freshman season.

Forward James Murray Boyles is the team’s lone senior this year. He will no longer be coming off the bench but will instead be focal point in the Braves’ offense as well as the leader in the locker room.

“He’s grown up so much in his four years here and I couldn’t be more proud of this kid...Everything is in line for him to have a really good year. I’ve got no doubt how hard he’s been working and he’s going to do everything he can in his power to make sure his senior season goes well,” said Richards.



Freshman Bree Mason hits the ball off of the side of her foot. PN Photo/Trevon Knight

Soccer Finishes Regular Season Undefeated at Home

By Ky'Aire Goode
Asst. Sports Editor

The women’s soccer team ended their regular season on a rainy, muddy afternoon with a victory over Young Harris College, 3-1, on October 26 to finish 8-0 at home and 10-5-1 overall for the 2018 season.

The team has played its best ball throughout the year at Lumbee River EMC Stadium and the trend continued with an especially dominant first half in this game. The Braves limited the Mountain Lions to just one shot in the entire first half and scored two goals of their own to put the match out of reach early. Stacey Scott

fed a cross kick that was deflected to Bree Mason for a goal to open the scoring five minutes into the contest, and Christine Rolfes added a score on a penalty kick for the 2-0 lead. Scott would assist on another Rolfes goal in the second half to tack on insurance for UNCP.

The field conditions were slick and muddy due to on-and-off rain during the match. The rain held off for most of the key parts of the contest but began pouring down hard late. The home team mostly played ball control in the second half, trying to protect the 3-0 lead.

In the eightieth minute with the outcome already

decided, Lucero Robayo of Young Harris knocked in a goal that bounced off the slick crossbar behind UNCP goalkeeper Gina Ryan. The goal moved the final score to 3-1 and ended a season-long shutout streak that lasted over 919 on-field minutes for Ryan and the Braves.

With the win, women’s soccer looks ahead to the postseason and a first-round Peach Belt Conference Tournament matchup with the North Georgia Night-hawks.

Women’s Soccer Advances Past North Georgia

By Ky’Aire Goode
Asst. Sports Editor

The UNC Pembroke women’s soccer team advanced in the Peach Belt Conference tournament with a 1-0 first-round win over the North Georgia Nighthawks at Lumbee River EMC Stadium on Oct. 30.

The two teams had just played against each other one week earlier on the same field in the regular season on Oct. 23. The Braves won that matchup 1-0 in overtime over the then-ranked #25 Nighthawks.

The win from the week before did nothing to make the rematch any easier for the Braves. They were out-shot in the first half 10-6. The Nighthawks put up 5 corner kicks compared to zero for UNCP in the first frame.

“They came in with a great gameplan. They set up



Junior Gina Ryan goes up for a deflection on an attempt on goal by the visiting Night Hawks in the Braves’ 1-0 win. PN photo/Trevon Knight

very differently than they did a week ago. In the first half, I thought they were the better team,” head coach Lars Andersson said. Junior goalkeeper Gina Ryan logged a season-high of 11 saves in the win and

added her eight shutout of the season to her growing career resume. Eight of Ryan’s saves came in the first half as the Braves were struggling, which left North Georgia with no points to show for confusing the

Braves early in the match. “[With Gina] I thought it was a lot closer to being 2-0 than 1-1,” Andersson said of his confidence in the stand-out goalkeeper. With a clean sheet heading into the second half, the

Braves adjusted and broke the 0-0 tie on a corner kick from Christine Rolfes, who set up Stacey Scott perfectly for a header that drilled into the back of the net to score the lone goal of the game. The well-executed set-piece has been one of UNCP’s most reliable ways to score all season. The team is relentless when scrambling to put the ball in and defeated North Georgia the same way in the previous matchup. “On set pieces, you’ve gotta be committed to believing that you’re gonna put that ball in the back of the net. I joke sometimes and say ‘girls if you have to, pick it up and throw it in the back of the net,’” Andersson said. After scoring the goal, the team played tough defensively and stopped any chance of tying up the game as they grinded out a tough 1-0 victory.

Banged-Up Braves Beat Nighthawks 1-0 in Overtime

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP women’s soccer team came into their matchup with the nationally ranked Nighthawks of the University of North Georgia on Oct. 23 in the first of their two-game homestand at Lumbee River EMC Stadium to end the season a little nicked up and with plenty to play for.

With their regular starting Center Back Haley Stewart out of the line up with an injury, the Braves turned to their most consistent offensive weapon and leading scorer senior Stacy Scott, placing her in a position that she hadn’t played since her freshman season.

“I just think she’s one of our most versatile players. I think we can put her anywhere on the field and she’ll do wonderful there...She just was doing outstanding. Playing fantastic balls to our forwards and then when she’s up top she gets goals and gets it done,” said goalkeeper Gina Ryan.

Scott excelled in her interim role as defender and played a key role in helping the team and Ryan to their seventh straight home victory, as well as Ryan’s seventh straight home shutout.

“We had to play a few people play out of positions and then being able to push through and play against one of the top teams in the nation and coming out with a win is even better,” said Ryan.

Head Coach Lars Andersson was impressed with how natural and comfortable Scott seemed in that role, as well as her willingness and selflessness in sacrificing an opportunity to add to her normal stat sheet in order to help the team in their time of need.

With this shutout, Ryan is now the program’s all time leader in clean sheets in just her junior season

with 25, surpassing Braves soccer legend Whitney Beverly for the record. “It’s not really just an award just for me, it’s an award for the defense I’ve gotten to play with my three years so far here,” said Ryan.

Ryan continues to make the Black and Gold’s home goal posts seem like an impenetrable fortress with her amazing play.

“She has a calm about her, she’s technically sound thanks to Coach Padilla’s work with her and she is the ultimate competitor. I don’t think she’s driven by individual accolades even though she’s absolutely received her fair share, but she is a true team player and makes clutch saves. She makes game-changing saves and that’s incredible to have,” said Andersson.

The only point of the match came in the seventh minute of overtime.

What seemed to be a battle of great goal keeping, it was one of the more unlikely suspects that scored the winning and only goal of the game.

Sophomore Rilee Seering found herself at the right place at the right time when she was able to get the ball off her right foot for a one-timer hit following a penalty kick from Christine Rolfes. It was Seering’s first goal of the season after not seeing the field with much regularity, the shuffling of the line up due to injury provided her the opportunity to be in the position to make the play.

“When we go into overtime the first thing I say to the players is we are not here to come out with a tie, we are not satisfied with a tie, we are going to win this game and we expect to win this game,” said Andersson.

The win marks the fifteenth home victory in the past two seasons for the Braves.

Wrestling Gets Ready for Season with Black and Gold Intersquad Scrimmage



The UNCP wrestling team show cased some of their hard work from the offseason as well as some new talent in the team’s intersquad scrimmage. PN photo/Trevon Knight

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

As the UNCP wrestling team prepares to embark on their 2018-2019 season reigning ECAC champions they held their annual Black and Gold Intersquad Scrimmage on Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court on Oct. 24.

In what can be viewed as a glorified practice with an audience and spotlight introductions members of the Braves wrestling team faced off against one another in a forum that simulated a regular dual meet.

“It certainly wasn’t glorified practice because it was going live. As much as we tell the guys that this doesn’t have any bearing to who is a starter and where your status is on the team, guys still take it that way,” said Head Coach Othello “O.T.” Johnson.

Although it wasn’t an official event that counted towards anyone’s regular season record, they were able to simulate a typical live atmosphere with real officials, weigh ins as well as requiring the players to make weight.

The event featured some new faces to the to the program as well as some familiar ones in new weights or expanded roles. Former heavy weight ringer Andrew Colborn trimmed down significantly over the offseason and is now the team’s front runner for 197lbs. weight class. This is actually his more natural weight according to coach O.T. as the program originally recruited him to compete in the 174 and 184 weight classes but was asked to bulk up to the heavy weight class last season. “I think what people forget about wrestling is that even though its an individual sport, there’s a huge team component to it. Andrew was a was a guy that exemplified that last year for us...Its only fair that we allow him to compete in a weight class that is optimal for him,” said Johnson. The redshirt junior has been succeeded in the line up by sophomore Cade Smith who is expected to bring home the victories in the final match of the duals in similar fashion during the

season. The Braves won’t be able to defend their conference title because the Eastern College Athletic Conference no longer exist and the Black and Gold were not among the teams selected to become part of the new conference that was formed and as a result will be competing as an independent this season. “Its unfortunate that they were not invited to join the new conference but at the same time we got a great opportunity to get in the Mountain East (conference), which we will start competing in next season,” said Johnson. In the Mountain East the Braves will face teams such as the University of Notre Dame whose prestigious program has multiple national team championships and indivial champions. “Nothing against the conference that we were not invited into, but to have a conference that I would like to call the conference of champions is super exciting for not just our guys but for our athletic department,” said Johnson.

Mistakes and Missed Opportunities Prove Costly in Braves 34-21 Loss to Mars Hill

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

The UNCP football team returned home for the first game of a two game homestand at Grace P. Johnson Stadium on Nov.3 as their season prepares to come to a close.

They faced off with an equally struggling Mars Hill team that, like the Braves, had only two wins coming into this contest.

On a day in which the Black and Gold's offense accounted for several big plays nearly posted 400 yards of total offense, the running game churned out 103 on the ground and the defense snagged two interceptions, it wasn't enough to overcome the mistakes and missed opportunities that transpired over the course of the contest.

After the defense forced a quick three and out to open the game, running-back McKinley Nelson took his first handoff up the middle then cut up the sideline before being taken down a yard shy of the goal line.

The Braves would fail to punch the ball in from a yard out, which would

mark the first of the team's several struggles in short yardage situations as well as in redzone.

The offense would also come up short on fourth-and-1 on their next drive from the Lions' 28-yard line when fullback Dylan Hodges was stuffed on a dive play.

“You got to be able to put the ball in the endzone in that first series. To only have come away with three points there is disappointing and you want to be able to put the ball in the endzone,” said Head Coach Shane Richardson.

Punter Isaac Parks had his first attempt of the afternoon blocked and recovered for a touchdown in the endzone by Mars Hill to put them up 14-3 in the first 15 minutes of play.

The second quarter was an up and down affair for the Braves as they started it off deep in enemy territory but only managed to come out with another Alex Alvarado field goal.

They would tie the game up at 14-14 after quarterback Josh Jones hit receiver Shammond Hicks over the middle and Hicks turned on the burners and outraced



The Braves defense struggled to complete tackles and compete for contested catches in their 34-21 loss to the Lions of Mars Hill University. PN photo/Trevon Knight

the defense for a 79-yard touchdown.

After a successful two-point conversion attempt that saw Jones find receiver Aaron Whitaker, who made a nice diving snag in the back of the endzone.

The Lions would pick off a pair of ill-advised and poorly thrown passes from quarterback Joshua Dale and take a seven-point lead after a Mars Hill receiver corralled a deflected pass and managed to keep both feet in bounds for a 3-yard score.

The third quarter was one to forget for the Braves as they were completely sputtering on offense, only managing to record three total net yards in the first 15 minutes coming out of the half even though they had three drives start inside of the Lions' 50-yard line.

“The defense did a good job getting us the ball, getting a couple turnovers and it just came down to execution and we didn’t get that done at that time,” said quarterback Josh Jones.

In their first drive of the

game's final stanza, the Black and Gold brought the contest to within a single score 27-21 when the offense dialed up a perfect screen play to runningback Quadrin Williams who was able to get to the corner and sprint to the endzone nearly unscathed.

The Braves fell 34-21.

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Meet UNCP Women's Soccer Team's Biggest Fan: Grandpa Wade J. Brown

By Joshua Reed
Sports Editor

Over the past three years the most consistent source of encouragement for the UNCP soccer team outside of their coaching staff but definitely the loudest voice that can be heard even sometimes over the game day announcer and stadium speakers has come from Wade J. Brown.

Brown is the grandfather of redshirt junior team captain Carly Rochelle and has been in attendance for every one of the Braves' home games at Lumbee River EMC Stadium since his granddaughter joined the program after transferring in from UNC Wilmington prior to the 2016 season.

"I'm so proud of her and her morals, her athletic ability. Very proud of the type of girl (she's become) and what she's accomplished here at UNCP," said Brown

A constant staple in



The UNCP Soccer team will miss their biggest fan next season as senior Carly Rochelle will graduate in the spring and her grandpa will be so proud. PN photo/Trevon Knight

home crowd no matter the weather, opponent or time of day, Brown can be seen and heard loud and clear by all those within earshot of the bleachers or either side of the field as his boisterous voice can carry in similar

fashion to the pregame tunes that are funneled in through the speakers during warmups.

While he is persistently loud and lively prior to, during and especially following the conclusion

of a contest, he is never disrespectful to the players, coaches or parents of the Braves opponents and never utters a derogatory word towards anyone aside from the occasional official for missing or issuing a questionable call and or penalty.

Brown is a veteran of the Army National Guard and served five and a half years before being medically discharged a result of a hip injury. He has four brothers, a sister, two children and six grandchildren, including Rochelle.

“We got to do it in good spirits. I get rowdy sometimes. I get loud but not too rowdy” said Brown.

Rochelle claims that she seldom feels any added pressure to preform at an even higher level when he grandpa is in the stands and doesn't really get embar-
rased even when he's calling out her name and yelling his famous phrase "That's my baby right

there!”.

"I always know that family is coming, and somebody is going to support. I know some people aren't that lucky to have family up there and my Nanny and Papa come every game," said Rochelle.

He's been watching his granddaughter play soccer for about 18 years since she started as at the age of three and has attended every one of her home games at UNCP. He and few of her loved ones even hit the road for the entirety of the team's playoff run that included one at home and three straight away.

"It means everything. I'm retired, and it means a whole lot to be able to (attend). I'm very well pleased at UNCP with coach Lars (Andersson) and Brittany (Padilla)," said Brown about what it means to be able to attend home games.

A graphic titled "PARKS' PUNTS" and "BRAVES". On the left, a football player in a black jersey and helmet is shown in mid-air, punting a ball. Below him, text reads: "UNCP Punter Isaac Parks Has a knack for pinning Opponents Back Deep with his punts. He's ranked fourth overall in the Nation in Punting! Check out the Placement of some of His best boots from the 2018 Season." At the bottom right of this section, it says "Graphic By Ky'Aire Goode". The right side of the graphic features a green field with white yard lines. A series of brown circles representing punts are plotted along the field. Above the field, the numbers 3, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0 are displayed in white, corresponding to the yard lines. The word "BRAVES" is written vertically in large, bold, brown letters on the far right.

By JONATHAN DREW and TOM FOREMAN Jr., Associated Press

A North Carolina high school student shot and killed a fellow student during a fight in a crowded school hallway Monday, of-

Craig Cuffie, a 16-year-old ninth-grader. He is charged as an adult with first-degree murder and is being held in the Mecklenburg County jail. Online records don’t indicate whether he has an attorney who could com-

Within five minutes, a teacher notified school officials that she was with the student who committed the shooting, Tyrrell said, adding that the teacher said the student admitted to the shooting and was ready to surrender.

gun, and I wish I had an answer to that,” Wilcox said. “There really is no easy answer. We do not have metal detectors in our schools. We do not search our students on the way into school. Our schools and students rely on cooperation between and among each other. And today, that simply wasn’t enough.”

Sanchez told WSOC-TV in Charlotte that the shooting happened as the result of an argument that escalated. He said the victim, a friend of his, was shot in the back as he walked away. “I saw the gun and I had to run,” Sanchez said, adding that the gunshot sent students scurrying through the halls. “This is really sad to see someone go that ... has been your friend, for I don’t know how many years,” Sanchez said.



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officials said, calling the incident a case of bullying that “escalated out of control” which had students scurrying to escape and parents rushing to campus to check on their children.

The student accused of firing the fatal shot was arrested quickly as investigators secured the campus at Butler High School in Matthews, about 12 miles (19 kms) southeast of downtown Charlotte. Matthews Police Department Capt. Stason Tyrrell identified the suspect at a news conference as Jatwan

Tyrrell identified the victim as Bobby McKeithen, 16, a 10th-grader at Butler. Students remained inside with the school on lockdown for about two hours after the shooting.

According to Tyrrell, a school resource officer was in the school cafeteria at 7:14 a.m. when he and security officers heard a commotion and encountered students running in an adjacent hallway. Tyrrell said the resource officer encountered the victim, tried to give aid and called for a school lockdown.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Superintendent Clayton Wilcox said the shooting appears to have stemmed from a case of bullying “that escalated out of control.” Neither Wilcox nor Tyrrell said which student was being bullied. Tyrrell said several people apparently knew there would be an altercation at the school, but police had no information on it prior to the incident.

“Someone asked me how could someone, especially a student, come onto one of our campuses with a loaded

High school student Jorge

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Synagogue shooting worst of many hateful attacks in October

By COLLIN BINKLEY, Associated Press

Kevyn Perkins stopped cold when he saw the letters scrawled on the door to his dorm: “N----- go back” it said, inked in messy red marker. First he was blinded by confusion. Then rage. And then all he could think about was dropping out, finding a new school, escaping for good. “I thought maybe I don’t belong here. So I called my brother and I said, ‘pick me up,’” said Perkins, 19, a freshman at the University of St. Thomas, a private and mostly white school in St. Paul, Minnesota. “He said that’s what they want you to do — you have to stay there and stay strong.”

Often overlooked amid the recent intense spasms of hatred — 11 dead in Pittsburgh synagogue, two African-Americans gunned down in a Kentucky grocery store, 13 mail bombs sent to prominent Democrats — are nearly daily flashes of hate that are no less capable of leaving their victims with deep and permanent emotional wounds.

In October alone, there were dozens of examples of the kind of hatred that smolders without ever reaching national attention. It stretched from coast to coast, targeting victims because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender and myriad other differences.

An Indiana woman was arrested last week after leaving a racist letter directed at African-American neighbors, urging them to leave the neighborhood because black people weren’t welcome. As early voting started in North Carolina, a black Republican volunteer was accosted with slurs and had a gun pulled on him at a polling place, leading to one man’s arrest. An Uber passenger in Colorado was arrested after threatening his Middle Eastern driver and chasing him down the street because police said he “hated all brown people.” Violent clashes broke out in New York City after a speech by the founder of a far-right group, leading to three arrests.

In a Texas courtroom, a man was sentenced to 24 years in prison on Oct. 17 for torching a mosque near the U.S.-Mexico border last year because of what authorities said was a “rabid hatred” of Muslims. In sending the arsonist to prison, Judge John Rainey declared: “This must

stop. It is like a cancer to our society,” adding that incidents like this create “fear all over the world.” Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said xenophobic rhetoric is feeding the anxiety of the current political moment, and that anxiety is prompting fear and promoting resentment and “all the worst impulses.” “We’re living in a mo-

pushed back against Friday. He put the blame back on reporters for “creating violence” with he has called “fake news” stories. Several cases happened on college campuses, which strive to reflect the nation’s diversity but sometimes attract its intolerance.

At more than 40 colleges, racist flyers or stickers were found posted on campus in October, according to the Anti-Defamation League, which has reported a surge in activity by white supremacist groups since Trump took office.

At the College of the Holy Cross in central Massachusetts, a student was beaten in an assault that officials say was motivated by the victim’s sexual orientation. No one has been arrested in connection with the crime.

Students at DePauw University in Indiana reported four separate cases of hate speech in October. In three, racial and homophobic slurs and threats were yelled from cars passing by campus. In another case, a threat with the N-word was found in an elevator on campus.

Anti-Semitic posters appeared at the University of California, Davis, blaming Jews for allegations of sexual assault that were made against Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Several Jewish groups on campus wrote a letter demanding a stronger response from the school’s administration, saying Jews on campus have faced mounting prejudice in recent years.

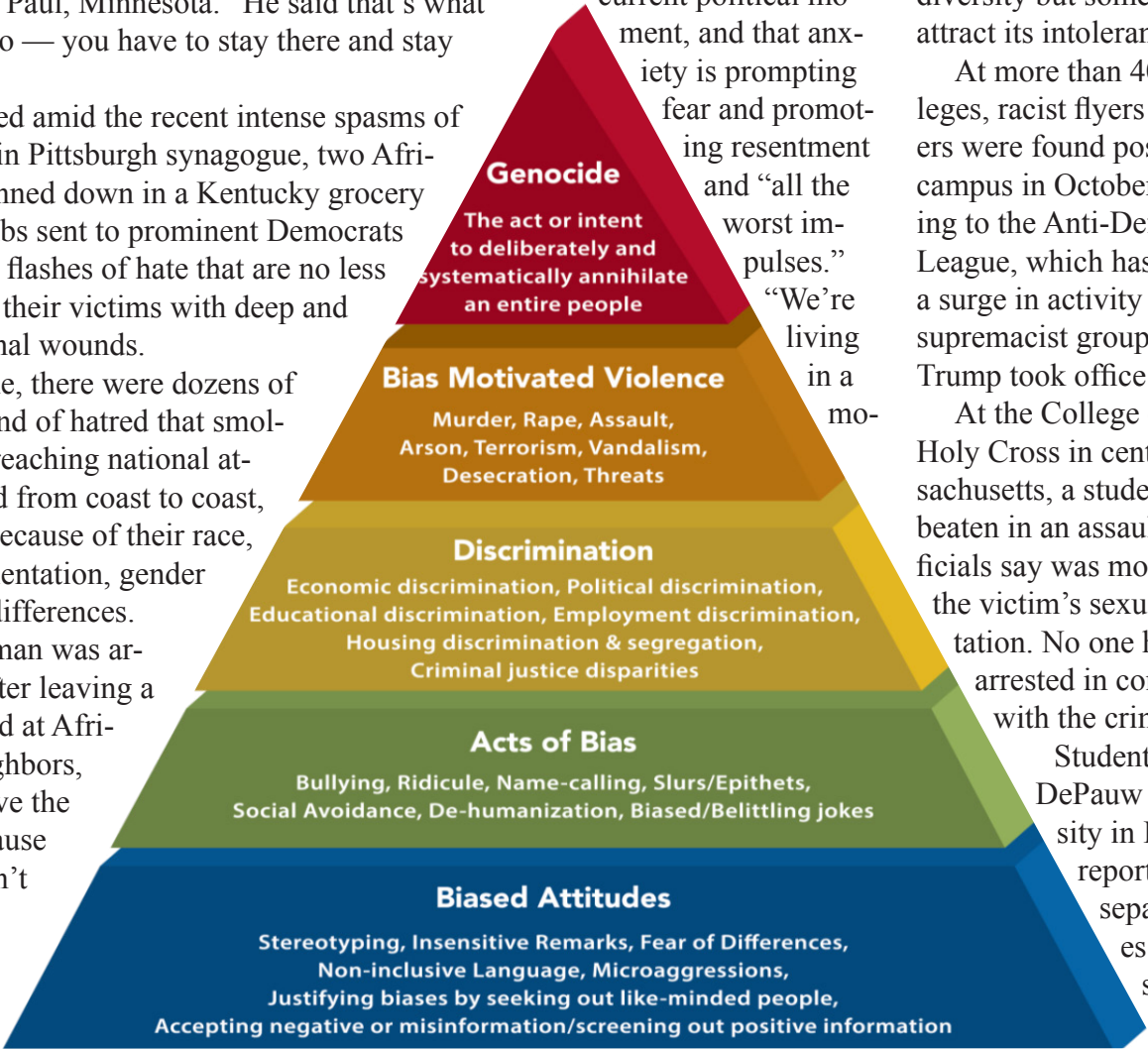
“Anti-Semitism is very real and alive on our campus,” the letter said. “Jewish students should not have to be scared of walking on campus. Students are choosing not to openly identify as Jews through our clothing.” For Perkins, the red lettering marred the image of the friendly, welcoming campus that was sold to him by college officials.

The incident led to a student protest that prompted the school to cancel class for a town hall meeting discussing racial tensions on campus.

Since he found the note Oct. 19, Perkins has become more withdrawn, he said, less outgoing. And although he decided to stay at St. Thomas, he’s left to wonder who on campus felt such hatred for him, and why.

“I’m already the odd one out, and the words, the hatred behind it really made me mad,” he said. “Degrading someone based on the color of their skin, I just couldn’t understand why someone would do that.”

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