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This year, members of the UNCP community were urged to “Catch the Spirit,” and the fans in the stands pictured here at the homecoming football game are certainly doing just that! This year’s theme was included on the new banners that were displayed throughout campus (see page 4) and on the new website that was launched at the start of the Spring 2014 semester. We have emulated the design of the new home page on the divider spreads throughout this year’s edition, and we hope that this book will enable our readers to catch—and keep—the spirit of 2013-2014 at UNCP for years to come.



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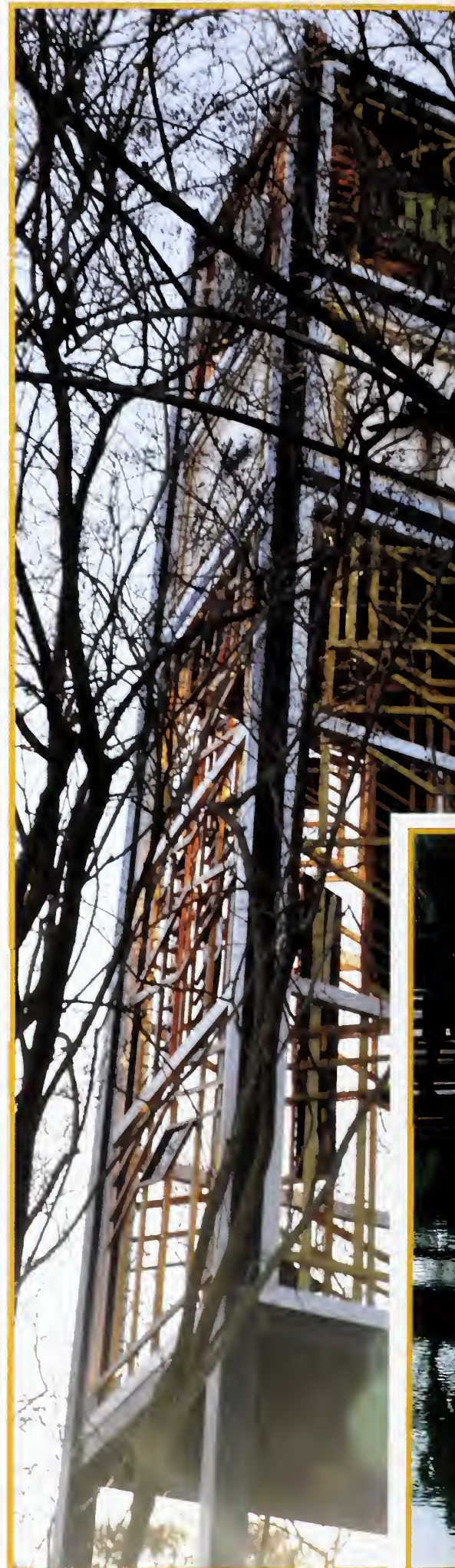
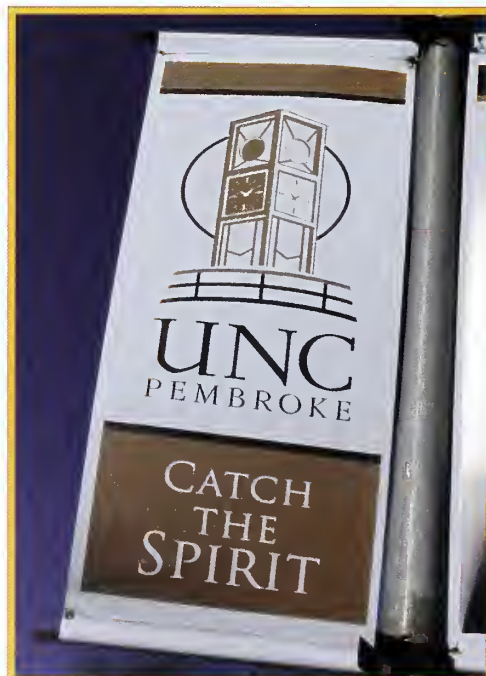
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A new era has dawned on campus as we have experienced a period of rapid growth with more still planned. However the expansion has not just been buildings. Inside those buildings brand new or greatly expanded programs have been created. From adding a football team in 2007 to unveiling a new website this year, the changes to the University are legion.

But underneath it all something else has been growing. A new era of school spirit has come as well. Changes starting out small, such as the student section getting louder to more students wearing UNCP t-shirts, are growing into something. School spirit is on the rise as students from all walks of life and in some cases from around the world start showing their UNCP spirit. This is something that resides within all of us. We will forever remember our days at this University. Catch the spirit—UNCP!

Banners (right) all across campus and even in the town encourage students to catch the spirit. The banner's graphic shows two familiar campus landmarks: the Lowry Bell Tower and the bridge over the water feature.



One of the most recognizable structures on campus is the Lowry Bell Tower (left), a campus landmark since its dedication on May 10, 1981. It is named for Ira Pate Lowry '29 and his wife Reba Millsaps Lowry, who contributed funds to pay for the carillon bells and chimes, which play UNCP's alma mater, Hail to UNCP, each day at noon and 6 p.m.



Another campus landmark is Tommy the Hawk (left), a life-size bronze statue of the University's mascot. A gift from the Class of 1999, it is located in front of the Chavis University Center. The bronze statue is 22 inches tall with a 57-inch wingspan and weighs 150 pounds. It sits on a pedestal of raw granite that weighs close to 16 tons and stands over nine feet tall. Art Professor Paul Van Zandt crafted the statue after close observations of the red-tailed hawk, which is indigenous to Robeson County.

Students use the bridge over the water feature (below) to get from their ENG 1050 class to the library during Summer Session II in July 2013. Located between the library and the D.F. Lowry Building, the water feature was dedicated in February 2002 and has become a focus for many campus activities. Freshmen walk north across this bridge on their way to Convocation in the GPAC at the start of their college careers; seniors walk south across the same bridge to enter the Quad for graduation.



From big events like Relay For Life to the many intramural sporting events, students worked together to create an exciting spirit of student life on this campus. The GPAC hosted many visiting plays and shows and through the University Players put on their own shows. The Greeks sponsored various events on their own and also all joined up during Greek Week. On Veterans Day the student body honored the service of our veterans. There were impromptu snowball fights all across campus during the snowdays. As well you could always find students at a few popular places in the town itself. Through all these events the students made this a very active campus. It is impossible to find a week when a group was not putting on some event for the benefit of the entire campus.

Hannah Rogers, Courtney Mayers, Hannah Wuellner, and Miranda Castañeda enjoy fun and fellowship while raising funds for cancer at the Spring 2013 Relay for Life, one of many events that allow students to engage with others beyond the classroom.





CATCH THE STUDENT LIFE SPIRIT!



Distinguished Guests

The University of North Carolina system's governing body convened on our campus on April 11 - 12 to honor the university's 125th anniversary. It was the first time the UNC Board of Governors (BOG) had met at UNCP, providing an opportunity for us to showcase our academic programs, state-of-the-art campus, and engaged student body to the leaders who make decisions about



the state's 17 public universities. In addition to the 32 Board of Governors members, chancellors from the other 16 institutions in the system were in attendance.

The meeting was open to the public and drew a considerable number of guests and media. It was also an historic introduction for the newest member of the Board of Governors, 2012-13 UNCP Student Government President Robert Nunnery, who will have a seat on the BOG after winning election as president of the Association of Student Governments. He is the first UNCP student to become ASG's top leader. In a statement to campus on April 12 following the BOG's departure, Chancellor Carter called the historic two-day event a "terrific success."



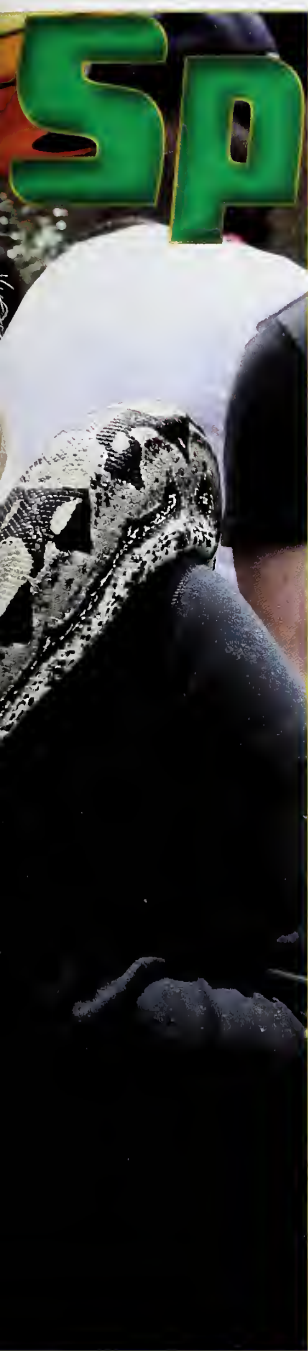
The meeting also included a visit by Governor Pat McCrory, who made our campus the site for his first major speech on education since he took office in January. Before his speech, Gov. McCrory wished UNCP a happy birthday. "You should be proud of the heritage and your history, and what you're



doing for this region, which has been hit hard by the economic situation," he said. "This great university is part of the solution."



Spring into UNCP



The closing weeks of the Spring 2013 semester were filled with activities. The annual Family Day on Saturday, April 20, brought inflatable games, face painting, free food, and live animals to the UC Lawn. On a more serious note, undergraduate students put their research in science, art, music, and more on display at the 7th annual Pembroke Undergraduate Research and Creativity (PURC) Symposium on April 3 in the UC Annex. PURC Director Dr. Lee Phillips was pleased to see the number of projects on display. "The symposium has grown so large, we are showing half the posters in the morning and half in the afternoon," he said. "We have 89 research projects and several presentations. It's a record for us."

Student research on display was remarkably diverse. Dylan Fisher explained his original jazz composition and then performed it with two other students. Artist Daniela Jimenez explained her color lithography, a combination of art and science. "What I did is called stone lithography," Jimenez explained. "It's limestone from Germany that is etched with acid." Students in classes taught by Dr. Michele Fazio and Dr. Jason Hutchens reported on their oral history project, "The Voices of the Lumbee," written and video biographies of Lumbee Elders. Amelia Philbrook said, "The project allowed me to interact and gain insight into the local community where I will be teaching." Moe Gazali said taking the classroom out into the community was an amazing experience. Daryl Mott and Anna Sanford recorded another local phenomenon. They worked with Dr.

Phillips to determine the age of the Carolina bay that comprises Jones Lake in Bladen County. "We dug down four feet and took samples to be analyzed by optical stimulated luminescence," Sanford said.



Moe Gazali (left) discusses his poster presentation on "The Voices of the Lumbee" with another student during the PURC Symposium on April 3.



Students experience close encounters with snakes (center) from the Herps Alive! program at Family Day, while younger visitors (left) enjoy the inflatable games.

Mrs. Sarah Carter and Chancellor Kyle Carter (above) chat with students on the UC Lawn during Family Day.

Walking

Relay For Life is an annual event to raise money in hopes of finding a cure for cancer. With the amount of people that have or know people that have or have had cancer, this is an event that is near and dear to many students on campus. The event took place this year on April 12 through 13, lasting twenty-four hours. Overall, more than ten thousand dollars had been raised by the different groups and organizations on campus. Many students feel that Relay For Life is a great event; even though there are fun and games, the participants and sponsors don't forget the true purpose: to raise awareness of cancer, as well as to raise money for a cure.

Another purpose of Relay For Life is to show support for those battling cancer, those that have served as caregivers for cancer victims, and survivors. One way the event shows support is to sponsor three laps around the track. The first is taken by the survivors of cancer, the second by caregivers, and the third is open to everyone. Even though it is simply walking around a track, the fact that there are so many people there, and the support that victims and survivors are receiving is inspiring and uplifting; it shows that there are people, even within the younger generation, that care and are willing to take time out of their day and night to support both loved ones and strangers. Many students not only came out to participate during the day, but also stayed the night outside. The goal is to stay awake all night, because "cancer never sleeps."



Jacki Valino and other members of Greek organizations walk as a team around the track to raise money for a cure.

Donna Zheng (right) places a candle in a bag, the first step in creating another luminary to line the path outside the UC.



For a Cure



Face painting and other fun activities make this event fun for people of all ages.

Getting hit in the face with a pie isn't so bad when you know it's for a good cause.



Greeks participate in chariot races in a fundraising event during the week leading up to Relay For Life.

Participants form close bonds, and many hugs are shared during this 24-hour event.

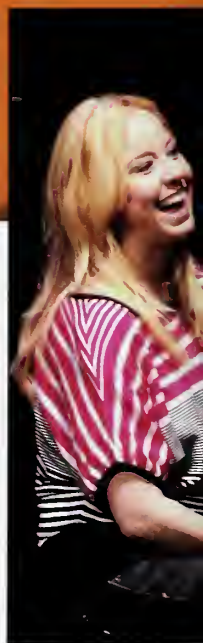
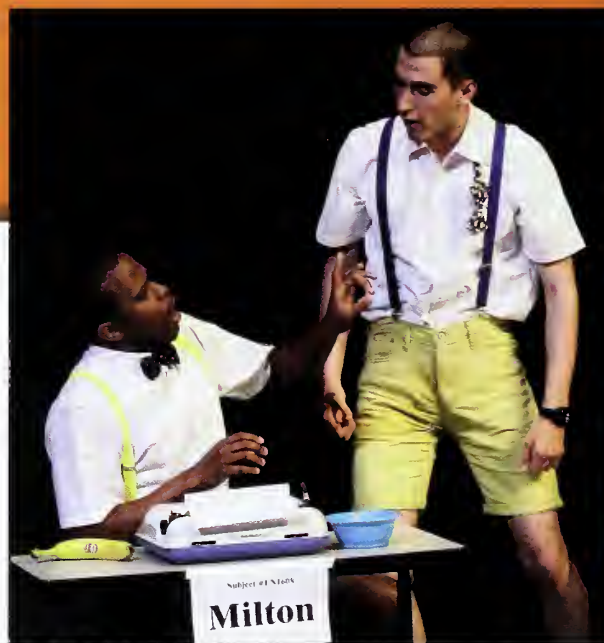
Alexis Locklear (center) gets the audience into the swing of things in *Words, Words, Words*, while Justin Winters (right) has a serious headache in *Variations on the Death of Trotsky*.



Claudia Warga and Rakcem Lawrence (below) use gestures that need no translation in *The Universal Language*.



Joseph Mull and Stephanie Varela (above) have had enough of Leon in *Variations on the Death of Trotsky*, while Joshua Shipman and Brock Chapell (right) debate a point in *Words, Words, Words*.



Playing For Time



All in the Timing, five one-act comedies by David Ives directed by Dr. Chet Jordan, played at the GPAC from April 17-20. The first play, ironically titled *Sure Thing*, featured Justin Winters and Claudia Warga as a couple on their first—and possibly last—date. This was followed by *Words, Words, Words*, which opened with Brock Chapell, Alexis Locklear, and Joshua Shipman sitting at typewriters behind signs with the names of famous authors. Through their characters' antic behavior and love of bananas, the audience gradually realized that they were not people but monkeys, playing off the old adage that a roomful of monkeys typing for an unlimited amount of time could produce the works of Shakespeare—or not! Next came *The Universal Language*, with Rakeem Lawrence as a bogus language instructor meeting a new student, Claudia Warga. Initially skeptical about Unamundo, the language he professes to be teaching, she is speaking it herself by the time another student, Joseph Mull, arrives. In *The Philadelphia*, Yasmine Gausi played a waitress in a luncheonette patronized by Rakeem Lawrence and Brock Chapell, whose taste in food was out of this world. The evening ended with *Variations on the Death of Trotsky*, in which Stephanie Varela and Joseph Mull suffered through the final hours of the title character, played by Justin Winters. Some in the audience may not have been familiar with the history of the exiled Bolshevik, but who could fail to laugh at a character who spouts revolutionary rhetoric while walking around the stage with an icepick in his head?



Claudia Warga and Justin Winters (left) seem to be a good match at the start of *Sure Thing*.

Rakeem Lawrence and Brock Chapell (above) can't agree on what to order in *The Philadelphia*.

GRADUATION

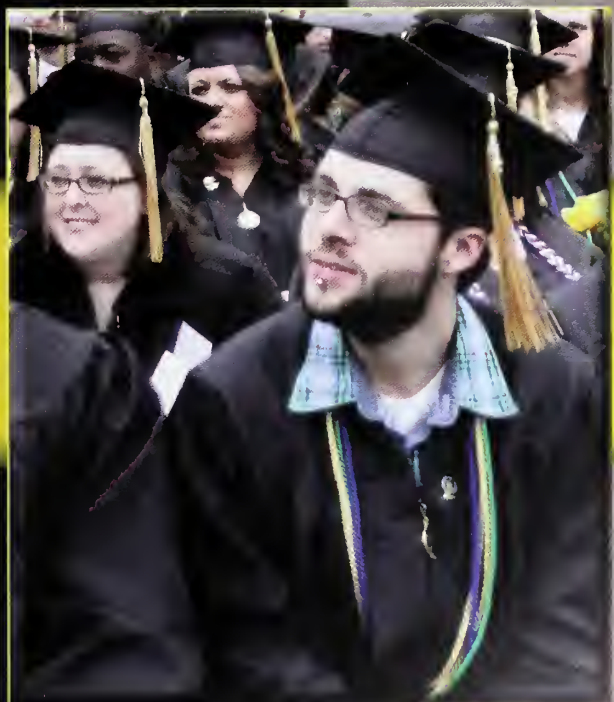


May 3-4



2013

Seniors pictured here are among the 605 students who received baccalaureate degrees on May 4. The May 2013 graduate and undergraduate commencement exercises are covered on the four pages that follow. For additional photos of May 2013 graduates, see the Seniors section on pages 132-171.



Arlinda Locklear addresses the graduates in the GPAC on May 3, urging them to emulate the vision and dedication shown by the university's founders 125 years ago. Locklear also spoke at the undergraduate commencement the following morning, when she was awarded an honorary doctorate.

The graduate below shakes hands with Chancellor Carter after receiving his newly-earned master's degree, one of a record 184 graduate degrees awarded in May 2013.

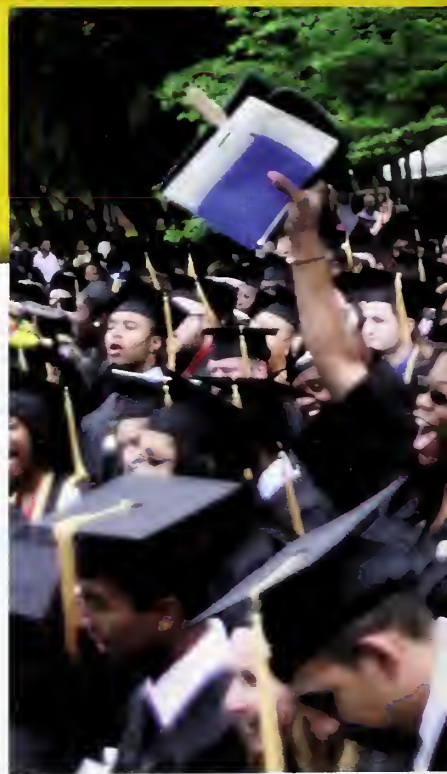


Dare . . .

In May 2013, UNCP awarded degrees to a record number of students during graduate and undergraduate commencement exercises marking the conclusion of a 14-month celebration of the university's first 125 years. Dr. Tim Ritter, a professor of physics and Iraq War veteran who received the 2013 UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence, served as grand marshal for both commencements.

On Friday evening, May 3, master's degrees were conferred on 184 graduate students in a ceremony in the Givens Performing Arts Center. Friends and family filled the GPAC to see their loved ones receive their diplomas and the hoods signifying their new degrees. Also in attendance and recognized during the event were eight members of the class of 1979, who had received the university's first graduate degrees.

Baccalaureate degrees were conferred on 605 graduates on Saturday morning, May 4, outdoors on the Quad. Family members of the class of 1940, which was the first class to receive four-year diplomas; the family of Christian White, the first white graduate in 1954; and, Sylvia Baugham Banks, the first African American graduate in 1969, also attended.





A graduate (center) celebrates her new master's degree at the reception in the UC Annex following the May 3 commencement; another student (left) receives the hood symbolizing her new degree; a third graduate (below) pauses to have her picture taken after leaving the GPAC stage with her diploma.



Seniors move their tassels and cheer their accomplishments during the undergraduate commencement exercises in the Quad on Saturday, May 4, when 605 baccalaureate degrees were awarded to conclude the 125th anniversary celebration.

... to Be Bold

Serving as speaker for both May 2013 commencement ceremonies was Arlinda Locklear, a Washington D.C.-based attorney and nationally recognized advocate for American Indian rights. Locklear, a Pembroke native who argued two landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and for many years represented the Lumbee Tribe's efforts to win federal recognition, was awarded an honorary doctorate during the ceremony. In an emotional opening to her speech, Locklear said, "It's good to be home. Now I will always be a part of the historic class of 2013, the class that graduated 125 years after the first students came to this school."

Locklear's message to the graduates combined the university's history with encouragement to the graduates to "a life lived with purpose." In the founders of the university, she found men of purpose and "lives that are worthy of emulation." They were visionaries, she said, who could never have imagined how well their dream turned out. "A life of purpose begins with a vision, a goal, a notion of what is not now, but what could be," Locklear said. "The founding fathers of this university realized that a vision required hard work, it requires dedication, it requires commitment and it requires persistence. When you apply these values, anything is possible."

"Where does the graduating class of 2013 fit into the rich history of this campus?" Locklear asked. "What will be your contribution as you soar toward your future? Will you create a legacy that is comparable to the founding trustees of this university? The possibilities are literally endless," she said. "There is among you a solution to virtually every problem that faces this region, the state of North Carolina, this nation and the world."

"A large measure of your success in meeting these challenges will depend on whether you live a life of purpose," she said. "Imagine what you would like to see in the world and make it so. This is exactly what the founders of this institution did," Locklear said. "Now, 125 years later, we celebrate them and their accomplishments. Dare to be as bold as they were."



The enthusiastic graduate above wears multiple sashes and honor cords over her gown. These represent academic accomplishments and extracurricular activities students have been engaged in during their years at UNCP.



English major Ivy Koenig smiles with pride and clutches her new diploma at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. A member of the GPAC stage crew, Ivy also served as Sports Section Editor for the 2013 edition of the Indianhead.



Seniors like the ones on the left and below experience joy and pride in their accomplishments. Despite some rain and chilly temperatures earlier in the morning, the sun came out to shine for the May 2013 graduates on their special day.



The senior on the left waves to familiar faces in the crowd as she walks down the ramp after receiving her diploma. The medallion on the zipper of her gown is a memento of the 125th anniversary celebration; the medallions were worn by all this year's graduates.

Seniors like the one pictured above scan the crowd looking for family and friends, who filled all 5,000 of the seats in the Quad.

Fall For UNCW

Between welcoming new freshmen, campus events, and of course classes, we had a busy fall semester in 2013. The freshman class had 1,085 new students, the largest freshman class in five years. The bar has been set high for this new class, though. The freshman class of 2012 had a 70% retention rate, which was far above the predictions put out by the school. As the freshmen got lost finding their way around campus, all they had to do was ask an upperclassman, and they were easily pointed in the right direction. We welcomed the new freshmen to the Braves family and hoped they would enjoy all four years here.

The sports teams kept us busy with their many games. Football in particular kept us busy as our team had an amazing season, even including a televised game. The University Players put on two shows in the fall, first an amazing production of *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, and then the timeless classic, *Romeo and Juliet*. The university showed its support for our veterans on November 11 by having a roll call of all the soldiers from North Carolina who have died fighting in the war on terror. The Greeks were very active during the fall as well. Their Greek Week was a great success with all the Greeks vying in friendly competition against each other. When Halloween rolled around, the campus sure looked the part. Students, staff, and faculty all celebrated this creepy holiday in a variety of ways.



Pepper Jensen and another student enjoy the ice cream social in Cypress Hall at the start of the fall semester.





Freshmen walk between faculty lined up to greet them on their way into the GPAC for Fall Convocation, which marks the beginning of their academic careers at UNCP.

Aparachutist drops onto the football field as part of the pre-game festivities before the season opener against Winston-Salem State, a surprise win for the Braves.



Students learn to use chopsticks during the September 2013 Moon Festival in the UC Annex.

Cinderella Braves

September 5, 2013, was a night of fun and excitement that many will remember for a very long time. In a Cinderella-like story, the Braves pulled out a 25-21 win over Winston-Salem State University. This win broke WSSU's 20-game regular season win streak; they had not lost a game since 2010, and the previous game that WSSU had played was for the Division II National Championship. This game was more than just a simple victory for the Braves; it was nationally broadcast by CBS as the Division II Game of the Week. CBS brought many staff out to report the game, along with extra lighting, a satellite uplink, and eight cameras. UNCP and the surrounding communities showed up in force, with a record-setting 7,948 fans filling the stadium for the game. The stands quickly ran out of seats, so fans lined the fences around the field, in some places five rows deep. The game was intense, with the Braves trailing for most of the game. The Braves defense really held the team together, holding the famed WSSU offense to 91 rushing yards and delighting the UNCP fans.



Students (right) fill this pickup to capacity as they get ready for the opening game of the 2013 football season.





The students at left watch the game very closely from the sidelines, convinced that the UNCP Braves are number one.

Tailgating would not be the same without cornhole. You did not have to look far (below) to see students playing a game.



Two students (above) enjoy the tailgating activities, while Dalton Hoffer, Emily Ashley, and [redacted] (left) show off their sign before the game. They were confident that the Braves could beat the WSSU Rams—and they were right!



Miss UNCP Kelsey Cummings (right) entertains the crowd by singing "Make You Feel My Love" by Adele.

Kimilla Floyd (below) speaks to a student about Student Support Services.



TOWN & GOWN

Always one of the bigger events of the year, Pembroke Day did not disappoint this year. Co-sponsored by the University and the Town of Pembroke, it takes place every year to allow the university and town to get to know each other better. Held in the Quad between Old Main and the Livermore Library, Pembroke Day opened with posting the colors, which is the flag raising ceremony, and a rendition of the National Anthem and the UNCP Alma Mater by the Pembroke Singers. The turnout was estimated at somewhere between 3,500 and 4,000. Whatever the actual number was, it was a lot of people from the community and the school mixing together and working together to put on this event. There were 146 different vendors and student organizations that participated, providing information and goodies to those who stopped at their tables. Entertaining the crowd were the UNCP band, Miss UNCP Kelsey Cummings, and other pageant winners. Another focus of Pembroke Day was health. There were 63 health representatives at Pembroke Day this year offering free health screenings along with healthy lifestyle suggestions. Pembroke Day has become a UNCP tradition, and a good one it is.





The two people on the left talk about making healthy life choices, while another student (far left) examines some of the Native American jewelry and leather ware on sale.

Professor Frederick Stephens (below) talks to students about our Social Work programs.



Native drummers (left) entertain the students and local residents who came out to Pembroke Day.

The students above hang out with the Bravehawk mascot and take selfies to record the moment.

Creepy!

Students from all across campus united for a fun day and even more fun at night in events put on by the university to celebrate Halloween. All you had to do was just look around to see many students in costumes. Everyone was catching the Halloween spirit. From clowns to superheroes, zombies, and anime characters, it was one strange day, with some teachers even offering extra credit for original costumes. The bookstore put on their 8th Annual Halloween Costume Contest, with over 20 participants in this year's competition. SGA got into the spirit as well by hosting an event where students could make Halloween decorations. The cafeteria had all kinds of special foods, including cotton candy, funnel cake, and snow cones. Good food, inspired costumes, and great events made this Halloween one to remember.

The bookstore staff also get into the Halloween spirit, including one who chose to be a clown for this year.



These students (above) show off their costumes as they compete at the bookstore.

This student (right) is dressed up as a medieval knight, complete with weapons that made others keep their distance when they passed him on campus.





Ghouls and zombies come to campus on Halloween. For an added touch of "realism," this student (left) chews on a bone.

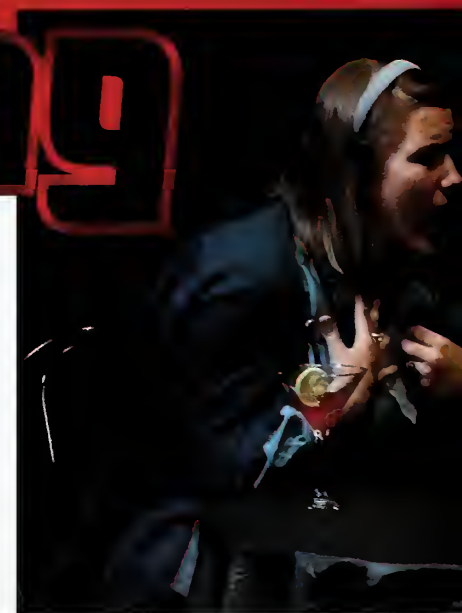
The student below, dressed up as Moses, is ready to lay down the law, while another student (below right) looks combative in a martial artist costume.



Getting into the spirit of the day, this student (left) wears cat ears as she walks away from class in the Dial Building.

The students above pretend to be scared by another student costumed as the walking dead.

Jean (Claudia Warga) has a rather intense encounter (right) with one of Gordon's business associates (Alexis Locklear, who also played the "other woman" in Gordon's life), but she forms an immediate bond (below) with his brother Dwight (Justin Winters).



SWAN SONG

Dead Man's Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl, performed on September 25-28 at the GPAC, marked the final University Theatre production directed by Dr. Chet Jordan, who stepped down as Director of our Theatre program and went into phased retirement at the end of the academic year. Cast members included Claudia Warga as Jean, who finds the dead man (Gordon, played by Stephen Shane) and answers his cell phone to start the play, and Carmella Nucci, Alex Tutts, Justin Winters, and Alexis Locklear as Gordon's mother, wife, brother, and mistress, all of whom assume Jean knew Gordon, leading to confusions and conflicts that are developed and resolved as the play continues. Kenneth Ferguson served as stage manager and Mary Grace Curiale as assistant stage manager. Pepper Jensen, Faris Teia, Kelton Walls, Michael Burns, Sayward Locklear, and Micah Simpson were the members of the crew.



Gordon's brother Dwight (Justin Winters) confronts his mother (Carmella Nucci), who always did like Gordon better (center).

Gordon (Stephen Shane) returns from the dead (left) in a scene toward the end of the play. When Jean first sees him (below), she eventually realizes that he isn't just passed out; he's dead. If only she hadn't answered his phone!

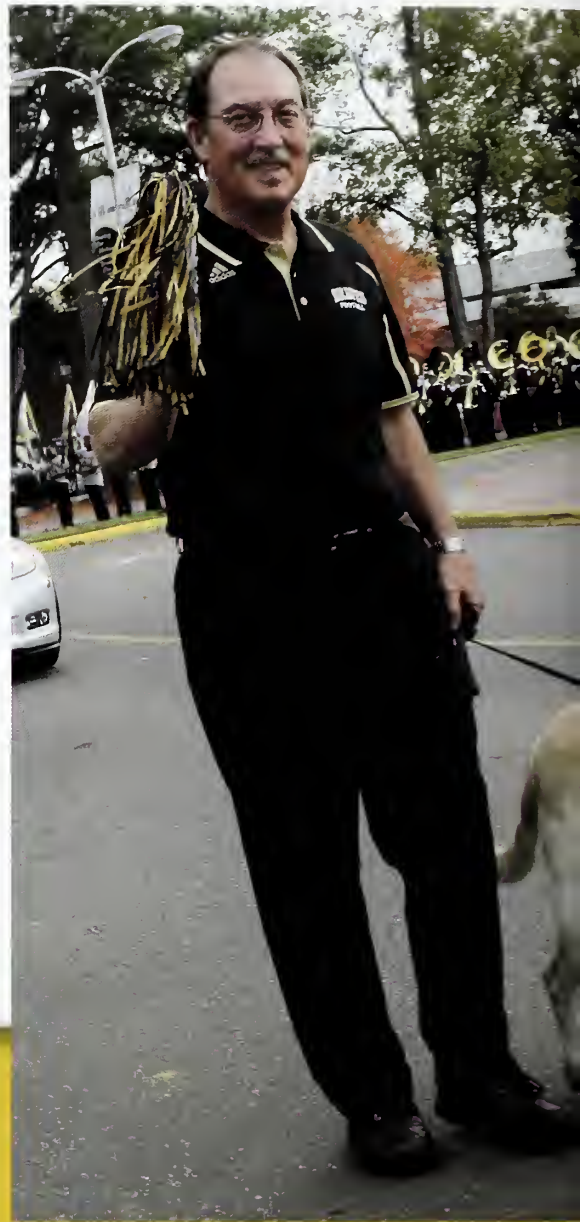


Gordon's widow Hermia (Alex Tutts) has drinks with Jean and unloads about her unhappy marriage.

Jean has dinner with Gordon's family (Carmella Nucci, Alex Tutts, and Justin Winters).

The parade always features the school's Native American heritage (right); Chancellor and Mrs. Carter participate in the parade, and even their dog Dooley catches the homecoming spirit (center).

Students from WNCP TV (below) are among a number of organizations participating in the parade.



The UNCP band (above) marches in the parade; bands from local high schools also took part.

The RAs (right) march in the Homecoming parade representing their dorms or apartments.



Students and staff who work for the Center for Academic Excellence (left) show their school spirit during the parade.

Students representing all of UN-CP's sports teams (below) ride on a float sponsored by the athletics department.



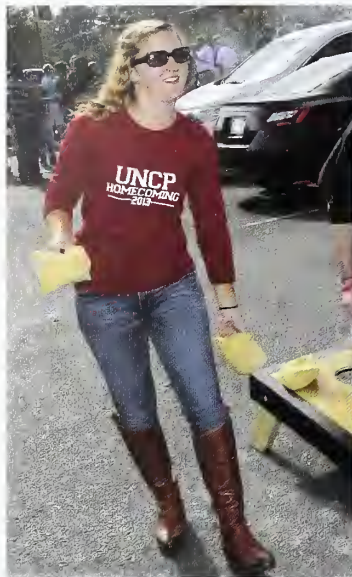
You Can

We had a very busy Homecoming this year. The theme of this year's Homecoming was "The Spirit of Pembroke," and throughout the week there were many events to entertain students and raise their spirits. From a casino night put on by ACE to the Homecoming parade, there was much to see and do during Homecoming 2013. The parade had 99 floats representing many different organizations; the UNCP marching band and bands from several local high schools provided a steady beat for the participants as the parade wound its way through campus. The university and the surrounding community turned out in force to the tune of 4,000 people to watch the parade.

We had some special guests at this year's Homecoming, as the class of 1963 held their 50th reunion amid the many events around campus. Alumni from other classes also returned to campus, especially for the football game on Saturday. Tailgating before the football game was huge, with 4,100 tailgaters hanging out before the game, cooking food, playing games, and just in general having an amazing time.

Hope Markham (right) plays cornhole during tailgating for the Homecoming game.

The food during tailgating is always an experience, with some people bringing grills (below) to cook for everyone.



GO HOME AGAIN

As the football team entered the stadium for the Homecoming game, they sure didn't look like they were coming off of a loss and a drop in the national rankings. Instead of letting the previous week's defeat get them down, they decided to put on a great show for the 5,286 fans that turned out for the game by shattering a school record. Putting up 60 points to Tusculum's 20, the 2013 Homecoming win set the school record for points. The Braves had 30 first downs and 584 yards of total offense to delight the fans.

At halftime, the Homecoming Court made an appearance on the field. This year's Homecoming King was junior business administration major Jamal Quick, and the Homecoming Queen was senior biology major Ronelle Hoff.





One fan (near left) uses a megaphone to help him cheer on the Braves, while other fans (far left) also show their support for UNCP.

The games are not just enjoyed by students and alumni. Entire families (below) come out to cheer on the Braves.



Homecoming King Jamal Quick and Homecoming Queen Ronelle Hoff (left) wave to the fans in the stands after being crowned.

Giving out t-shirts happens a lot at sporting events. This cheerleader (above) uses a slingshot to deliver the t-shirts to members of the crowd.

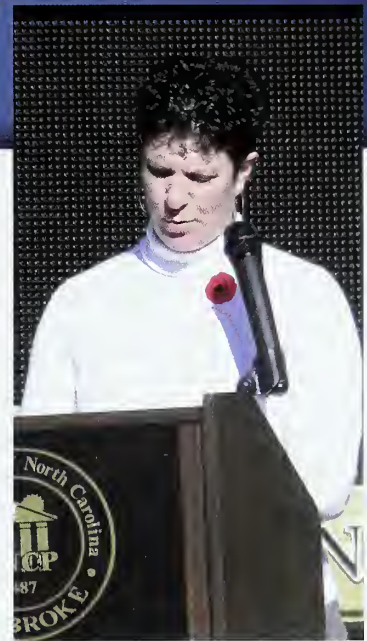




A Day to Remember

With UNCP being consistently rated a military-friendly school, it goes without saying that Veterans' Day holds a special importance to our university. This year's efforts to recognize our veterans were spearheaded by Mike Clawson, who is UNCP's Military and Veterans Services Coordinator, and the members of Student Veterans of America. Working together, they organized a Veterans' Day Roll Call during which the names of all of the service members who had died in the War on Terror were read throughout the day. In the afternoon, there was a ceremonial flag raising conducted by the ROTC cadets on the UC Lawn, after which the National Anthem was sung and "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes. It was a very solemn and moving event that many students participated in. That night, a Veterans' Reception was held in the Regional Center, open to all veterans; students, staff, faculty, and the community were all invited. The entire UNCP community thanks them for all they did and are still doing. As Douglas MacArthur observed, "The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Victoria Huggins (left) sings the National Anthem at the start of the campus Veterans' Day observance on November 11, 2013.



Athletic Director Dick Christy (left) stands in silence while the names are being read.

Captain Pitts and Sergeant First Class Koontz (above) salute the flag during the National Anthem.

SVA Member Mary Watterson (above) reads names of the fallen during the Roll Call.

Young Love

Shakespeare's classic tale of tragic love came to life at the GPAC in the University Theatre fall 2013 production of *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Holden Hansen. On a stage modeled on the original Blackfriars in London, the actors in period costumes—with some cross-dressing—evoked a range of emotions from the audience. Justin Winters and Claudia Warga played the title roles, supported by Liam Carney, Alison DeCinti, George Jackson III, Forrest Jenks, Pepper Jensen, Earnie Lee, Joseph Mull, Ashley Nichol, Carmella Nucci, Helen Paul, Jack Newhouse, Andrew Reece, Stephen Shane, Marcus Sherman, and Celen Tolentino. Mary Grace Curiale was stage manager, assisted by Micah Simpson, and Prestin Baile, D'Airrah Ellis, Spring Lowe, Courtney Campell, and Kelton Walls were the running crew. The gallery above the stage was used for more than just the famous balcony scenes. Members of the UNCP Early Musick Groupe, directed by Valerie Austin, performed there before the play began, and audience members who were brave enough could sit there to see the play from a different angle.

Romeo (Justin Winters) and Juliet (Claudia Warga) pledge their love in the first of two meetings on her balcony.



Benvolio (Ashley Nichol), Masker (Liam Carney) and Masker (George Jackson III) are amused by Mercutio's dream.

Mercutio (Carmella Nucci) gets ready to attend Father Capulet's feast.





Friar Lawrence (Stephen Shane) gives a speech about Romeo's love for Juliet.

Nurse (Marcus Sherman) receives her fan from Peter (Celen Tolentino).



The lovers are united in death after Romeo drinks poison and Juliet stabs herself in the play's tragic conclusion.

Sampson (Andrew Reece), Paris (Pepper Jensen), and Gregory (Joseph Mull) are about to start a quarrel with one another.

Oh, the Places

During two ceremonies on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, UNC Pembroke conferred degrees on its graduates. Graduate Winter Commencement saw 61 students receive master's degrees on Friday evening in the Performing Arts Center. On Saturday morning, 453 students received bachelor's degrees in the Main Gym at the Jones Health and Physical Education Center. Chancellor Kyle R. Carter thanked the graduates for inspiring him. "What is so great," he said, "is the people here at this university, each with their own unique story."

Those in attendance got to hear some of the graduates' stories, courtesy of commencement speaker and College of Arts and Sciences Professor Dr. Tim Ritter. Dr. Ritter began his address by saying he would share some advice from the book he wrote for a graduate he received his Ph.D. To the surprise and delight of the audience, that book turned out to be Dr. Bruce's *Oh, the Places*. Dr. Ritter sat on stage in a rocking chair and read it aloud. Next, he took a microphone, walked into the throng of graduates, and asked them to speak at their own commencement. The offer was met with cheers, and several students spoke at the ceremony.





At Winter Graduate Commencement on December 6, graduate students speak to their classmates, receive the hoods signifying their degrees, listen to the speeches, and celebrate at a reception in the UC Annex following the ceremony.

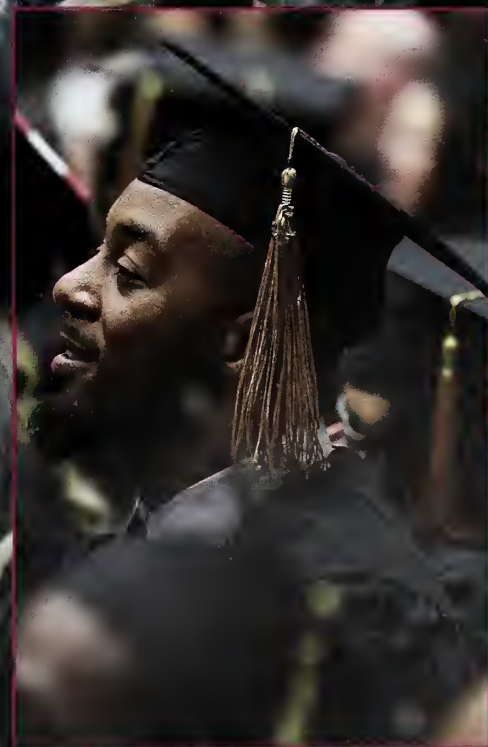
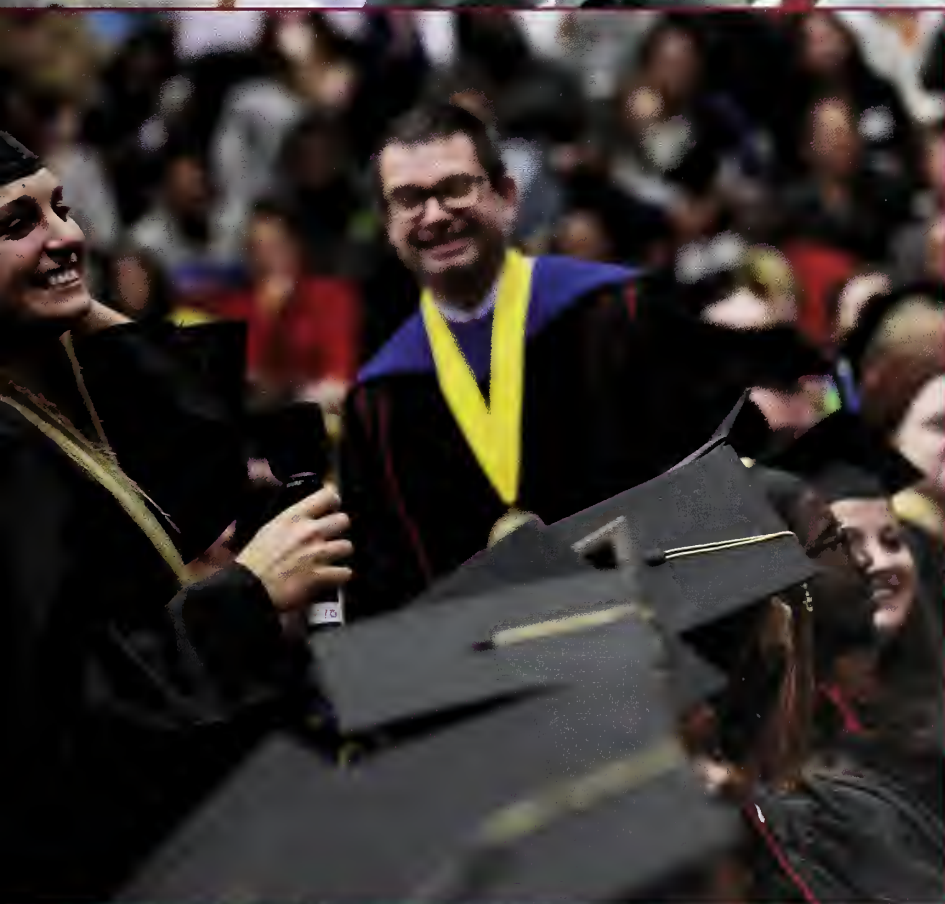


You'll Go!



*Congratulations! Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!
You have brains in your head. You have feet in
your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!*

At Winter Undergraduate Commencement on December 7, the students below wait in the Auxiliary Gym for the ceremony to begin. Once inside the Main Gym, they, too, get to listen to some of their classmates speak, courtesy of Dr. Ritter. Finally, graduates cross the stage to receive their diplomas.



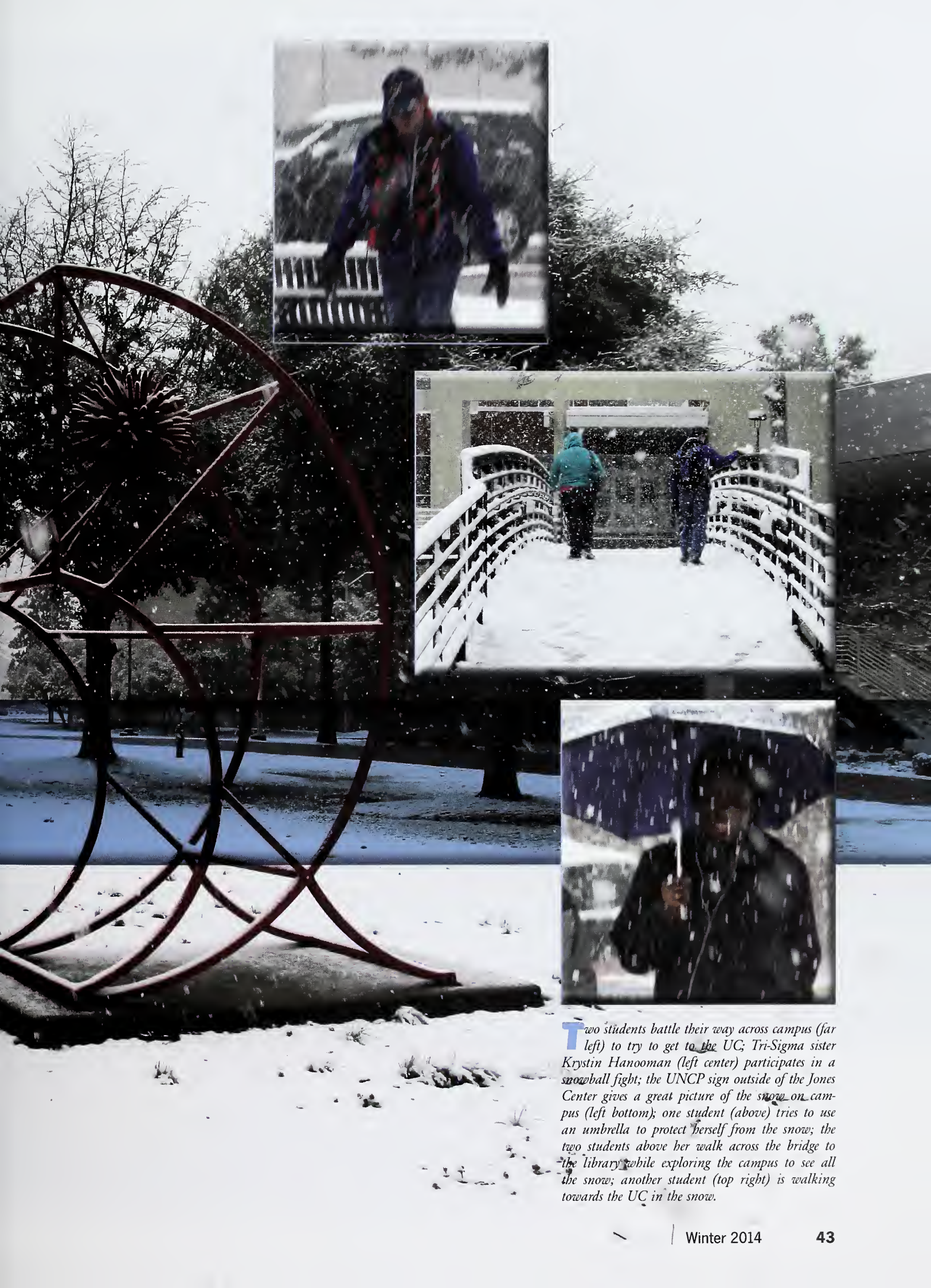
Chill Out!



Snow struck us not once but twice early in the “Spring” semester. The first storm arrived in the last week of January, causing evening classes to be cancelled on Tuesday, January 28, with the university closed all day Wednesday and all morning on Thursday. Although classes resumed on Thursday afternoon, January 30, the roads were still icy in some areas, preventing many commuters—both students and faculty—from making it to campus. Things returned to normal the following week, but a second storm brought more snow on Tuesday, February 11, cancelling classes throughout the middle of that week as well. After the snow, it started raining, and then temperatures got back down below freezing, so there was solid ice over the snow. Campus lost power briefly, but many commuter students, faculty, and staff were without power for much longer.

Despite the problems it caused, students took full advantage of this snow, and many impromptu and even planned snowball fights erupted throughout campus. For students it was a welcome break from classes, although for their teachers it meant much rearranging of syllabi, rescheduled meetings, and crammed lectures. This certainly was a winter to remember.

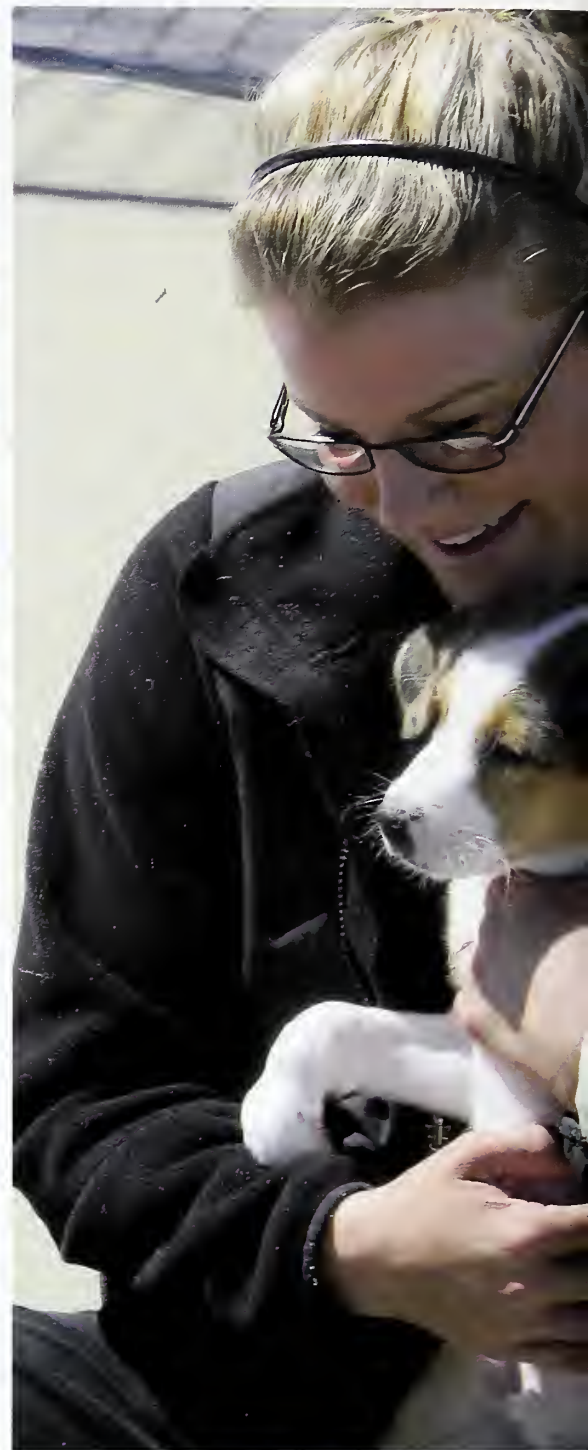




Two students battle their way across campus (far left) to try to get to the UC; Tri-Sigma sister Krystin Hanooman (left center) participates in a snowball fight; the UNCP sign outside of the Jones Center gives a great picture of the snow on campus (left bottom); one student (above) tries to use an umbrella to protect herself from the snow; the two students above her walk across the bridge to the library while exploring the campus to see all the snow; another student (top right) is walking towards the UC in the snow.

Catrina Trevino (right) attempts to interest students in Japanese manga and anime at the Student Involvement Fair.

New Head Football Coach Shane Richardson is introduced on February 21 by Athletic Director Richard Christy (below).



Madison Ricks and other Tri-Sigma sisters (right) help out at a food pantry in Lumberton on the MLK Day of Service.



A New Year

With the turn of each new year come new challenges and new experiences, and 2014 has been, and will continue to be, no different. The athletics program faced a major challenge in trying to find a new head football coach to fill the big shoes that previous head coach Pete Shinnick left. They decided to promote internally with Shane Richardson, the Braves defensive coordinator for the past seven seasons, taking up this heavy responsibility.

At the start of the Spring semester, the Student Involvement Fair in the UC Annex gave all the organizations on campus a chance to promote their activities to new and current students. Always a big event with a massive turnout, it was actually so big this semester that some organizations got wait-listed with others being unable to get a booth at all.

Students quickly shook off the winter break and got back down to studying. Classes missed due to the snow caused teachers to cram lectures together. Events like Big Man on Campus, Pet Therapy Day, and the Polar Plunge provided entertainment, while others like the Tunnel of Oppression provided enlightenment. Student organizations and individuals gave back to the community on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This new year promised to be better than the last year.

Lan Fetterolf and another member of the Geeks and Gamers Guild (left) provide information at the Student Involvement Fair.



Lee Reesor and other students (left and center) take a break from studying to play with puppies brought to campus on March 31 for Pet Therapy Day, an event sponsored by Counseling and Psychological Services and the Robeson County Humane Society.

Keeping Fit

Keeping our bodies healthy is key to a good lifestyle, and a great way to do that is through intramural sports. All the residence halls and apartments have teams, and some organizations create teams out of their members. From softball to flag football, there are many different sports you can pick from. Bonds develop between teammates as they learn each other's weaknesses and strengths, providing a great college experience for any and all who participate.

The restructured, renamed, and expanded Office of Campus Recreation dedicated its new headquarters on February 27, 2014. Director Justin Winans called it "an amazing day for campus recreation." The office will coordinate intramural and club sports, the Adventure Leadership Series, and recreational facilities, including the Auxiliary Gym, Campbell Wellness Center, Aquatics Center, and a new playing field. "Our goal is a more robust student experience to facilitate student success," Chancellor Carter said. "Recreation and fitness are an integral part of campus life."

Campus Recreation, Student Health, and the faculty/staff HEALTH Committee are working on a comprehensive university health and wellness program. Campus Recreation and Student Involvement and Leadership will collaborate to expand the Adventure Leadership Program to include additional offerings such as rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking. "Health and wellness and adventure will be a growing part of our program," Winans said.

The Campbell Wellness Center has received \$40,000 in new exercise equipment, and the pool will get new decking. A new intramural field will come online next fall, and a new nine-hole disc golf facility is planned. Students are participating in record numbers. "You can see the interest growing," Winans said. "We've grown from 19 to 28 flag football teams, 16 to 32 basketball teams, and 12 to 20 softball teams."

The Phi Delta softball team (right) participates in an intramural game in Spring 2014, with Brenton McKnight practicing his swing.



Flag football players (above) enjoy an intramural game.



The students on the right show off the medals they won for beach wrestling.



Mitchell Heterscheidt (left) focuses before the ball is pitched during an intramural softball game.

The men below are enjoying an intramural game of flag football in Fall 2013.



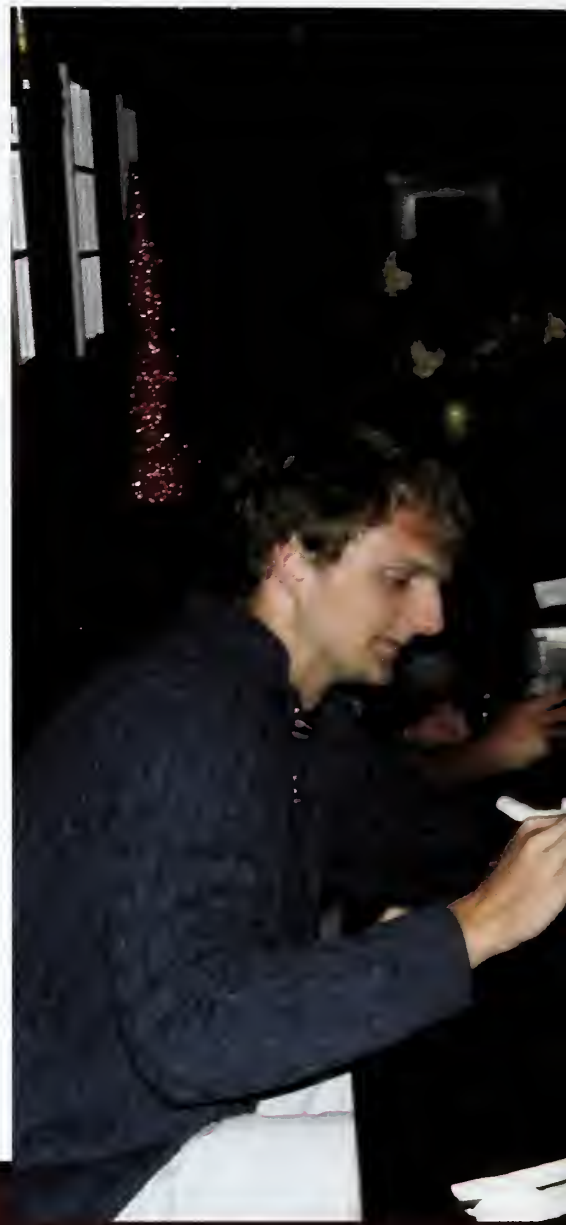
The swimmers on the left are all smiles after winning their races during intramural competition.

Swimmers (above middle) dive into the pool at the gym, while the guys above beach wrestle.

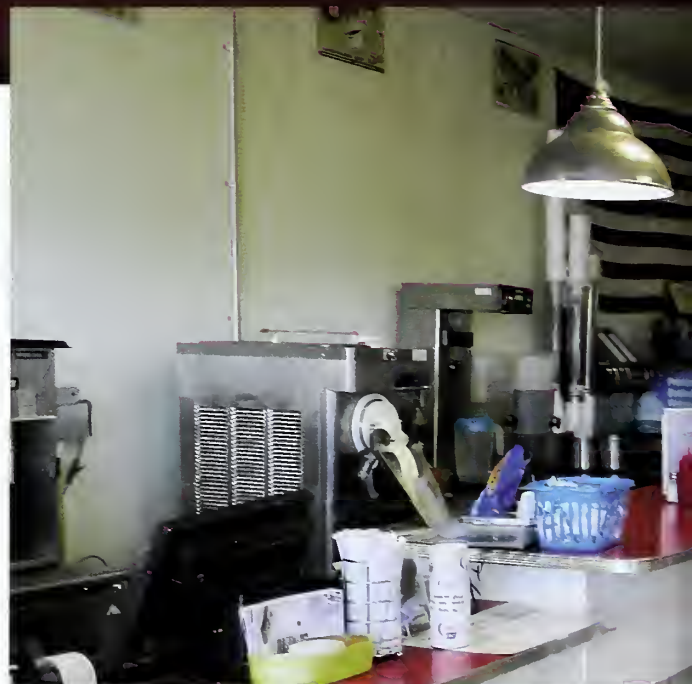
Hangin' Out

We all know the places around town we go after class—where we want to hang out with friends, where we go to de-stress after exams. There have been some major changes to our student hangouts over the course of this year. One of the favorite spots shut down on September 28, 2013; after three years in operation, Mighty J's was closed and sold. Over winter break, the restaurant underwent renovations and was reopened as The Wing Company. However, this was not the only student favorite. Tokyo expanded their bar and began doing Greek Night every Thursday with special discounts to students in Greek organizations. The changes continued over at Bert's in the UC, as the Sub Connection moved out and WOW underwent extensive renovations. Other classic places around town included San Jose and Andy's. Of course the one place most students could not work without was also on the list as a top hangout: Starbucks. No matter what time of day it was, students would be there fueling up their bodies with the caffeine needed to make it through the day. It was all of these places that really helped make UNCP the fun school it is.

Fraternity brothers Matt Powell, Luke Nelson, Caleb Smith, and Divine Riechtkab of Phi Delta enjoy a meal off campus at Tokyo.



Students also go to Tokyo (above) on Third Street in downtown Pembroke for a quick off-campus meal.





Student can get a quick meal on campus at Starbucks in the Lowry Building and the WOW Cafe, formerly Bert's, in the UC (below).

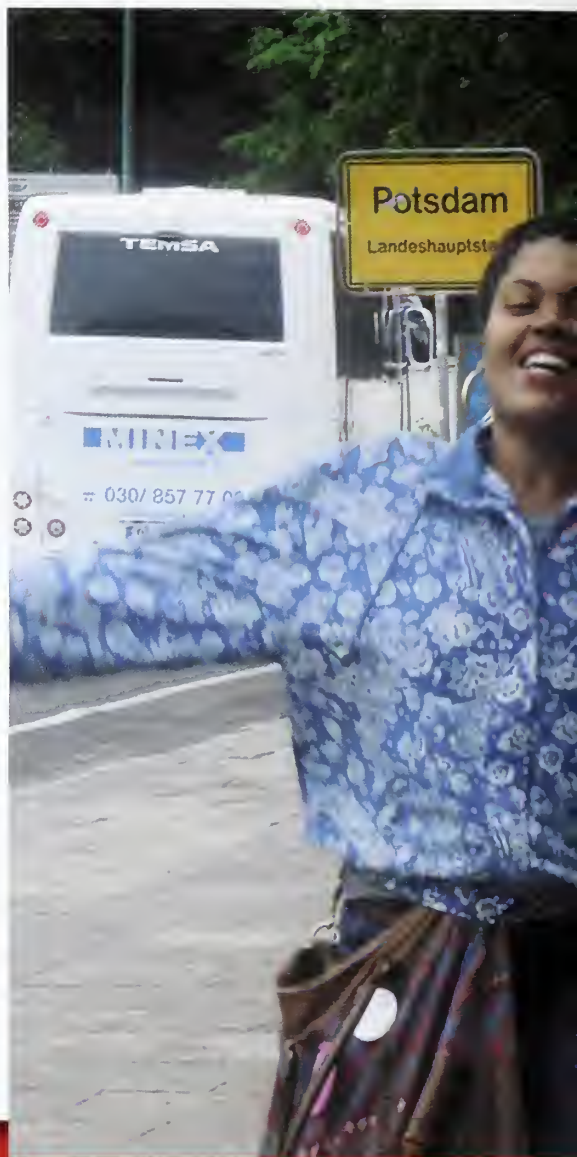


Some off-campus hangout spots, like Andy's (left) and San Jose in the Wal-Mart shopping center, take students a bit farther from campus.

The Wing Company (above) takes the place of Mighty J's across the street from campus.

You don't have to go far to experience foreign culture, as these students learn at the Moon Festival (below) in the UC Annex.

Deandra Herndan (right) walks down a street in Potsdam, Germany, during a study tour in May 2013.



Luciano Alvarado and Bry Cooper (above) examine a painting at the Stasi Museum in Berlin.

Students who went on the Berlin trip (right) pause for a group photo at the East Side Gallery in front a famous part of the Berlin Wall. Painted by Dimitiri Vrubel, it makes a political statement by showing former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev kissing East German leader Honecker.



Exchanging Cultures



Many students across the US and from around the world take the opportunity to study abroad, and UNCP is no exception to this. International Programs offers students many options to experience the world, with year- to semester-long exchange programs at universities in the UK, Sweden, Germany, Italy, and South Korea. Students who do not want to spend a whole semester or more away from home have other options. Every Maymester, Dr. Kevin Freeman and Dr. Kirill Bumin in Political Science take a group of students on a study tour of Berlin, Germany; Spanish professor Dr. Enrique Porrúa leads a similar tour to Madrid, Spain, during Spring Break. Allowing us to expand our world and see foreign cultures first-hand, these programs better prepare us for the global economy we are entering.

Students from China, Germany, and other countries also attend UNCP as exchange students, sharing their cultures and learning about ours inside and outside the classroom.



Waiting for the subway in Berlin, the students above discuss what they are learning during the trip.

Green Day's *American Idiot* (right) is another one of the musical that entertained audiences at the GPAC.

The prima ballerina soars above the corps de ballet in the Russian National Ballet Theatre's performance of *Giselle* (below).



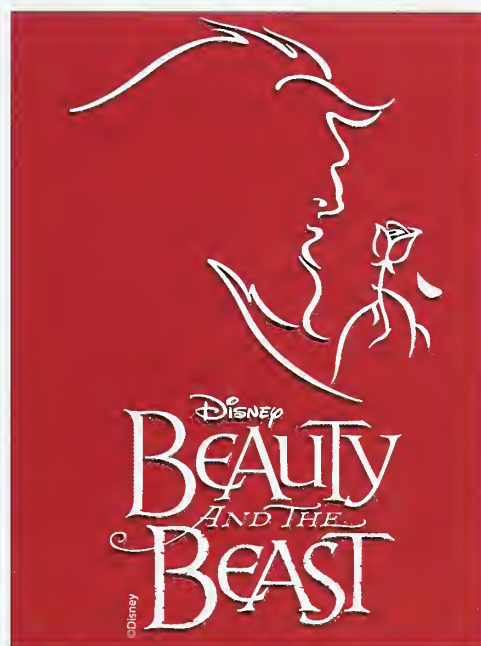
On Stage

A constant source of entertainment for students are the various shows and performers who appear at the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) every year. The Broadway and More Series brings in Broadway productions, singers, orchestras, and others. This year the classic Disney story *Beauty and the Beast* was performed in October. In January, *Memphis the Musical* also made an appearance on stage, and the Russian National Ballet Theatre performed *Giselle* this April. Green Day's *American Idiot* also graced the stage this year. Three Dog Night, the S.O.S. Band, and jazz musician Peter Nero all made appearances, and the River Music and Culture Fest was held at the GPAC this year as well. The Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra was also scheduled to fill the halls of GPAC with music. Unfortunately, their performance was cancelled due to the snow, and it could not be rescheduled. All in all, it was a very busy year for the staff over at GPAC, always working to keep us entertained.





One of the events at the GPAC was the musical Memphis (left), which tells the story of DJ Dewey Phillips.



at GPAC



The timeless classic Beauty and the Beast visited in GPAC this year (above).



Traditional dancer Jon-Morgan Clark (right) participates in the Fall 2013 NASO Powwow.

Participants in the NASO Powwow (below) gather together for a two-step dance.



Join the Circle

This school has a long and proud Native American heritage. Back when the university was founded in 1887, we originally had the purpose of educating the Native Americans living in Robeson County. It is obvious to all of us that we have grown considerably beyond where we started well over a century ago, with many new buildings and disciplines. We do not forget our Native American heritage, however; instead we continue to embrace it. Even in the newest building on campus, there is a mosaic turtle representing our heritage. UNCP is very proud of the fact that we are consistently the most diverse school in the South. This can be directly linked to that very heritage, which is celebrated in the annual powwow sponsored by the Native American Student Organization (NASO) and in other events throughout the year.





Nick Richardson and Summer Jacobs (left) lead a friendship dance, also known as the round dance.



Elders Earl Carter and Mardella Lowry (left) are honored during the powwow for their many contributions to the Native culture.



Powwow participants gather together around and around in the friendship dance (above).

Jasmine Jacobs, a Fancy Dancer, shows off her Native culture through wardrobe and dance (left).

Men gather around the drum (left) during the Fall NASO powwow.

Our thanks to Dr. Stanley Knick of the Native American Resource Center for photographs of the powwow.

No matter what we are doing later tonight, where we hang out on the weekend, or what event is happening next week, our life while we are here at UNCP revolves around academics. It is the very core of what it is to be a student at a university. We did not come just to see the football game, catch the plays at GPAC, or hang out with friends. The spirit that motivated us to come here is our desire to earn a degree; this is what we are here for. In this section of the yearbook we will take a trip around the campus, exploring the academic buildings and what goes on inside those buildings. Starting from Oxendine, we shall proceed up to Sampson and then back down to end at the Education Center and BA Building. Enjoy the trip!



Students focus on their professor's instructions in Dr. Robin Snead's composition class.





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STEM Sells

With the national increase in emphasis on preparing students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), the programs housed in the Oxendine Science Building are well-equipped to meet that challenge. UNCP students receive opportunities for research and lab experience that might not be available to undergraduates at a larger university.

Students in the Biology Department spent time in the classroom and the lab, but they also participated in various field trips that complemented their course of studies. Some hands-on learning took place here in North Carolina, while others took place out of the state, or even out of the country.

The Chemistry and Physics Department challenged students academically while also providing many special events and programs, including a Science Fair Workshop for Teachers in September, an Astronomy Days Outreach Presentation at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in January, Shine the Light on Summer Internship Experiences with Ashley Anderson and the NC Region 4 Science and Engineering Fair, both in February, chemistry seminars in March and April, and a day-long celebration of Sir Isaac Newton on April 7. In November, students Trae Griffin and Tiffany Scott travelled to the SNCURCS Symposium in Charlotte, and Victor Cole participated in the SNCURCS Annual Research Conference at UNC Charlotte. In January, students Molly Musselwhite, Georgianna Revels, Candace Langston, and Trae Griffin attended the Weightless Lumbees Microgravity Research Outreach Program in Raleigh, while Marcus Sherman, Samantha Suggs, and Karen Fagan traveled to the 2014 Southeast Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

The Math and Computer Science Department continues to produce top intellectual graduates. The department offers various programs including a bachelor of science in mathematics, information technology, computer science, as well as an Education licensure, and a Masters mathematics education degree. In one class, students used the program Mathematica to create 3D images by shining beams of light through different chemicals.

Students appreciated the experience of applying real world concepts to their academic course work.

The Political Science Department prepares graduates for careers in government, law, foreign language, journalism, and other related fields and offers students many opportunities outside of the classroom. Students are given a chance to learn about professional opportunities that help make them well-rounded students.



1—Walter Patterson, the university's 2014-15 Farm Bureau Scholar, works with bacteria in the biotechnology lab. UNCP science students are able to do lab work and research early in their college careers, an opportunity they might not get at a larger research university that focuses mainly on graduate students. **2**—Students in MAT 1050 are happy to get their assignments back from Dr. Stephen Bourquin, who makes math comprehensible even to the numerically challenged. **3**—Ornithology students learn to identify birds, one of several opportunities for field work in biology classes. **4**—Students in Dr. Roland Stout's general chemistry lab learn through the inquiry method, designing experiments to answer their own questions. **5**—Students listen as one of their classmates reports on the day's topic in Dr. Kevin Freeman's political science class. **6**—Biology students collect data from a local stream. Students in biology and environmental science classes spend time in the local environment, not just labs and classrooms. **7**—Students used microscopes to isolate bacteria in microbiology lab.



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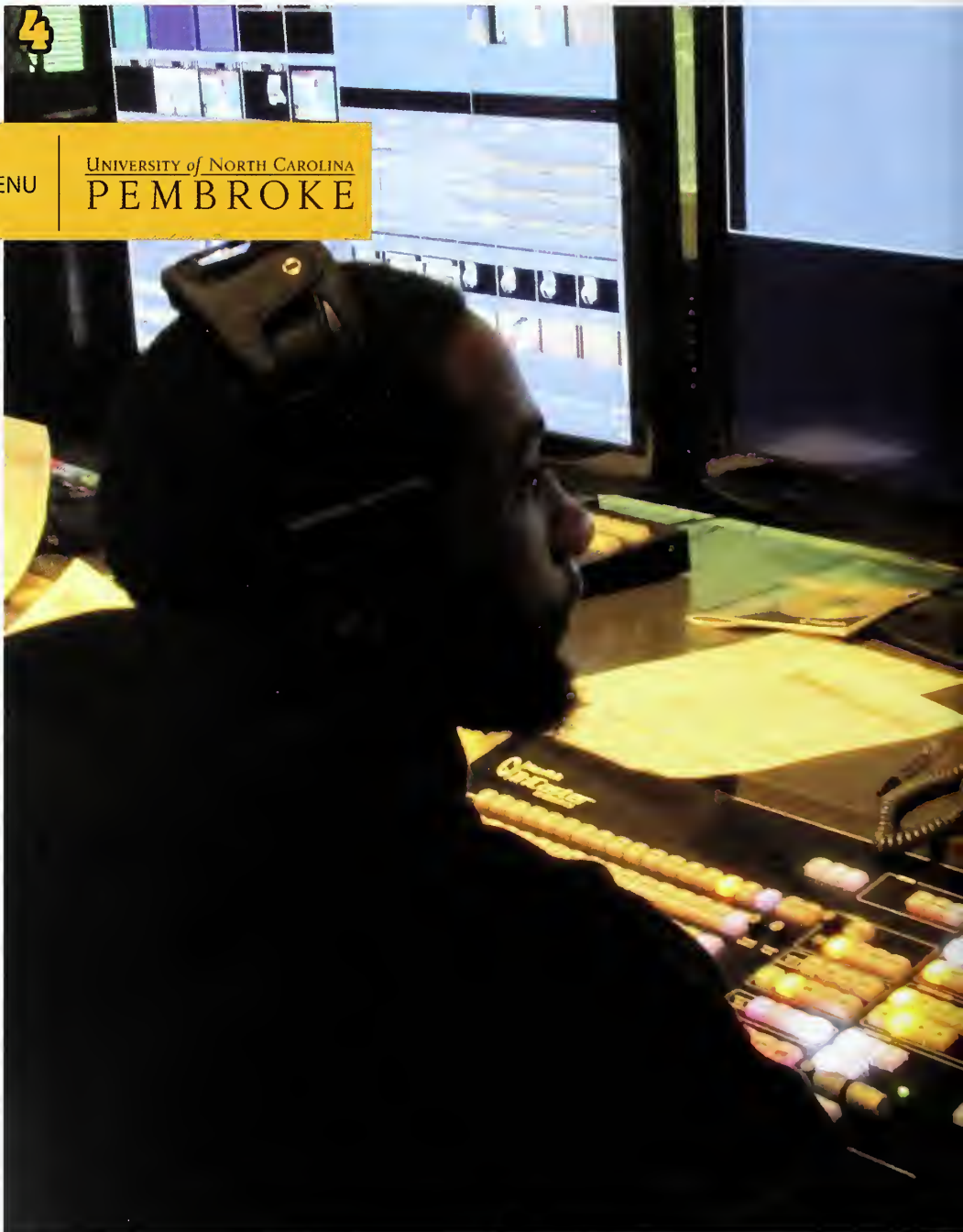
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Past Present Future



Old Main, the most historic building on campus, houses the American Indian Studies Department, which offered students a look into the rich diversity of American Indian history and stories. The department offered scholarships that centered on American Indian issues in order to prepare students for professional careers in the field. The department offered specific courses in Southeastern Indian people which mainly focused on three areas: Peoples and History, Social and Cultural Issues, as well as Stories and Literatures. This degree offered a wide range of studies for the students interested in preserving and advancing the rich American Indian culture, history, and future of the American Indian. Students who majored in American Indian Studies learned: issues of sovereignty, colonization, nation building, social justice, and the roots that are found in the lives of American Indians today. The AIS Department also presented The Native American Speaker Series.

Also in Old Main was the Mass Communication Department, whose students could pursue a degree in broadcasting, journalism, or public relations. Service-learning classes were available for students to take such as photojournalism where students covered events around the campus and the local community. Students were also given the opportunity to work on *The Pine Needle*, the school's newspaper, or at WNCN-TV. On April 10, 2014, the department hosted the Lumbee River Independent Film Festival at GPAC, which included the premiere of the documentary film *Voices of the Lumbee*, a collaborative effort of Dr. Jason Hutchens, the department chair; English professor Dr. Michele Fazio; and their students. Students in the newly-formed UNCP chapter of the National Broadcast Society traveled to their annual convention in Los Angeles. Three members of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) attended the NC PRSA-sponsored North Carolina Public Relations and Marketing Seminar in Chapel Hill in November, and eleven members attended the Georgia PRSA/PRSSA conference in Atlanta in April.



1—Stephanie Brown of the Honors College carves a pumpkin at a get-together at the Chancellor's Residence in early fall 2013. **2**—One student checks her script as another prepares the microphone prior to a broadcast on WNCN-TV. Students in mass communication had many opportunities for hands-on professional experience, both on- and off-camera. **3**—A student uses one of the tables on the first floor of the library to get some work done before class. **4**—A student operates the switcher in the WNCN-TV control room.

Students in the Geology and Geography Department attended the Geology Society of America annual conference in Salisbury. The department welcomed a new faculty member, Dr. Jefferson Chaumba, this year, and hoped to continue offering a variety of field trips to give students hands-on experience. The Esther G. Maynor Honors College welcomed a new class of students this year, and a large number of continuing students took advantage of opportunities to study abroad. Located next to Old Main, the Mary Livermore Library offered resources on its shelves and online to support the academic work of everyone on campus.



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Artistic expression took many forms at UNCP. In Locklear Hall, the Art Department allowed students to work in a variety of media, both physical and virtual, culminating in an exhibition in the A.D. Gallery of the work of each graduating senior; this year's senior shows were November 4 - December 5 and March 25 - April 16. Several students attended conferences and workshops during the year, Melvin Morris displayed his art in Wilmington, and Kayla Seeing traveled to Tennessee to make a presentation on her work. Art students were also well represented at the annual PURC Symposium on campus. The A.D. Gallery also displayed the work of outside artists, including two juried exhibitions and the third Biennial Contemporary Native American Art Series: Native Voices and Identity Narratives, which was on campus from September 18 - October 28.

The Music Department, located perpendicular to Locklear in Moore Hall, brought many performers to campus in the Moore Hall Recital Series, including marimba players, song writers, flutists, pianists, trumpeters, and singers. Music students also took the Moore Hall stage for their senior recitals. This year's graduating performers were Catie Lucas (flute), Amy Rowland (soprano), James Ellison (baritone), Tajari Goins (percussion), Eric Pedrojew (clarinet), Zachery Wood (percussion), and Kelsie Buck (clarinet). Graduate students also performed, including Lindsay Byers (soprano), Jason Seip (bass), and Jonathan Thomas (countertenor).

The Theater program, located in the Givens Performing Arts Center, welcomed a new faculty member this year as Holly Payne arrived to become the resident costumer. Theatre majors and other students put on three performances each academic year. In April, 2013, University Theatre presented *All in the Timing*, a series of five one-act plays by David Ives, under the direction of Dr. Chet Jordan. This play was performed backstage at the GPAC to increase the play's emotional impact on the intimate audience. The Fall 2013 productions were *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, also directed by Dr. Jordan in September, followed by Holden Hansen's staging of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* in November. The final production for 2013-14 was *Man of La Mancha*, a musical based on the Spanish classic *Don Quixote*, given an updated set for the UNCP performances. At the end of the Spring 2014 semester, Dr. Jordan stepped down as Director of Theatre, a position he had held for over 25 years. He planned continue to teach some classes in the fall as he began phased retirement.

1—Dr. Joanna Hersey teaches a Low Brass class in Moore Hall during the Fall 2013 semester. Students in this and other music classes perform in the marching band, concert band, and other music ensembles. **2**—Students work with clay to create original pieces in ceramics class. **3**—Dr. Elizabeth Maisonpierre turns to the next page of sheet music for Richard Masters during his student recital. All music majors perform a recital in the Moore Hall auditorium to showcase their talents and accomplishments during their final semester. **4**—A student learns the art of welding to create a sculpture. **5**—Cast members take a bow at the end of one of the November 2013 performances of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Students in all majors have the opportunity to participate in the University Theatre productions. **6**—Members of the stage crew shift props as the actors stand by on the set during the dress rehearsal for *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, directed by Dr. Chet Jordan before he retired as Director of Theatre in Spring 2014.





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Fantastic!



Students who were looking for support and encouragement beyond the classroom found many doors open to them in the D.F. Lowry Building. The Center for Academic Excellence and other offices provided advice and arranged for tutoring, supplemental instruction, and other resources to ensure student success. The peer tutors in the Writing Center offered assistance for writing projects in all majors. And of course, when students needed an energy boost, there was always Starbucks.

The Dial Building soon became familiar to freshmen taking English composition classes. For thirteen years, many freshmen had received help from Ms. Carolyn Price, the EFTL department secretary, whose office on the first floor of Dial was the place to go if you needed to locate a professor, add a class, or just find your way around. Her sudden death in November 2013 was mourned throughout the building and beyond. English faculty and students also said farewell to Dr. Dennis Sigmon, who retired in Spring 2014 after 38 years at the University.

On the second floor of Dial, Foreign Languages added two new Spanish instructors, Dr. Raquel Alfaro and Manuel Modesto, in Fall 2013, and Dr. Peter Imoro returned as a part-time instructor in Spring 2014. Yuanyuan Lin also joined the faculty to teach Chinese; she helped coordinate the fall Moon Festival and spring Lunar New Year celebration, giving UNCP



1—Yuanyuan Lin, this year's new instructor of Chinese in the Foreign Languages program, leads students in a traditional fan dance during the Moon Festival celebration in September 2013. Foreign language courses introduce students to many aspects of the history and culture of the countries in which the languages they are studying are spoken. **2**—D'Airrah Ellis collects her thoughts while Cammi McGee puts hers on paper during an in-class writing exercise in their ENG 1050 class in Fall 2013. The English composition courses required for all freshmen provide important skills, a shared experience, and often the start of friendships that will last throughout their years at UNCP.

3—English majors Lauren Blue, Janae Aiken, Amanda Hiser, and others listen as Dr. Dennis Sigmon explains the rules of the game they are about to participate in during the Fall 2013 majors' meeting. Dr. Sigmon organized numerous activities and entertainments for department events during his 38 years at UNCP.

4—A student gets suggestions for her writing assignment from a peer tutor in the University Writing Center in March 2014. The Writing Center is just one of many places in the D.F. Lowry Building where students can go to get individual assistance or arrange for supplemental instruction to ensure their academic success. **5**—Students listen to the lecture and take notes during Dr. Robert Brown's history class on the second floor of the Dial Building in Spring 2014.



students exposure to Asian culture. Students in Spanish classes formed *La voz*, a group that met regularly in the UC Lounge for fun and informal practice. Some of them also traveled to Madrid for study abroad during Spring Break. Ms. Emma Evans, the Foreign Languages and Composition secretary, was recognized at a reception in November 2013, when she retired after serving at UNCP since 1989.

The other department on the second floor of Dial is the History Department. This year the department continued with its successful movie nights, which show a variety of movies that have historical significance or portray historical events. Dr. Jamie Martinez took four advanced history majors to a Civil War Conference hosted by Winston-Salem State and Wake Forest and organized by the NC State Department of Cultural Resources, and she took another nine students to Bentonville Battlefield and the Museum of the Cape Fear.



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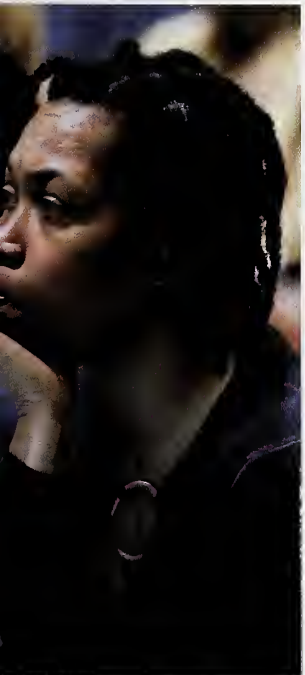


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Helping Hands

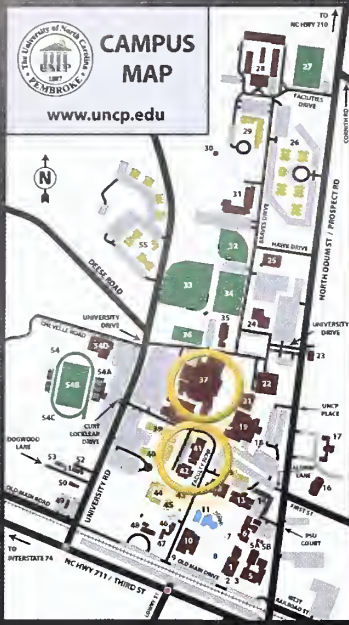


The Health Sciences Building is home to two departments that train students in the helping professions: Nursing and Social Work. The Nursing Department welcomed one new faculty member, Assistant Professor Jennifer Coughenour, and enrolled its first class of 22 graduate students into the new Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program in the fall of 2013. The program offers three concentrations: nurse educator, clinical nurse leader, and rural case manager. The rural case manager concentration at UNCP is the only concentration of its type offered by a nursing school in North Carolina. According to department chair Dr. Barbara Synowicz, "There is a national focus on improving patient health outcomes through a continuum of care that requires nursing professionals be educated at the graduate level and can assume roles in teaching, leadership, practice, and research. There is a national and regional shortage of nurse educators, and this program is a gateway for nursing faculty to assist with meeting the state's nursing workforce needs." Nurses with an MSN degree have many career options, including teaching in community colleges, staff development, community education and universities, Dr. Synowicz said. "It's difficult to overstate what this means for the citizens of southeastern North Carolina," said provost Dr. Ken Kitts. "The opening of our MSN program will increase the number of educators available to help train nurses at community colleges throughout the region. It will also allow us to graduate nurses who have the specialized training necessary to manage programs and coordinate major outreach efforts that will have a direct impact on our local communities."

The Department of Social Work at UNCP has been educating and serving the community and its students since 1982. The program's goal is to prepare students for professional social work practice and to be leaders who enhance the quality of life for citizens in need. Another goal is to teach students the skills needed for implementing solutions to rural problems. Concerned about the consequences of injustice, the department focused on the empowerment of populations-at-risk and the advancement of economic, political, and social justice in all communities.

Sampson Hall, on the north end of campus across from Health Sciences, houses three departments. The Department of Philosophy and Religion offers a combined program with major concentrations in both religion and philosophy. The department also offers a variety of courses, including Introduction to Religion, which many students take as a General Education course. The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice provided students with classroom and real life experiences that were designed to stimulate critical thought about the social environment as they prepare for meaningful participation in society. The department offered both a major and an academic concentration in Sociology and a major in Criminal Justice. In addition, minors were available in Sociology, Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse, Medical Sociology, and Community Development. The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice allows students to test classroom learning through real-life experience in the community. The Psychology Department was also located in Sampson Hall. Its approach is to teach understanding of basic patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior. The department used a variety of scientific methods, including interviews, case studies, field observations, neurophysiological recordings, and controlled experimentation.

1—Nursing students get hands-on experience with simulated "patients" in the Clinical Learning Center. **2**—Students are focused on the discussion during a religion class in Sampson Hall. **3**—Audience members listen attentively to one of the speakers at the Social Work Symposium, an annual on-campus event sponsored by the Social Work Department.



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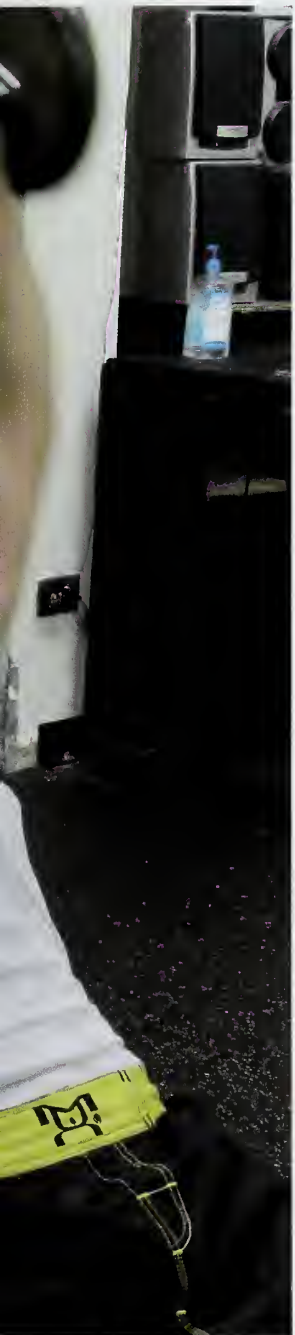
School of Education
School of Business



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Professional



The School of Business, housed in the BA Building, has received initial accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, a distinction that has been earned by only five percent of the world's business programs. "AACSB accreditation standards require a high-quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, a curriculum which is responsive to the most current needs of businesses, and a commitment to scholarship and research by the school faculty," said Dr. Ramin Maysami, Dean of the School of Business. "The benefits of AACSB accreditation for our students are enormous," he added. Dr. Maysami said that AACSB accreditation helps both students and the School of Business. "It will assist our students in the job market and in applying to graduate schools," he said. "This accreditation will also help the School of Business recruit faculty and give us direction as well as accountability." UNCP administrators hailed the accreditation as a singular achievement for the university, the School of Business, and its students. "AACSB accreditation demonstrates to the public the high quality of our business degree," said Chancellor Kyle Carter. "Graduating from an AACSB-accredited institution makes our graduates more competitive in the job market because employers will know UNCP graduates have the required skills and knowledge to be successful in business," Dr. Carter said. Dr. Ken Kitts, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, said AACSB is the "gold standard" for accreditation in the field of business education. "We are delighted to join an elite group of universities that can boast of this certification," Dr. Kitts said.

The School of Education, located in the Education Center, prepares competent professionals in the fields of education and counseling. The Department of Education Specialties added Dr. Ki-Dyung Chae to their faculty, sponsored various speakers and activities on campus, and sent students to several conferences. Students in the Elementary Education Department, according to department chair Dr. Karen Stanley, are "highly involved in the public schools in the region as well as very active in learning!" Students took a night hike at Lumber River State Park in Orrum, a field trip to Vulcan Materials Quarry in Rockingham, and a canoe trip down the Lumber River from Boardman to Princess Ann landings. On November 14, 2013, UNCP students visited Pembroke Elementary during American Indian Heritage month; they read texts from American Indian authors or books about the culture, led discussion, and engaged learners in follow-up activities. Thirty elementary education students participated in an African American Read-In at R.B. Dean Elementary School on February 20, 2014; they read texts from African American illustrators and authors to each classroom in the school and led discussion and follow-up activities. Elementary education students also participate in Earth Day at Tanglewood Elementary School in Lumberton each spring, planning activities for students and going to the school to lead the events. Family Math Night at North Laurinburg Elementary and Family Science Night at Washington Park Elementary in Laurinburg are also annual events for the department's students and faculty in collaboration with the schools' teachers and principals. Family members participate with their children in activities planned and led by UNCP students. This project satisfies one of the standards that each student has to meet to receive NC teaching licensure.

Also in the School of Education is the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) Department, which welcomed six new faculty members this year: Brittany Bennett, Head Softball Coach; Adarian Barr, Assistant Track Coach; Brad Swensen, Assistant Football Coach; Ashley Ausborn, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Megan Heimerdinger, Assistant Athletic Trainer; and Joey Tamburo, Assistant Athletic Trainer. HPER is located in the Jones Center, a health hub that promotes an active lifestyle for students, all of whom take PE classes as part of their General Education requirements.

1—Students use laptops to review material in an education class. 2—Students pay close attention and take notes during an economics class in the School of Business. 3—Students work out with weights in the Jones Center, which includes the Campbell Wellness Center and an Aquatics Center open to all students in addition to classrooms and facilities for the HPER programs.

What truly brings this campus together is all the student organizations. The diversity in the types of groups and their many different missions and goals is astounding. A key part to getting the most out of your college experience is to be involved in groups. From Greek life to academic organizations, there really is at least one group for everyone. Organizations are what give students that home away from home, where many like-minded individuals come together to make themselves better people. It is the work students do in these groups that will teach them valuable skills such as leadership. It is organizations that do the work behind the scenes to really make student life as good as it is, working tirelessly to ensure success.



Students from several different Greek organizations unite behind a common cause—finding a cure for cancer—as they form teams and work together at Relay for Life.



CATCH THE ORGANIZATIONS SPIRIT!



Cummings Earns Sorority's Top National Honor

Francine Cummings was named national "Pi of the Year" by Alpha Pi Omega sorority during its 2013 national convention in Tuscon, AZ. "The awards committee received several strong applications this year,"



Grand Awards Committee chair Danielle McLean said. "Francine's stood out from the pack, though. As someone who is dependable, proactive and honest—and Francine is—she truly exemplifies what it means to be a Pi woman."

"Just being nominated by my sisters was a big deal to me," said Cummings, a senior double-majoring in biology and American Indian Studies. "This is the highest honor of the sorority, which has more than 500 members." Cummings, the first UNCP undergraduate to win the national award, is an outstanding student with strong campus and community engagement, and she gives a great deal of credit to the local Alpha Pi Omega chapter. "I 'crossed' my freshman year," she said. "There is a sense of family; these are my sisters, and in Arizona, I realized it is a national family." "I'm shy basically, but I have found my voice," Cummings said. "Alpha Pi Omega brought me out of my shell. I wouldn't have been nearly as active on campus if I had not joined the sorority."

With her chapter, Cummings has engaged with community service projects ranging from Adopt-A-Highway to a coat drive for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. "One of our guiding principles is community service and dealing with contemporary community issues," she said. "Our sorority tries to do one big project every semester and four smaller service projects. My chapter is very active."

An outstanding student, Cummings hopes to attend to Campbell University's new School of Osteopathic Medicine. She appreciates that osteopathic medicine is holistic in its approach health and treatment. "I like it because it combines traditional and modern medicine," Cummings said. "I was able to intern with some people who used traditional healing. They look into the causes not just treatment of health problems."

Cummings's undergraduate studies also reflect a balance of science and humanities. She describes herself as a history buff. "I love the American Indian Studies program here," she said. "I started out taking one history class for my general education requirement. I liked it and took another, until I decided to make it my second major."

Cummings served as vice president of UNCP's Alpha Pi Omega chapter in 2013-14. She was also a member of AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) and the Native American Student Organizations (NASO) and participated in UNCP's Health Careers Access Program (HCAP).



Alpha Pi Omega

Heritage



Hok Nosai is comprised of two historically Native American Greek lettered organizations. The purpose of this council is to promote and retain high standards in the campus life of Greek-letter organizations at UNCP; to promote unity and harmony between member organizations and amongst other Greek letter organizations at UNCP; to maintain a positive relationship with the administration of UNCP; to address and develop strategies of action on matters of mutual concern to the member organizations; to facilitate active involvement of member organizations in the local community and on the campus; and to promote a positive image of Greek life.

Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc., is the country's oldest Native American Greek letter organization. Founded at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill on Sept. 1, 1994, the sorority has more than 500 sisters representing more than 70 tribes nationwide and 13 chartered chapters, including the Beta chapter at UNCP, whose 2013-2014 president was Jessica Chavis.

Phi Sigma Nu's goal is to create a brotherhood that can give back to the American Indian community and provide a place where brothers can discover and fulfill their full potential and create bonds that will last a lifetime. Seven young men with a vision to bring cohesion and self-reliance to Native men on collegiate levels founded Phi Sigma Nu on February 13, 1996, on the UNCP campus. As Phi Sigma Nu continues to grow and foster the resiliency of Native men, so will its commitment to make meaningful contributions to society. On February 3, 1997, UNCP recognized Phi Sigma Nu as a Greek organization, making it the first American Indian fraternity in the nation. The fraternity has come to represent excellence in all areas, as it is dedicated to the founders' vision of leadership, individuality, community, honesty, wisdom, pride, and unity. The 2013-2014 president of Phi Sigma Nu was Grayson Locklear.



NOTE: The yearbook staff made a real effort to get current group photos and names for this section, but many could not be obtained in time to meet our printer's deadline. Since this is the green section of our book, we have chosen to "recycle" group photos from our previous edition where needed to ensure that as many groups as possible were represented.

Phi Sigma Nu

Brothers

Phi Delta Theta was built on three pillars when was founded in 1848 at Miami University: the cultivation of friendship among its members, the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture, and the attainment personally of a high standard of morality. Helping every individual to meet his true potential is the bedrock of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The officers for the UNCP chapter this year were President Christian Happel, Vice President Divine Riechtkah, Secretary Lucas Nelson, and Treasurer Matt Powell.

Phi Kappa Tau was founded in 1906 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The mission of Phi Kappa Tau is to champion a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership, and exemplary character. The vision of Phi Kappa Tau is to be recognized as a leadership organization that binds men together and challenges them to improve their campuses and the world. The president for 2013-2014 was Julian Brown.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the world's oldest and largest national fraternal society in music, founded in 1898 at the New England Conservatory in Boston. Their mission includes the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; and the advancement of music in America. Each year, Sinfonians nationwide perform for tens of thousands of nursing home and hospital patients. Aaron Brown was the president for the 2013-2014 school year.

Theta Xi has adopted the fight against Multiple Sclerosis as its National Service Project. The UNCP chapter of Theta Xi host events and participates in community service like the Robeson County Dancing with the Stars, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Relay for Life, and MLK Jr. Day of Service. The officers that created these events this year were Michael Simma, President; Cory Hartsoe, Vice President; Andrew Cole, Secretary; Kent West, Recruitment; Hansen Barefoot, New Member Educator; Blake Dickerson, Treasurer; and Zach Hayemore, Scholarship.

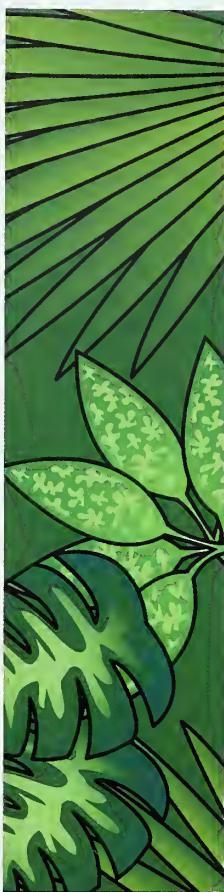


Phi Delta Theta

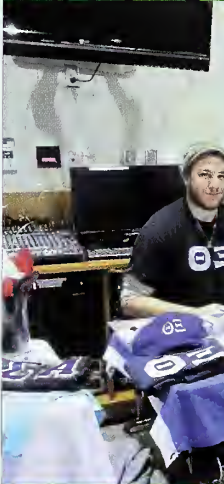
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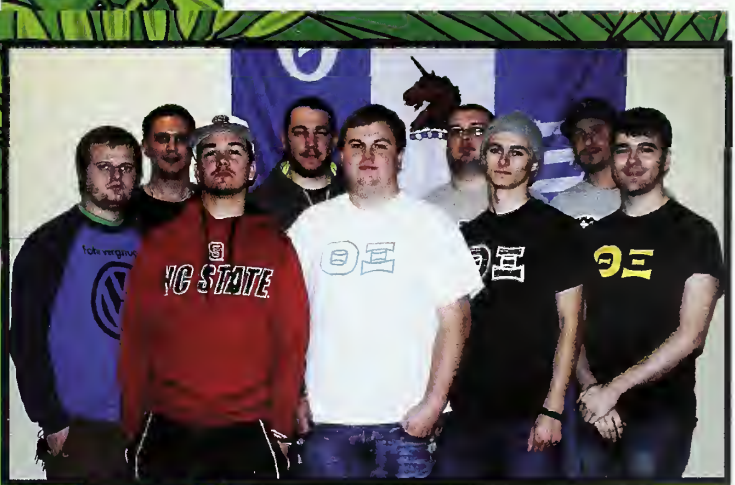
Phi Kappa Tau



Matt Godwin and other Phi Taus participate in Relay for Life; Daniel Blazer grills food for a Phi Delt recruitment cookout; Michael Simma, Ben West, and Cory Hartsoe represent Theta Xi at the Student Involvement Fair.



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia



Theta Xi



Sigma Omicron Epsilon sisters carry their banner at Relay for Life; Javier Carranza represents Lambda Theta Phi at an event for Latin and Native American Greek organizations.



Lambda Theta Alpha



Lambda Theta Phi

Diverse



Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on the campus of Kean University in New Jersey in 1975 as the first Latina sorority in the United States. The desire to progress, dedication to their community, and the aspiration for the advancement of the Latina woman marked its beginning, allowing the independent Latina woman of a new era to have a sense of belonging and, with that, achieve her highest potential. Its focus would be to actively integrate itself into the social, political, and community service arena that other students had been involved with. Together, as a united front they could compete, collaborate, and assist with any student-run programs, thus making their voices as loud and profound as the majority voice, their concerns equally as important. Alysia DeJesus was the president for the 2013-2014 year.

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Incorporated, was also founded at Kean University in 1975 as the first Latino fraternity in the United States. The ideals of this brotherhood are Academic Excellence; Brotherhood; Leadership; Latino Unity; Service. Brothers perform community service, sponsoring events which highlight and celebrate their heritage, participate in educational workshops, and enjoy many social programs. As a result of their active participation in every aspect of college life, they are developing their organizational, communication, and leadership skills, all while pursuing the coveted diploma. Lambda Theta Phi's president was Javier Carranza for 2013-2014.

Sigma Omicron Epsilon Sorority was founded to create an organization whose principles expand the culture of Native American people and support education and unity of women. The founders respectfully represented the tribes of the Waccamaw Siouan and Lumbee. Through their vision, the organization of Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Inc., has blossomed into a visionary organization, with women upholding the founding principles throughout the state of North Carolina. The SOE president for 2013-2014 was Brittany Soles



Sigma Omicron Epsilon

United

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC), founded in 1930 on the campus of Howard University, is currently composed of nine International Greek letter sororities and fraternities, five of which were active at UNCP this year. The UNCP chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA), hosted PINK goes Red for one day to benefit the American Heart Association, the AKA Founders Day Celebration, and AKA Week "Ivy Time." This year's officers were President Danielle Holloway, Vice President Danielle Allen, Secretary Latasha Silver, and Treasurer Kristina Sanchez. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, hosted social, educational, and cultural events like the Freshman Move-In, the Founders Day Celebration, and Krimson and Kream Week with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. They were involved in community service events like Roadside Cleanup, MLK Day of Service, and the Odum Home. They also achieved the number one spot in academic achievement among NPHC organizations at UNCP. The officers were President Ta'Keyah Holder, Financial Secretary Chante Russell, Secretary Shantea Swinson-Rhoe, and Treasurer Tinaisia Abrilz. Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors programs providing community service, social welfare, and academic scholarship and is a supporter of the United Negro College Fund and Habitat for Humanity. The fraternity is known for its "cane stepping" in NPHC-organized step shows. The 2013-2014 president was Cyrus Bullock. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded in 1914 by three young African-American male students who wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service. Phi Beta Sigma president for 2013-2014 was Christopher Richardson. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., founded with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is its sister organization. Zeta chapters volunteer to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change. Christina Gilbert served as 2013-2014 president.



Kappa Alpha Psi



Jamar Smith and his Phi Beta Sigma brothers show off their stepping skills at Meet the Greeks.



Alpha Kappa Alpha



Delta Sigma Theta



Phi Beta Sigma



Zeta Phi Beta

Kappa Delta sisters show support at Relay for Life; Alpha Sigma Alpha is excited about participating in Bid Week; Tri-Sigmas are "tutu" happy to be at Relay for Life.



Alpha Sigma Alpha



Kappa Delta

Sisters



Alpha Sigma Alpha just became active on our campus this year. The sorority promotes high ideals and standards for its members throughout their lives by emphasizing balance among their four aims of intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development. Alpha Sigma Alpha provides opportunities through sisterhood, heritage, and leadership and service.

Kappa Delta emphasizes leadership development, service to others, academic achievement, and continued personal growth for women, with a commitment to friendship and the future based on the sisterhood, values, and traditions of the past. This year, the UNCP chapter sponsored International Girls Day, Women's Friendship Month, Girl Scout events, Relay for Life, and the Shamrock Philanthropy Fundraiser. The officers were President Jenna Strader, Vice President for Operations Elizabeth White, Vice President for Standards Kayla Baxley, Vice President for Membership Nakita Shumpert, Vice President for New Member Education Aliyah Lynch, Vice President for Community Service Tiffany Patchkofsky, Vice President for Public Relations Gina Clymone, and Panhellenic Delegate Sarah Austin.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority sponsored the Run for Robbie in Fall 2013 and Rocking for Robbie in front of the UC in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. They also participated in the MLK Day of Service and may other community service activities. The officers of this sorority were President Nicole Payne, Vice President of Operations Kaitlin Roberson, Vice President of New Members Madison Ricks, Treasurer Taylor Barber, Recruitment Director Bobbie Sessoms, Secretary Candace Burge, Education Officer Amber Burford, and Panhellenic Delegate Brooke Wall.

Zeta Tau Alpha's purpose is to intensify friendship, foster a spirit of love, and create such sentiments, perform such deeds, and mold such opinions as will be conducive to build up a purer and nobler womanhood in the world. Tieghlor Janysek was the 2013-2014 president.



Sigma



Zeta Tau Alpha

Representing Students

Our Student Government Association (SGA) exists to represent the needs and wants of the students, protecting their interests and serving as their direct representatives to the administration. It is similar to a political organization in the way that it provides students with a path for changing things they want changed. This year SGA was very active. It has passed more campus-focused legislation than in the past three years. Creating the Brave Nation student section at games has been a particular focus for SGA, and they have also gotten students more involved with choices about food service in the cafeteria and elsewhere on campus. SGA has been getting direct input from students about which dining vendors will be coming to campus in the future. A community garden has also been established so fresh fruits and vegetables can be served in the cafeteria.

The Association of Campus Entertainment, better known as ACE, is an organization that creates and sponsors events on campus throughout the year. Every student that attends UNCP has the opportunity to be a part of this organization, and all events that ACE sponsors or creates are free to students. ACE held a variety of events this year, from the showing of Lee Daniels's film *The Butler* at the GPAC to a Super Bowl Party. At least once a week, and often more, students who wanted a break from studying could find something to do on campus courtesy of ACE.

SGA members do roadside cleanup as one of their many ways of providing community service.



Student Government Association



Association of Campus Entertainment

SGA President Would Make UNCP "Great"

Student Government Association President Emily Ashley started work in July at the Board of Trustees' retreat. "I'm learning more and more about what the board does," said Ashley, who is a voting member. "It's my job to have the best interests of students in my mind. So, I will do my best." A junior from Chapel Hill double-majoring in psychology and Spanish, Ashley became involved with the SGA early in her college career, and she began her term as president by meeting as many people as possible. "I want students to know who I am and what the SGA is all about," she said. "They should know that we can help, or at least, I can point them in the right direction."



Student engagement—for all students—was at the heart of her plans for the academic year. She singled out commuter students as one group with special needs. "I see them sitting in their cars between classes," Ashley said. "They are disconnected, and I would like to find a place where they could go to relax and connect with other students." Ashley also focused on raising school spirit by continuing an SGA initiative to create a student section at basketball games. "If students feel like they have a part in the game," she said, "they are more likely to come out and have fun."

How the new SGA president came to UNCP and remained here is a lesson in the benefits of student engagement. "When my mother and I were driving here past the farms and I saw the size of the town of Pembroke, I was not sure this was the place for me," Ashley said. "When I got to Lumbee Hall, they had my name on the message board. We had a one-on-one meeting with an admissions counselor, and after that, I was sold." But Ashley had misgivings during her freshman year. "I think a lot of freshmen come to that moment, because college is such a culture change," she said. "When I devoted myself to the SGA, I found motivated people like me. The solution for me is to try to help motivate other students to get more involved," Ashley said. "I think the SGA can help."

Ashley is also a realist. "I am representing 6,000 students, and I know I can't make them all happy," she said. "Improving the school is what I'm about, and it will be a growing experience for me."

Ashley spent the summer of 2013 as the arts and crafts coordinator for the YMCA summer camp that she attended as a youngster. Her job was to make sure everyone was motivated, engaged, and having fun. As the SGA's leader, she applied the same principle. This philosophy was summed up in a statement Ashley made to *The Pine Needle* student newspaper before the 2013 SGA election. "I want to make sure everyone has a positive experience," she told the newspaper. "If we tap the resources of involved students, we can be the greatest school in North Carolina."

ROTC cadets provide a color guard for the Homecoming Parade; SVA members get to meet Gen. Casey at the national conference in Phoenix; ROTC is also a presence at Pembroke Day.



Air Force ROTC

Army ROTC

LDRSHIP

The seven core Army values acronym is LDRSHIP. It stands for Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. This part of the yearbook honors those who want to serve and those who have.

Army ROTC seeks to attract, motivate, and prepare selected students to serve as commissioned officers in the active or reserve components of the Army. It provides a practical understanding of the concepts and principles of military science: to develop a strong sense of duty, honor, and country; to promote teamwork and individual fitness; and to develop an understanding of and appreciation for international relations and national security. Attainment of these objectives prepares students for commissioning and establishes a solid foundation of their professional development and effective performance in the uniformed services or in civilian enterprise.

The Department of Aerospace Studies, otherwise known as Air Force ROTC, also prepares select students to become commissioned officers. The unit here is a detachment of Unit 607 operating out of Fayetteville State University. Students who undergo all four years are well on their way to becoming officers in the Air Force.

Student Veterans of America (SVA) is an organization composed of currently serving military personnel, veterans, and dependents of military personnel. SVA does many different things to support veterans. On Veterans' Day they put on a roll call to honor all of those from North Carolina who paid the ultimate price in the war on terror. And that night they held a Veterans' Reception. Over winter break, three members went to the SVA National Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. They also are planning to support veterans in the community as they will soon start making regular trips to VA Hospitals.



Student Veterans of America

Academic

The Accounting Students Association (ASA) provided opportunities for accounting majors through peer interaction, professional engagements, and community service, including Relay for Life. Their officers were President Julie Sem, Vice President Victoria Trujillo, Becker Ambassador Lashavde James, Secretary Tiara Mapps, Treasurer Christina Palmer, Historian Lindsay Hankins, Faculty Relations Officer Rebecca Metro Tuttle, and Service Chairman Miranda Goodwin.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) enhances members' knowledge and provides access to professional development opportunities. The UNCP chapter sent members to the NC Public Relations and Marketing Seminar in Chapel Hill in November, and some of the members also attended a national conference. The officers were President Chanel Langley, Vice President Lauren Metzger, Secretary Kaitlyn Kelly, Historian Emily Thacker, PR Director Megan Folio, and Treasurer Elizabeth Locklear.

One of the newer organizations on campus was the National Broadcasting Society (NBS). The UNCP chapter was founded on October 12, 2013, for students with an interest in electronic media. To educate the public and promote the broadcasting arts, they established the Lumbee River Independent Film Festival. The members were hard at work for many months preparing for this major event, which was held in the GPAC on April 10, 2014. The officers were President Constance Faulk, Vice President Mitch Allen, Treasurer Mathew Campbell, Secretary Spencer Walther, Communications Coordinator Victoria Huggins, and Alumni Professional Coordinator Luke Nelson.

The English Club focused on promoting literacy in the local community; in 2013, they raised money to buy books for every child represented by the Scotland County Guardian ad Litem program. "By giving away books," said advisor Dr. Therese Rizzo, "we share with children in our community the opportunity to discover how stories can create beauty in even the most troubled world."



Accounting Students Association



English Club



Chanel Langley and other PRSSA members do PR for themselves at Pembroke Day; posters publicize the NBS-sponsored film festival in April; a member of the Accounting Students Association is on hand at the Student Involvement Fair.



ational Broadcasting Society



PRSSA

NAACP members ride on their organization's float in the Homecoming parade; students from ASO promote interest in African culture at Pembroke Day.



African Student Organization



NAACP



Cultured



The African Student Organization (ASO) is an organization that is open to all students who are dedicated to the removal of stereotyping from this world and those who wish to learn more about African culture. One of their big annual events, African Night, was held on March 15, 2014. The organization participated in community service with a Robeson County elementary school and educated them on African culture. They have also put on a Mister and Miss ASO Pageant and a cultural show. The officers this year were President Fisayo Aladeniyi, Vice President David Abula, Secretary Tarnue Jallah, and Treasurer Cecilia Nwosu.

The purpose of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African American descent. They seek to support the families and communities of members through community service. This movement focuses not just on women in the United States but in Africa as well. NCNW sponsored the My Black Is Beautiful education event on February 27 and again during NCNW Week, which took place on April 14-20. The officers this year were President Natavia, First Vice President Joy, Second Vice President Candice, Secretary Kimberly, Treasurer Brianna, Liaison Ashley, and Financial Recorder Hallie.

The Native American Student Organization (NASO) seeks to promote pride in their Native American heritage and to explore economic, political, and educational opportunities for Native Americans. Another mission of NASO is to strive to unify the Native Americans on this campus. They want to keep their Native American heritage alive through cultural support and various activities, such as the annual Powwow that takes place on campus during American Indian Heritage Month.

The UNCP chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is involved in various community service and cultural activities.



National Council of Negro Women



Native American Student Organization

Faithful

Baptist Campus Ministries is a religious organization that provides various opportunities to help students, including Bible study, socials, mission trips, and local outreach projects; they also sponsor Campus Lunches at the BCM house to give students a home cooked meal.

The Lutheran and Episcopal Campus Ministries worked with Gay Students and Allies (GSA) to sponsor an LGBT speaker in early March. They also hosted events such as on-campus communion, workshops with other LSMs from across the state, beach trips, and multicultural leadership events. The officers of the Lutheran organization were President Kendall Bauer, Vice President Edward McIntosh, and Secretary/Treasurer Andrina Corella. The officers of the Episcopal organization were President Katy Shelley, Vice President Jillian Flom, Secretary Kit Heeley, Treasurer Kendall Bauer, and Outreach Minister Charlie Jackson.

Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir was a group of UNCP students that met weekly to sing religious music. Their annual spring concert Crunk 4 Christ took place in April 2014. The officers were President Martrell Littles, Vice President Tervante Smith, Secretary Tinasia Abrilz, Treasurer Keyonte Atkinson, Public Relations/Marketing Shebra Murry, and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Kelvin Barnes.

Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) is an interdenominational Christian organization that promotes evangelism and discipleship. Their motto is, "Win the campus today and change the world tomorrow." Berea Campus Outreach (BCO) is a faith based, religious organization that hosted many different events for UNCP students, including College Nights.

In addition to the many faith-based groups, UNCP had a Secular Student Alliance, which sponsored Darwin Day and hosted the Ecstasy of Self-Transcendence Service Project in conjunction with the Lutheran/Episcopal groups. Their officers were President Timothy Alexander, Vice President Krystal Dean, Treasurer Scotty Bolden, and Events Coordinator Chandler Landis.



Baptist Campus Ministry



Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir

Martrell Littles, Tervante Smith, Tinasia Abrilz, Keyonte Atkinson, Justin Webber, T. Fargo, Bree Pighet, Sarah, Kyle Cheek, Kevin Cheek, Kia Dikes, Valanda Clarida, Victor Thompson, Erika Reech, Shebra Murry, Demetri Anders, Tae Lewis, Denesha McAllister



Martrell Littles and another VOS member represent the gospel choir at the Student Involvement Fair; a member of Berea Campus Outreach provides information at that same event.



*Lutheran and Episcopal
Campus Ministries*



AWARE



CASW

Advocacy



The Campus Association of Social Workers (CASW) endeavors to identify, develop, and carry out projects designed to address the needs within the rural local community; to become actively involved in voluntary social work; to host speakers; and to assist one another in developing awareness and skills that can be used upon graduation. They promote fellowship with the community and local agencies and are committed to the fair and equitable treatment of individuals and groups regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Finally, the Campus Association of Social Workers is open to people of all races and actively seeks to promote diversity. Their mission statement is, "Promoting social work values within the college and surrounding community."

Gay Students and Allies (GSA) provided solidarity and fellowship for LGBT students and others who wanted to lend their support. GSA was represented at Pembroke Day and the Student Involvement Fairs, and they sponsored an LGBT speaker in early March with the Lutheran and Episcopal Campus Ministries.

AWARE is a student organization that encourages their peers to come forward and talk honestly about developing responsible habits and attitudes on issues including alcohol and drug use, sexual responsibility, and other mental and health issues that affect college students. The members of AWARE work hand-in-hand with Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

Working under the direction of the Housing and Residence Life staff, the Resident Advisors (RAs) work to meet the needs of students living in the residence halls as well as providing programming and community development. Their on-duty responsibilities include daily rounds, desk duty, program development and implementation, incident documentation, staff meetings, training and development, and lock-up. And they do all this while balancing their own academic and extracurricular activities.



Residence Life Staff (RAs)

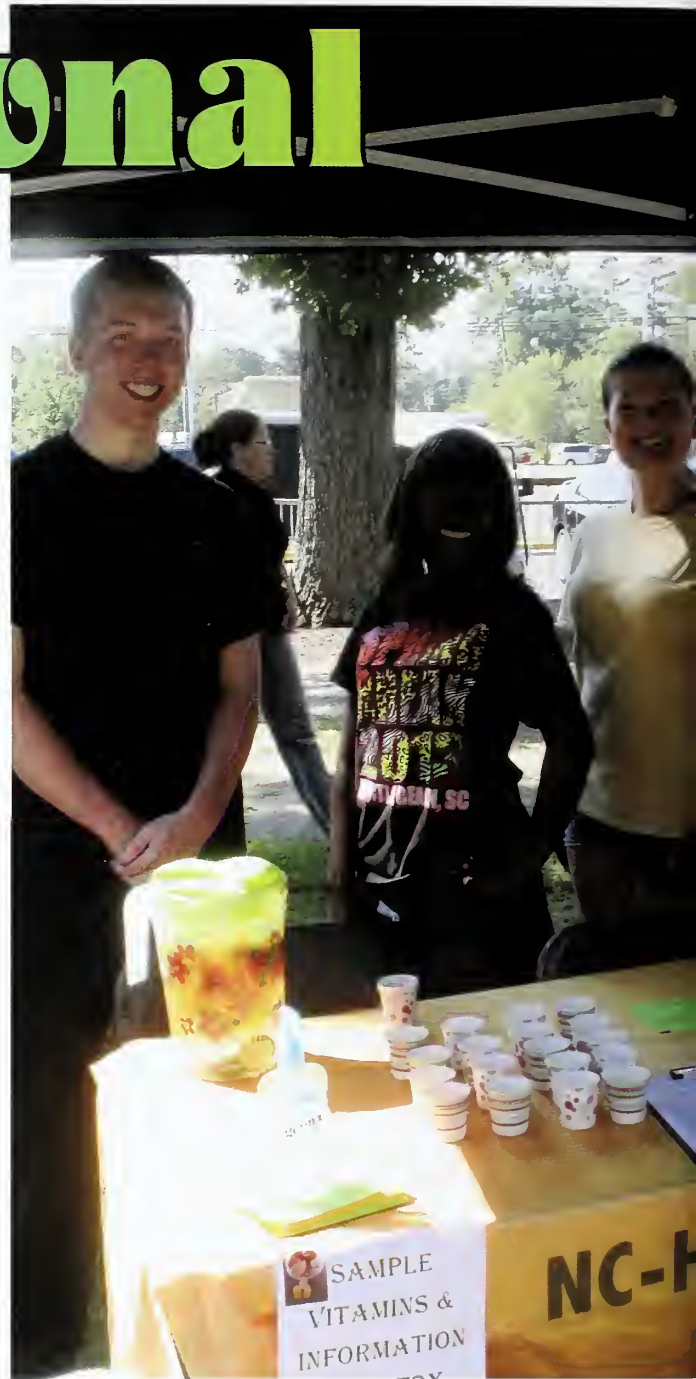
Professional

The Health Careers Club (HCC) is a club for aspiring health professionals. The primary purpose of the Health Careers Club is to promote awareness and interest in all areas of the health professions and to promote campus and community service projects. They open their doors to students of all major areas of study so they can explore various health professions and interact with health professionals. The Health Careers Club regular meetings regularly have a guest speaker who is a professional or representative from an in-state or out-of-state institution. These guest speakers, who range from admissions deans of medical schools to directors of clinical summer programs, typically discuss prerequisite information, curriculum, and other details of their programs and campus. Outside of meetings, the Health Careers Club hosts a variety of fundraising and community events and participates in service and job-shadowing opportunities.

RISE is an acronym for Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement. This organization is for students who are considering a career in the field of biomedical research. RISE hopes to prepare its members for the various challenges that they will face in this career field.

Members of Enactus, an organization within the School of Business, were heavily involved in helping the local community, using their management and entrepreneurial skills to plan and implement outreach projects, which have included working with students in elementary and junior high schools to create a mentorship program and provide a healthy atmosphere to discuss healthy human relationships.

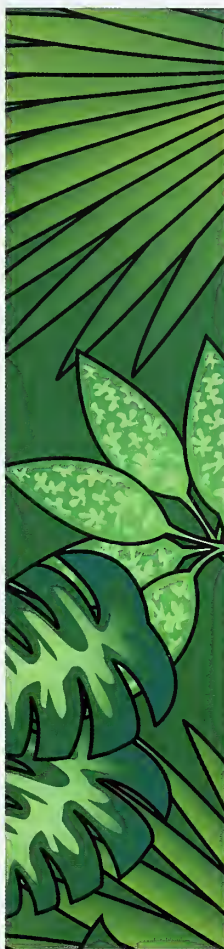
The Criminal Justice Club sponsored a documentary series and made a visit to the Mecklenburg County Jail for community service. The officers of this organization were President Kyesha Freeman, Vice President Teresina De La Cruz, Treasurer Jennifer Brassard, and Faculty Advisor Jessica Godsey.



Enactus



Health Career Club

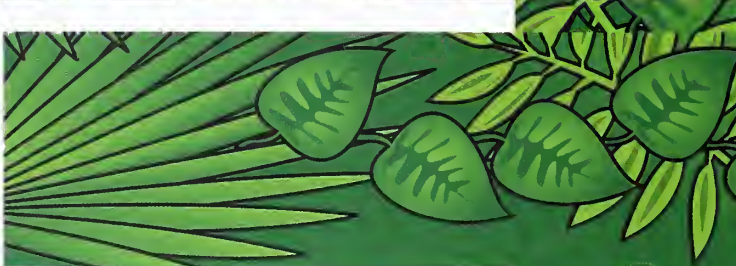


Health Careers Club members represent their organization at Pembroke Day; their advisor and officers for 2013-14, pictured below, were Advisor Sylvia Johnson, Treasurer Kristina Sanchez, Secretary Jessica Oxendine, President Brittany Williams, Vice President Elizabeth Locklear, and Co-Vice President Ronelle Hoff.



Criminal Justice Club

Students get physical at an Athletic Connections event sponsored by the Literacy Commons; Brandon Stephens and Daria Bannerman meet in the Lowry Building to discuss plans for Delta Sigma Omicron.



Athletic Training Student Association

Learning In



The Literacy Commons is a volunteer-based organization that sponsors and supports the development and enhancement of literacy within the town of Pembroke and the neighboring regions of Robeson County. They see literacy and learning as personal, political, and liberatory acts resulting in a move toward creating a more socially and critically engaged society. Directed by Dr. David Marquard, TLC has an office on campus in Wellons Hall. Their volunteers consist of students and teachers at UNCP, as well as institutional support (students and teachers) from Robeson Community College and various teachers within the Robeson County Public Schools system. They offer community literacy outreach, development, and support services on a number of fronts. Current programs and projects include Athletic Connections, Communities in Schools Academy's Creative Writing Workshop, a Fiction Writers Program, a Literacy Enrichment and Creative Writing Program at Oxendine Elementary School, a Native Authors Community Reading Program, a Creative Writing Seminar at Purnell Swett High School, and a Veterans Writing Program.

The mission of the Athletic Training Student Association (ATSA) is to develop competent entry-level athletic trainers capable of addressing the health-care needs of the physically active. This development takes place through the implementation of comprehensive knowledge, mastery of clinical proficiencies, and real-life application of learned skills. ATSA seeks three main goals: to promote the health and wellness of UNCP student-athletes, to educate the campus on the fields of Sports Medicine and Athletic Training, and to enhance athletic training student education.

Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO) advocates for the inclusion on campus of UNCP students who are disabled, to involve them in the University environment and to act as a group showing the opportunities available to disabled people in the UNCP community.



Delta Sigma Omicron



The Literacy Commons

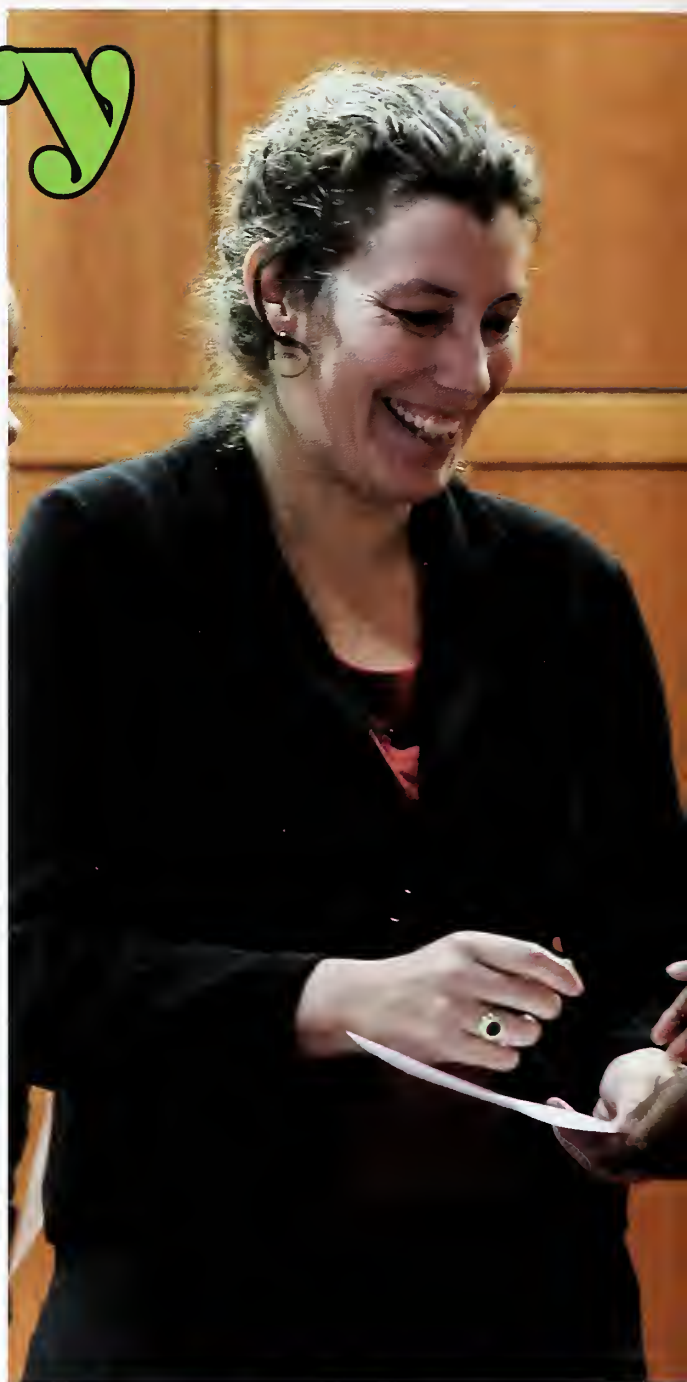
Honorary

The Esther G. Maynor Honors College is a program for some of the most gifted students here at UNCP. Honors college students are provided a variety of interdisciplinary educational opportunities that enhance their general curriculum. Their academic and social experience is enhanced through a variety of select general education courses, small interdisciplinary seminars, cultural and service programs, and shared residential facilities.

Alpha Chi is a national honorary society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students. Each year, a number of outstanding juniors and seniors are inducted into UNCP's chapter. Lambda Sigma is sophomores-only honorary society, and UNCP's Beta chapter has been recognizing select members of the sophomore class since 2009.

Chi Sigma Iota is an international counseling honor society that recognizes the professional and academic excellence of counseling students. Graduate students from our counseling programs are inducted into UNCP's Phi Sigma chapter each year, most recently in March, 2014.

Students in many other academic disciplines are also able to join honors societies related to their majors if they meet the national organization's criteria. For example, Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is a society for students, particularly undergraduates, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Gamma Sigma Epsilon is a national chemistry honor society founded in 1919 at Davidson College. The purpose of Gamma Sigma Epsilon is to, "unite those men with a high scholastic grade in Chemistry, in Class A colleges, in order to foster a more comprehensive and cooperative study of that great branch of Science and its immediately allied studies". The mission of the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society is to recognize students who have excelled in the sciences. The Alpha Zeta Chapter at UNCP was chartered in 2004.

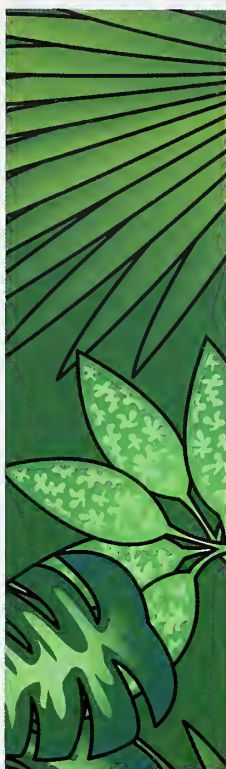


Alpha Chi



Lambda Sigma

Kelli Brooks, Madison Wilcox, Linda Council, Melanie Labeau, Jesenia Morales, S. Torres, Briana Roberts, Christine Friedrich, Ashley Peterson, Daniel Hardin, Ca. Locklear, Kaleb Morris, Lucas Lanham, Kaitlin Meares, Jack Slavin, Emily Prutzman



Dr. Teagan Decker presents a certificate and medallion to one of the students inducted into Alpha Chi in Fall 2013; Samantha Langley of the Honors College strikes a pose with Lindsay Braugh at the Chancellor's Fall Cookout.



Chi Sigma Iota



Student Honors Council

Actors and musicians take a curtain call at the end of *Romeo and Juliet*; Alexis Locklear prepares to make her entrance as crew members shift props on the set of *Dead Man's Cell Phone*.



University Players

Live, from Pembroke



Live performances of various kinds took place on campus throughout the year. The University Players, sponsored by the Theatre program but open to students in all majors, mounted three productions each year on the main stage of the Givens Performing Arts Center. Closing out the Spring 2013 semester was a performance of *All in the Timing*, five humorous one-act plays by David Ivey. Fall 2013 opened with a production of *Dead Man's Cell Phone* and closed with a staging of the Shakespeare classic *Romeo and Juliet*. In addition to performing, students also provided backstage support as state managers, costume makers, running crews, stagehands, and ushers.

Providing music for *Romeo and Juliet* were members of the Early Musick Groupe, one of many ensembles sponsored by the Music Department that provided another vehicle for students to perform in a variety of genres for live audiences of their peers. The Musical Theatre program also collaborated with University Players in the Spring 2104 production of *Man of La Mancha*.

Students interested in learning about modeling and participating in fashion shows could join the Intrigue Modeling Troupe. The Spirit Squads, including cheerleaders and dancers, performed during games and also at other events such as Pembroke Day and Homecoming.



Intrigue Modeling Troupe



Spirit Squad

Spreading the Spirit

Student media keep the campus community entertained and informed as well as providing students with valuable professional experience. *The Aurochs* literary magazine features student work in the areas of poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, artwork, and photography. The Editor-in-Chief this year was Leona Howell, and she was advised by Dr. Karen Helgeson.

The Pine Needle is the university's student-produced biweekly newspaper and is a top resource for current news and editorials. The Editor-in-Chief of *The Pine Needle* this year was Ashley Cole, with Dr. Tony Curtis serving as advisor.

The *Indianhead* yearbook provides a record, in words and pictures, of all aspects of student life at the university each year. Robert Hamilton became Editor-in-Chief in February of 2014; who was advised by Ms. Sara Oswald.

All three student publications were recognized for excellence this year. The 2013 issue of *The Aurochs* received a Gold Medalist award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, as did the 2103 *Indianhead*; *The Pine Needle* was awarded First Place with Special Merit by the American Scholastic Press Association for 2013. Individual contributors to both the magazine and the newspaper also received awards from North Carolina College Media Association.

WNCP-TV is the university's student-run television station, producing weekly news and sports programs that are carried on local cable TV systems.



The Aurochs

Quincee Tompkins, Jennifer Taylor, Michael Morrison, Meghan Taylor, Mari DeRuntz, Bessie Barnes, Leona Howell



Indianhead

Robert Hamilton, Sara Oswald, Nicole Payne, Ashley Nichol, Christina Dawkins, Anna Pighet



Leona Howell meets with the staff of The Aurochs to discuss selections for their 2014 issue; students work in the control room during a WNCN-TV broadcast.

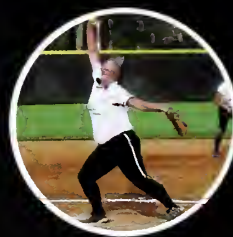


Pine Needle

WNCN-TV

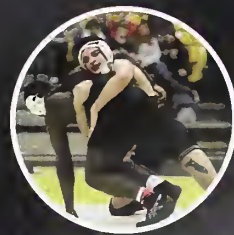
The Braves had another great year in 2013-14. Although we have had to say goodbye to an old friend (Coach Shinnick), our future is still looking bright. Our sports teams continue to set the bar high every year and shoot past that same bar. It is hard to think of an easier way to show your school spirit than to go to a game and join the student section. It is hard for any one of us to go to the game and not join in. Our student athletes continue to do an outstanding job. They are not only benefitting the school, but themselves as well. They are learning discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership skills. The many hours of practicing day after day, week after week, pay off every time the Braves take the field.

Senior wide receiver Te'vell Williams eludes defenders to move the ball down the field for the Braves during their 9-2 season in 2013.





CATCH THE
SPORTS
SPIRIT!



This Lady Braves catcher is about to return the ball to the pitcher from home plate.



Shelby Holland makes contact with the ball during one of her at bats for the Lady Braves.



2013 UNCP Softball—Katy Austin, Schanique Barrett, Sequoia Barrett, Holly Berry, Taylor Cloninger, Morgan Davis, Starr Gilley, Brea Hartley, Megan Hillard, Shelby Holland, Whitney Jackson, Natalie Klemann, Caitlin Steel, Kellie Van Dyke, Karlee Wilson, Kaytee Wilson, Interim Head Coach Megan Brown, Volunteer Assistant Coach Neil Smith

On the Ball



The Lady Braves softball team had a record of 23-32 last spring. The season started in early February with the Braves winning their season opener 3-2 over Florida Tech. The trio of senior Holly Berry, junior Shelby Holland, and sophomore Megan Hillard helped lead the team to a 10-inning victory over Florida Southern on February 3rd.

In the February 17th game against Catawba sophomore Brea Hartley had her first career grand slam in the first inning of the game. With the help of junior Taylor Colninger's game-winning run the Lady Braves defeated the Catawba Lady Indians in a double-header game. In late February Taylor Colninger was named the Peach Belt Conference Player of the Week for the first time of her softball career. She had impressive hits in six-straight games during the week.

In March sophomore Brea Hartley was also named the Peach Belt Conference Player of the week. Senior Holly Berry helped her team gain four runs with her home run over the left field wall during the game against Alderson-Broadus at the NTC Spring games. On the last day of the games the Lady Braves took both wins from West Liberty and American International. The double win over Young Harris in late March helped the Lady Braves in the Peach Belt Conference. The huge win over Francis-Marion of 7-0 in April prepared the team

Megan Hillard and other fielders scramble to catch the ball before the player from the opposing team can advance on the base path during one of their Spring 2013 home games.

for the win against the Barton Bulldogs in extra innings.

The season wrapped up and junior Natalie Kemann and senior Kellie Van Dyke were named to the 2013 Peach Belt Conference Softball All-Academic team.



Starr Gilley looks determined to get an out as she gets ready to deliver a pitch to her opponent.

This runner is safe as she slides into home plate before the opposing catcher gets the ball to tag her out.

2013 Softball

UNCNP		Opp.
3	Florida Tech	2
3	Lynn	4
1	Saint Leo	2
5	Florida Southern	4
1	Pfeiffer	0
1	Pfeiffer	9
2	California	6
6	Kutztown	4
8	Kutztown	3
3	Concord	6
3	California	4
6	Catawba	5
2	Catawba	12
1	Wingate	2
3	Wingate	4
12	St Andrews	0
6	St Andrews	2
4	Mars Hill	2
3	Mars Hill	6
2	Chowan	3
2	Chowan	1
4	Mount Olive	2
0	Mount Olive	3
7	Georgia Southwestern	4
5	Georgia Southwestern	6
0	Columbus State	2
0	Columbus State	11
9	Alderson-Broadus	5
6	Sioux Falls	7
10	West Liberty	2
4	American Int'l	0
1	Georgia College	2
3	Georgia College	4
4	GRU Augusta	1
1	GRU Augusta	10
8	Mansfield	0
1	Mansfield	4
0	North Georgia	4
2	North Georgia	8
8	Young Harris	2
11	Young Harris	2
3	USC Aiken	13
5	USC Aiken	6
1	Lander	6
4	Lander	1
1	St Augustine	2
2	St Augustine	10
2	Armstrong Atlantic	5
10	Armstrong Atlantic	11
6	Mount Olive	8
9	Mount Olive	0
0	Francis Marion	1
7	Francis Marion	0
9	Barton	1
7	Barton	3

2013 Baseball

UNCP	Opp.	
17	Anderson	0
7	Anderson	1
4	Anderson	3
16	Salem International	0
2	Salem International	1
8	Salem International	2
8	Chowan	2
7	Chowan	5
1	Columbus State	0
11	Columbus State	12
12	Columbus State	6
6	Montevallo	2
5	Montevallo	6
6	Montevallo	7
5	Coker	4
5	Georgia College	3
6	Georgia College	11
2	Georgia College	9
8	St. Andrews	4
2	Young Harris	0
7	Young Harris	6
12	Young Harris	14
12	Catawba	8
9	Georgia Southwest	1
5	Georgia Southwest	2
7	Georgia Southwest	3
3	Barton	5
13	Flagler	1
11	Flagler	5
4	Flagler	9
11	Wingate	0
7	North Georgia	4
6	North Georgia	1
5	North Georgia	3
4	Coker	8
12	Francis Marion	4
5	Francis Marion	11
7	Francis Marion	2
14	Lenoir Rhyne	9
3	Erskine	9
13	Erskine	7
15	Erskine	3
12	Barton	3
5	Armstrong Atlantic	7
8	Armstrong Atlantic	13
4	Armstrong Atlantic	6
10	Pfeiffer	9
7	GRU Augusta	5
10	GRU Augusta	6
5	GRU Augusta	4
3	Lander	12
14	USC Aiken	3
16	Lander	11
5	Georgia College	13

Right-handed pitcher Logan Cook (below) winds up to deliver a pitch. Cook had six wins and only one loss for the Braves in 2013.

Abase runner (bottom) tags up and rounds the corner for home plate in hopes of adding a run for the Braves.



NOTE: A 2013 team photo was not available. Names of all the players on the Braves baseball team are listed on the right.



2013 UNCP Baseball—Ben Schmucker, Brandon Estrain, Daniel Fraga, Drew Alford, Patrick McElhannon, Chad Whitehead, Victor Zecca, Zade Denton, Dalton Knight, Jordan Edgerton, Drew Cole, Aaron Spano, Dale Innes, Jordan DeLoatch, Jack Macho, Brett Huffman, Connor Pratt, Logan Cook, Kullen B...

Batter Up!



Braves baseball hit one out of the park in 2013, finishing the season at .704 with 38 wins against only 16 losses. Jordan Edgerton was named to the ABCA's NCAA Division II All-American team for the second time. He and Ethan Carter also earned NCBWA and Daktronics All-America honors, and Edgerton and Ben Schmucker were named to the Southeast Region Gold Glove squad.

After rising as high as a No. 10 ranking during the regular season, the Braves entered the Peach Belt Conference Championship as the fifth seed. Although they fell 3-12 to Lander in the opening round, they came back strong with a 14-3 victory over USC Aiken to remain in contention before being eliminated by Georgia College, 5-13, in the semifinals. Catcher Max Gagnon, however, was named to the PBC All-Tournament Team.

The season had started in early February with three huge wins over Salem International and continued on a winning streak against Chowen the next week. Dale Innes's pitching against Columbus State brought the Braves a win of 12-6. On the road in Alabama the Braves took a few losses with a 2-3 game record against Montevallo.

In early March the team returned to UNCP for seven home games, starting with an 8-4 win over St. Andrews. During the double-header sweep against Young Harris, Chad Whitehead and Daniel Fraga helped

This Braves batter looks up to see the arc of the ball he has just hit before leaving the plate and running towards first base to help put more points on the scoreboard.

the team score runs at their at-bats. In the game against Georgia Southwestern, Derrick Phillips hit a grand slam, which led the team to a 5-2 win. April brought more wins for the Braves including an 11-5 victory over visiting Francis Marion.



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Davis, Sean Lecney, Jack Slavin, David Dail, Head
ch Paul O'Neil, Assistant Coach Blake Newsome,
stant Coach Ryan McClency, Assistant Coach
n Willis

Zade Denton is safe sliding into home plate to add another point on the scoreboard for the Braves.

Catcher Max Gagnon waits at home plate for the ball that has just been missed by an opposing batter.

At the Net

The Lady Braves were 11-11 for the 2013 tennis season, ending on a high note with a 6-3 win over Barton. Unfortunately, all 11 losses were to Peach Belt Conference opponents, with only two conference wins against North Georgia and Georgia Southwestern. Our players maintained a positive attitude against strong competition throughout the season, and they were recognized by the conference with their second straight Women's Tennis Team Sportsmanship Award, an honor that is voted on by all the PBC teams in each sport.

Senior Mia Winterbottom had wins in both singles and doubles against Lander on Senior Day and later became the first UNCP tennis player to be named to the Capital One Academic All-District Team. She and three teammates—Shelby Bickel, Monica Espitia, and Leigh-Anne McAfee—also earned PBC All-Academic Honorable Mention, and McAfee became just the second tennis Lady Brave to earn all-conference honors when she was named to the PBC Singles Second Team.



2013 Tennis

UNCP	Opponent
7	Chowan
5	Pfeiffer
2	USC Aiken
0	Francis Marion
6	North Georgia
0	Armstrong Atlantic
0	Young Harris
1	GRU Augusta
9	Kentucky Wesleyan
8	Sioux Falls
7	West Liberty
3	Clayton State
3	Montevallo
8	Coker
2	Columbus State
5	Georgia Southwestern
7	Catawba
2	Georgia College
3	Flagler
9	Fayetteville State
3	Lander
6	Barton

On Course

Our men's golf team hosted the first annual UNCP/Campbell Oil Classic on March 29-30, 2013, where junior Michael Mullman finished at the top of the leader board as the Braves achieved their first—and only—team title of the 2012-13 season. Mullman and Trent Cloninger also played well to lead the team to a fifth-place finish in the Mt. Olive Spring Invitational before the Braves closed the season with an eleventh-place showing at the PBC Championships.

The women's team finished first at the Terrier Intercollegiate, World Golf Village Invitational, and UWG Wolf Invitational leading up to a fourth-place team finish at the PBC Championships. Senior Meghan Moore was the individual PBC Champion and went on in post-season play to finish tied for 19th at the NCAA Super Region 2 Tournament in May 2013.



2012-13 Men's Golf—Aaron Abts, Lewis Adams, Trent Cloninger, Kendall Dunn, Jay Ealley, Parker Houston, Ian Locklear, Michael Mullmann, Phillip Parrish, Zach Sallinger, Sam Stephenson, Beau Thompson, Bryce Young



2012-13 Women's Golf—Laura Bird, Lizzie Bundy, Jenn Crow, Meghan Moore, Abby Shipley, Kelly Sumner, Shauna Walor, Dana Watkins, Head Coach David Synan, Assistant Coach Elizabeth Fernandes

On Track

UNCP track and field athletes achieved first-place finishes, personal bests, and school records in 2013, including wins at the CCU Chanticleer Classic by Matthew Thompson, Shaquille Ray, Zeke Hoggs, and the men's 4x100 relay team, which also competed for the first time at the Penn Relays. The men finished second and the women sixth in the inaugural Peach Belt Conference Track and Field Championships. Among post-season laurels, nine men and two women earned all-conference honors, Gary Aycock was PBC Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year, and Hana Metzinger was PBC Field Athlete of the Year.

Distance runner Pardon Ndhlovu and triple jumper Hoggs advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Pueblo, CO, where Ndhlovu closed out his UNCP career by placing 7th in the 5,000 meters and 11th in the 10,000 meters to become a two-time All American in Track as well as in Cross

Country. The graduating senior, who had qualified for nationals finishing third in the 10,000 meters at the prestigious Penn Relays, was also named an Academic All American and PBC Track Athlete of the Year, among other honors.

After serving as interim coach this season, Gary Aycock was named in May 2013 as Head Track and Field Coach and will continue to lead the Braves in the spring of 2014.

2013 Track & Field—Dontá Allen, Darryl Barnes, Emarijon Best, Brandon Bulla, Victor Cole, Devan Cureton, Jereme Gamble, Corey Glover, Daniel Glover, Tony Grice, Zeke Hoggs, Onaje Humbert, Malcom Jordan, Jameel Joyner, Travis Joyner, Adrien King, Brandon Little, Jeff Lockley, Ron Maye, Zach Millsaps, Tyler Moore, Pardon Ndhlovu, Andrew Ndhlovu, Mikal Polanco, Shaquille Ray, Matt Reith, Joshua Scott, Nick Tamburo, Scott Tamburo, Duane Thompson, Matthew Thompson, D'Andre Weaver, Jon Williams, Cedric Wilson, Jordan Wilson, Gio Alston, Kendall Boykin, Jazmiene Brown, Kendra Dorn, Ashlee Doughty, Jasmine Drake, Damita Ford, Savannah Fornshell, Fatima Funderburk, Brandon Long, Livia Mahaffie, Taliqua Medley, Hana Metzinger, Janay Moore, Amanda Norris, Jani Perez, Detria Smith, Head Coach Gary Aycock



2-13 Tennis—Shelby Bickel, Madeline DiNunzio, Erica Espitia, Hannah Herlocker, Allison Johnson, Ann-Anne McAfee, Beverly Vause, Mia Winterbottom, Head Coach Robin Langley, Graduate Assistant Coach Tom McGary

2012-2013 Golf

Men

Tusculum Fall Classic	T-4th
AFLAC/Cougar Invitational	8th
Donald Ross Intercollegiate	17th
McDonough Cup	T-15th
Richard Rendleman Invitational	9th
Bobcat Intercollegiate	17th
J Ralph Hargett Memorial Intercollegiate	T-9th
UNCP/Campbell Oil Classic	1st
Mount Olive Spring Invitational	5th
Peach Belt Conference Championship	11th

Women

Terrier Intercollegiate	1st
Tusculum Fall Classic	T-2nd
Patsy Rendleman Invitational	4th
Kiawah Women's Intercollegiate	2nd
World Golf Village Invitational	1st
TSYS Collegiate Classic	T-3rd
UWG Invitational	1st
Pinehurst Challenge	3rd
US Women's Golf Invitational	5th
Peach Belt Conference Championship	4th
NCAA South Super Regional	No team score

2013 Track and Field

Men

Dick Taylor Invitational	NTS
Gene Anderson Invitational	NTS
UNCW Seahawk Invitational	2nd
CCU/Shamrock Invitational	NTS
Weems Baskin Invitational	NTS
Raleigh Relays	NTS
Chanticleer Classic	NTS
Peach Belt Conference Championship	2nd
Penn Relays	NTS
Aggie Last Chance Meet	NTS
NCAA Division II National Championships	45th

Women

Dick Taylor Invitational	NTS
Gene Anderson Invitational	NTS
UNCW Seahawk Invitational	4th
CCU/Shamrock Invitational	NTS
Weems Baskin Invitational	NTS
Raleigh Relays	NTS
Chanticleer Classic	NTS
Peach Belt Conference Championship	6th

NTS = No team score

On the Road

Braves cross country squads started off strong in 2013 with first-place finishes for both the men's and women's teams at the UNCW Seahawk Invitational in September. Neither team finished lower than fifth for the remainder of the regular season, with the men taking third place and the women fourth in the PBC Championships. The runners closed out the year at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championships in Charlotte in November, where the women placed fifth and the men seventh.

Freshman Abby Culp broke the school record for the 6K by more than 15 seconds at the PBC Championship; the record had previously been set by sophomore Kyndal Boykin, who also set new school records for the 5K twice during the season, shaving 47 seconds off her previous best the second time at the Royal Cross Country Challenge, on her way to being named PBC Runner of the Year. Culp, Lea Tardanico, and Kendra Dorn were named to the USTFCCCA Division II Women's Cross Country All-Academic Honorees Team, and Dorn won a spot on the PBC All-Academic Honorable Mention Team.

For the men, sophomore Joel Johnston was named Astro Turf/PBC Runner of the Week in September after winning the 8K at the Bulldog Stampede at Wingate University, leading the Braves to their second first-place finish of the season. Johnston was the leading runner for UNCP at the Royal Cross Country Challenge in October and continued to turn in strong performances at the post-season championships, as did freshman Will Pearson, the only all-region runner for the Braves at the regional championships in November. Johnston was also named to the USTFCCCA Division II Men's Cross Country All-Academic Honorees Team in February 2014.

2013 Cross Country

Men

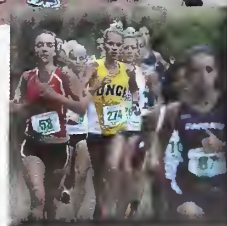
UNCW Seahawk Invitational	1st
Bulldog Stampede	1st
Charlotte Cross Country Invitational	5th
Royal Cross Country Challenge	4th
Peach Belt Conference Championship	3rd
NCAA Division II SE Regional Championships	7th

Women

UNCW Seahawk Invitational	1st
Bulldog Stampede	2nd
Charlotte Cross Country Invitational	2nd
Royal Cross Country Challenge	3rd
Peach Belt Conference Championship	4th
NCAA Division II SE Regional Championships	5th



2013 Cross Country—Nebiyou Aynu, Brady Burke, Joel Johnston, Tyler Moore, Andrew Nguyen, Will Pearson, Matt Reith, Nick Tamburo, Kyndal Boykin, Abby Culp, Kendra Dorn, Savannah Fornshell, Catherine George, Olivia Lowman, Lea Tardanico, Head Coach Gary Aycock, Asst. Coach Stephen Carney



Record Season

Fifth-ranked Winston-Salem State scored 21 straight points to take a 21-12 advantage with 4:24 left in the third quarter, but UNC Pembroke used a game-changing interception return for a touchdown by Mike Lawrence and took the lead for good on a 22-yard field goal by Connor Haskins four minutes later en route to a 25-21 win over the Rams at Grace P. Johnson Stadium. The victory gave the Braves their first win over a top-10 ranked opponent to usher in the 2013 football season. The game, which attracted a stadium record 7,948 fans, was played in front of a live national television audience on CBS Sports Network as NCAA Division II's Game of the Week. "I am so proud of our guys. This is the first step in what we are trying to accomplish," said head coach Pete Shinnick.

Many more accomplishments were to come, as the Braves followed their opening win with a 38-24 victory over Fayetteville State in the fifth annual Two Rivers Classic and four more wins over Shaw, Wingate, UNC Charlotte, and Catawba—the last one marking the 100th career collegiate coaching victory for Coach Shinnick.

The streak ended at six when UNCP suffered a close loss to Newberry, 21-24, but the Braves then bounced back to defeat their next three opponents, ending the regular season at 9-1 after a resounding 63-0 shutout over Virginia Lynchburg.

Following the 9-1 regular season, UNCP earned its second playoff berth in the last five years, as well as a first round bye, as the Braves were announced as a No. 2 seed in the 2013 NCAA Division II Football Playoffs, hosting third-seeded North Alabama on November 30 at Grace P. Johnson Stadium. This marked the first playoff trip for the Braves since 2009.

Sixteenth-ranked North Alabama rushed for 281 yards and returned interceptions for touchdowns on consecutive drives to outlast the No. 8 UNC Pembroke football team, 37-13. The Braves (9-2) fell to 0-2 all-time in the NCAA postseason, but still finished the 2013 campaign with a school record-tying nine victories.



2013 Football—Luke Charles, Jonathan Efrid, Michael Isbell, Rontonio Stanley, Tamari White, Elliott Powell, Demetrius Fairley, Chris Andrews, Caleb Driver, Michael Isbell, B.J. Bunn, George Whigham, Te'vell Williams, Rakeem Overby, Chris Pittman, Luke Charles, Ben DeCelle, John Rich, Jason Perry, Mike Yerry, T.J. Johnson, Jonathan Hough, Ashton Gaines, Connor Haskins, Michael Doss, Chris Andrews, B.J. Fields, Preston Perry, L.J. Stroman, Ray Baker, Darcus Elliott, Brandon Fulton, Mike Lawrence, Fred Williams, Quentin Pate, Matt Turner, Kellen Rankin, Dominique Bridges, Blake Hickman, Cadareus Mason, Josh Barbour, DeVante Bush, Kendall Jacobs, Rayvon Stanback, Joshua Gooding, Mike Keck, Dan Atkins, Steven Moore, Ivory Myers, James Maynard, Scott Plescia, Kris Tyndall, Rod Butts, Ed Hopper, Tirek Holloway, R.J. Harvin, Terron Huffman, Isaac Jacobs, Qualyn Shipp, Johnathan Watson, Head Coach Pete Shinnick



Joshua Barbour, junior defensive lineman, strategizes and tries to tackle his opponent. Barbour contributed to the Braves defense with 17 tackles and 10 assists in 2013.

Brandon Fulton, junior defensive back, leaps in the air to make a play. He had 26 tackles and 33 assists on the season.



2013 Football		
UNCP		Opp.
25	Winston Salem State	21
38	Fayetteville State	24
41	Shaw	20
38	Wingate	10
45	UNC Charlotte	22
34	Catawba	31
21	Newberry	24
60	Tusculum	20
34	Valdosta State	29
63	VA Lynchburg	0
13	North Alabama	37



Braves quarterback Luke Charles throws the ball to one of his receivers in hopes of getting a touchdown. Charles, a senior in 2013, completed 68.4% of his passes for 3,567 yards and 33 touchdowns.

Senior defensive lineman DeVante Bush tries to tackle and bring down an opponent. Bush had 12 tackles, 12 assists, and four sacks as part of an outstanding Braves defense.

A Head in the Game

The 2013 soccer season started with a bang. Freshmen Claire Tracy and Amber Watkins were able to score two goals in the second half during their first appearance with UNCP women's soccer team. The Lady Braves won 2 to 1 in the season's opening game against Coker. Overall, the team won a total of seven games and tied two games out of a total of 19 games. They had an average of 12.7 shots per game.

Some of the season highlights were the game against the Pfeiffer Falcons when newcomer Sara Lundberg scored the game-winning goal with only four seconds remaining. The Braves won 2 to 1. The team overpowered Peach Belt Conference (PBC) rival Georgia Southwestern, winning 4 to 1. This was their first PBC victory. Their second victory in the PBC was against the Montevallo Falcons. The ladies used the second half to defeat the opposing team 4 to 2.

After the come from behind victory against Montevallo, the Lady Braves were ranked ninth for the second straight week in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Southeast Region Rankings.

Sophomore Julie Nytorp uses her head and showcases her agility as she leaps above her opponents to make contact with the ball. Michelle Hernandez and Sherrie Basden are ready to assist.



Carolina Sanchez is caught up in the action as she prepares to pass the ball to a teammate.

Claire Tracy has a look of determination as she comes out of the box to defend UNCP's goal. Tracy took over as keeper in midseason.





Julie Nytorp is focused and in control as she tries to get around her opponent.

Jasmine Jordan is a step ahead of the competition as she heads toward the ball.



2013 Women's Soccer—Kayla Colon, Rae-Shawna Campbell, Julie Fisher, Sara Lundberg, Savannah [unclear], Jasmine Jordan, Amber Watkins, Michelle Brown, Hannah Baysden, Lindsey Hunt, Michelle Hernandez, Sherrie Gessin, Julia Nytorp, Carolina Sanchez, Claire Tracy, Janae Aiken, Britney Bennett, Head Coach Lars Andersson, Assistant Coach Pauline Privitera, Assistant Coach Sean Brennan

2013 Women's Soccer

UNCP		Opp.
2	Coker	1
0	Catawba	1
2	Pfeiffer	1
4	Georgia Southwestern	1
1	Wingate	2
4	Montevallo	2
0	Clayton State	0
0	Armstrong Atlantic	2
2	Flagler	1
0	Lander	2
0	Georgia College	2
2	Tusculum	1
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	2
0	North Georgia	0
2	Mount Olive	3
3	Young Harris	2
0	USC Aiken	0
0	Columbus State	2
0	Columbus State	1

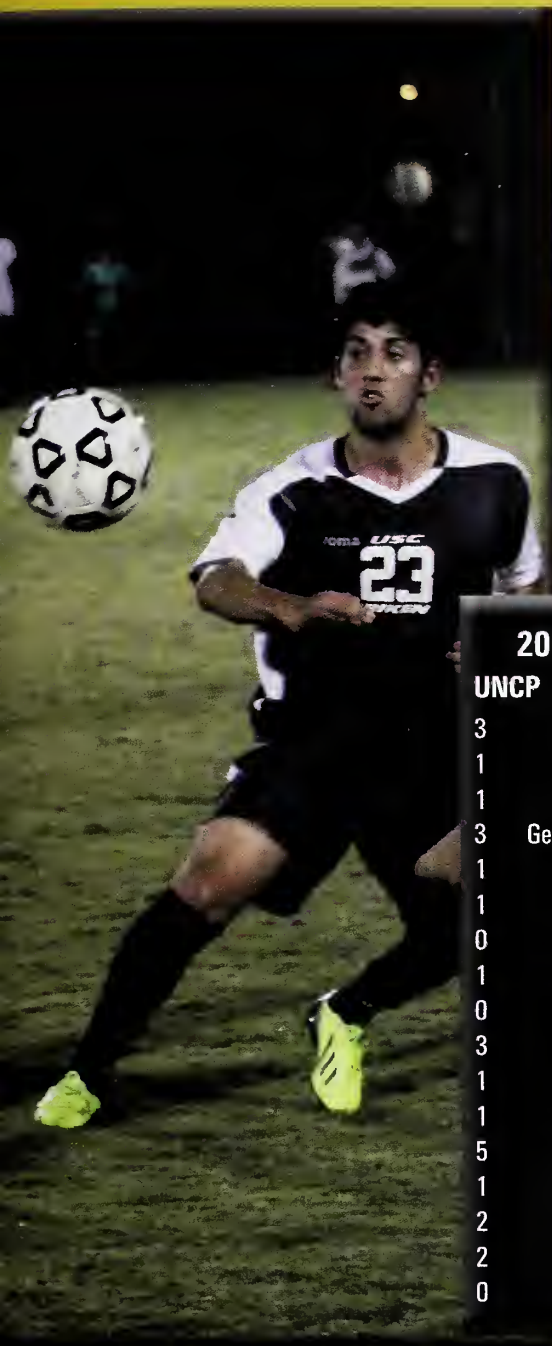
Goalie Ryan Hanson (right) kicks the ball out of the net, while Daniel Bougt (center) knees the ball to keep it away from his opponent.

Sam Miles (below) is not going down without a fight as he races to get to the ball.



2013 Men's Soccer—Kenneth Perkinson, Payne Clark, James Casserly, Ricardo Chavez, Nico Posada, Rico Laitinen, Matt MacDougall, Reece Rooney, Adam Smith, Branco Theis, Tarnue Jallah, Luke Stewart, Paul Freeman, Sam Miles, Hayden Little, Faustin Pierre, Clayton Gannaway, Daniel Bougt, José Hernandez, Kevin Vigebo, Jeff MacDonald, Ryan Nadeau, Michael Blake, Brett Luccia, Sid Peterson, Dylan Crowe, Tyler Crissett, Mark Sears, Carter Creech, Jordan Alread, Ryan Hanson, Head Coach Phil Hindson, Assistant Coach Sean Brennan, Assistant Coach Tyler Jameson, Assistant Coach Kyle Kenney

Aiming to Score



2013 Men's Soccer

UNCP		Opp.
3	Newberry	1
1	Mars Hill	0
1	Wingate	4
3	Georgia Southwestern	0
1	Barton	0
1	Montevallo	0
0	Clayton State	1
1	Francis Marion	3
0	Flagler	1
3	Lander	0
1	Anderson	2
1	North Georgia	1
5	Mount Olive	0
1	Erskine	3
2	Young Harris	5
2	USC Aiken	1
0	Flagler	1

The Braves, who finished the 2013 men's soccer season with 8 wins, 8 losses, and a tie, kicked off the year with wins against Newberry and Mars Hill. During the Mars Hill game, sophomore James Casserly scored his third goal on a header in the 37th minute. Four more wins followed in September, including a thrilling 1-0 overtime victory over PBC rival Montevallo, against only two losses.

October brought more mixed results, with the Braves taking heavy losses against PBC competitors like Francis Marion, Flagler, and Young Harris. They won against Lander, and their game against North Georgia went to two overtimes before ending in a tie. The Braves won their last PBC game of the regular season, defeating USC Aiken 2-1, before falling to Flagler in the quarterfinals of the Peach Belt Conference tournament to bring their season to a close.

Junior Sam Miles was named to the PBC All-Conference and All-Tournament teams and the Capital One Academic All-American team. Miles and several teammates also received PBC All-Academic Team and NCCSIA All-State honors.



Ricardo Chavez (left) attempts to defend the ball from an opponent.

Payne Clark (above) is in control of the ball as he moves up the field.

2013 Volleyball

UNCP	Opp	
0	Palm Beach Atlantic	3
0	Carson- Newman	3
3	Converse	0
0	Tusculum	3
3	Walsh	2
0	Arkansas	3
2	Belmont	3
3	Clafin	0
1	Flagler	3
3	Pfeiffer	0
3	Virginia State	0
3	Coker	0
1	Lander	3
2	USC Aiken	3
0	Francis Marion	3
3	Georgia College	2
3	GRU Augusta	0
3	Fayetteville State	0
1	Armstrong Atlantic	3
1	Montevallo	3
2	Columbus State	3
3	Elizabeth City State	2
3	Fayetteville State	1
0	Armstrong Atlantic	3
0	Flagler	3
0	Florida Tech	3
2	USC Aiken	3
1	Lander	3
3	Francis Marion	2

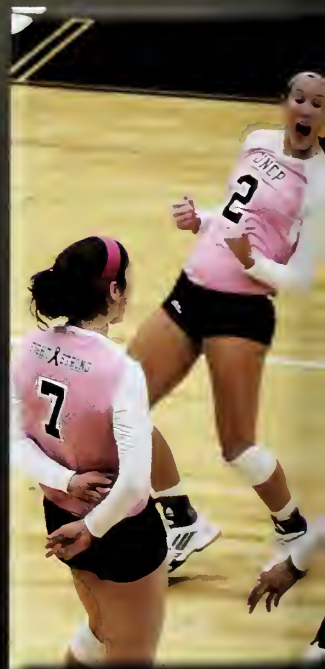
Danielle Brown (right) shows good form and concentration while serving the ball to the other team.



Caroline Pridgen (below) defends her side of the court and sends the ball in the other direction.



2013 Volleyball—Marissa Baker, Sarah Bower, Cecilia Brandon, Danielle Brown, Sabrina Gonzalez, Bethany Greenlaw, Ka'asha Jefferies, Nicole Mathews, Caroline Pridgen, Shekinah-Joy Toloumu, Jade Young, Head Coach Angie Byrd, Assistant Coach Megan Sanger, Student Manager Kayla Garner



Spike High



The UNCP volleyball team won 16 games against 21 losses in their 2013 season. Starting off at the Carson-Newman Classic, the ladies put forth a valiant effort in their opening match against Palm Beach Atlantic. Though it resulted in their first loss, it encouraged the team to work harder for the upcoming games. The Lady Braves worked together and won against Converse, 3-0. They lost to Tusculum but still managed to out-block and out-dug the Pioneers. They took a close 3-2 win against Walsh and recorded 2 losses and 1 win at the Belmont Abbey Tournament. Things season picked up later as the Braves won 3 games in a row against Pfeiffer,



Virginia State, and Coker. Although they lost to Flagler, Lander, USC Aiken, and Francis Marion, they scored victories over Georgia College, GRU Augusta, and Fayetteville State before losses in their matches against Armstrong Atlantic, Montevallo, and Columbus State.

During the mid-season the ladies picked it up by winning games against Elizabeth City State and Fayetteville State. Games against Armstrong Atlantic, Flagler, USC Aiken, and Lander were losses; UNCP won against Elizabeth City State, Virginia State, and GRU Augusta but fell to Georgia College, Columbus State, and Montevallo, among others. The volleyball team closed the season with a 3-2 win against Francis Marion in the "Think Pink" game.

Sarah Bower (center) sets up to return the ball over the net, while Sabrina Gonzalez (left) leaps above the court to keep that ball in play as a teammate provides backup.



Members of the volleyball team get pumped during a game that also raised awareness of the fight against breast cancer.

Sabrina Gonzalez and a teammate keep their eyes on the ball and their arms ready to make contact.

Be Brave

Our men's basketball team lost three pre-season exhibition games to Division I teams but started the regular season strong with eight consecutive wins. Two of those wins were against Limestone and Belmont Abbey during the UNCP Invitational. Overall UNCP ended their season with 14 wins and 15 losses, averaging 79 points per game.

On the final day of competition at the Mayaguez Basketball Classic in Puerto Rico, UNCP won 77 to 61 using 51.9 percent of their shooting from the field and 81.0 percent from the charity stripe. On December 16, the team shot better than 56 percent in the second half against Lander, winning 83 to 72. During the game against Georgia College on January 2, four of the starters for the team achieved double digit shooting. On February 14, 2014, sophomore Brandon Winford matched a career high of 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to assist in the victory against the Flagler Saints.

Sophomore Brandon Winford won the title of Astro-turf/PBC Player of the Week. Junior Ben Jacobs was named to the CoSIDA academic all-district first team for the NCAA Division II district three. Former UNCP players did well this year, too. Nathan Priest, former forward for the Braves, moved on to play on the professional level with the Slovenian team Kosarkarski Klub Elektra Sostanj.

Jihad Wright (right) stops to get ready for the pass, while Ben Jacobs (center) leaps above his opponent to get the ball into the basket.



2013-14 Men's Basketball—Courtney Pulley, Alex Bradley, Griffin Pittman, Keysheen Hinton, Ben Jacobs, Jonathan Kistner, James M. Chee, Tyler Thayer, Quamain Rose, Jihad Wright, Blair Broom, Chris Lindsay, Reggie Cobia, Rob Brown, Brandon Winford, Tyler Kordebrock, Head Coach Ben Miller, Assistant Coach Ben Thompson, Assistant Coach Eldon Miller, Student Assistant Mason Mullins, Student Manager Daylan Fuller.



2013-14

Men's Basketball

UNCP	Opp.
82	Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras 78
80	Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 70
77	Puerto Rico-Bayamon 61
76	Limestone 64
100	Belmont Abbey 87
97	Fayetteville State 91
98	St. Andrews 66
90	Mid-Atlantic Christian 67
58	USC-Aiken 75
83	Lander 72
65	Mount Olive 90
79	Coker 72
86	Georgia College 70
72	GRU Augusta 76
68	Georgia Southwestern 80
79	Columbus State 87
74	Lander 81
75	Clayton State 81
61	Montevallo 88
109	Armstrong Atlantic 87
70	GRU Augusta 92
68	Francis Marion 66
83	Armstrong Atlantic 84
74	Francis Marion 78
77	Flagler 70
72	North Georgia 87
76	Young Harris 83
72	Flagler 76
91	USC Aiken 107

Alex Bradley, the Braves point guard, is taking the ball down the court.



Quamain Rose avoids a defender and goes up for the shot.

Players on the bench watch their teammates as the coaches contemplate strategy.

2013-14

Women's Basketball

UNCP	Opp.
64	UNC Wilmington 60
39	Wingate 61
54	Coker 58
47	Fayetteville State 46
73	St. Andrews 46
78	Chowan 64
70	USC Aiken 67
65	Lander 72
74	Limestone 61
73	Tuskegee 84
48	Georgia College 68
54	GRU Augusta 63
59	Georgia Southwestern 80
55	Columbus State 78
66	Lander 56
40	Clayton State 73
59	Montevallo 62
56	Armstrong Atlantic 72
40	GRU Augusta 63
73	Francis Marion 61
56	Armstrong Atlantic 82
54	Francis Marion 68
76	Flagler 62
69	North Georgia 87
66	Young Harris 56
54	Flagler 72
58	USC Aiken 72

Wayne Mack (below) concentrates while dribbling the ball down the court to pass to her teammates so they can take the shot.



Ashley McCray (above) sets up to pass the ball to one of her teammates.



Avaé Hardy (right) stops and scans the court for a teammate ready to take the pass.

nothin' but net



The Lady Braves began their season on a positive note with a win against UNC Wilmington. Facing stiff competition in many of their later games, they ended the 2013-14 season with 9 wins and 17 losses. They averaged 59.8 points per game, shooting 37.7 percent from the field, and landed 28.8 percent of their 3-point shots as well as 62.0 percent of their free throws.

With the help of 22 points from Kamille Horne and a double-double from Kierra Haney, the UNCP women were able to win 78-64 over Chowan. Freshman Jasmine Huntley scored 20 points in the game against Limestone on December 20, helping the Lady Braves win 74 to 61. Ahead by 10 points before halftime, they were able to pull through and win against Francis Marion, 73 to 61. Another victory over a Peach Belt Conference rival came in their second contest against Lander, which the team was able to win 76 to 62.

Junior Kamille Horne scored a career high of 18 points against North Georgia, another Peach Belt Conference opponent. Freshman Jasmine Huntley scored 20 points in the Stair South Classic. Junior Kierra Haney turned in her third double-double performance during the December 16 game against Lander. Jazmin Kemp was honored for excellence

Jasmine Huntley (left) leaps off the court and twists herself into position as she goes up for the shot in one of two games the Lady Braves played against PBC rival Lander.

in the classroom and on the court with Peach Belt Conference All-Academic laurels for the third consecutive year. Kemp was also named to the Capital One Academic All-District Team for the second year.



2013-14 Women's Basketball—Jasmine Edwards, Wayne Mack, Ashley McCray, Jasmine Huntley, Ashlyn Jones, Jazmine Kemp, Chandrica Purdie, Avae Hardy, Airico Williams, Jonissa Monley, Kamille Horne, Katelyn Mitchell, Kierra Haney, Phoenicia Lawson, Dee Purdue, Head Coach John Haskins, Assistant Coach Kapica Davis, Graduate Assistant Coach Tyler Epperly, Student Assistant Coach Connor Haskins

Takedown

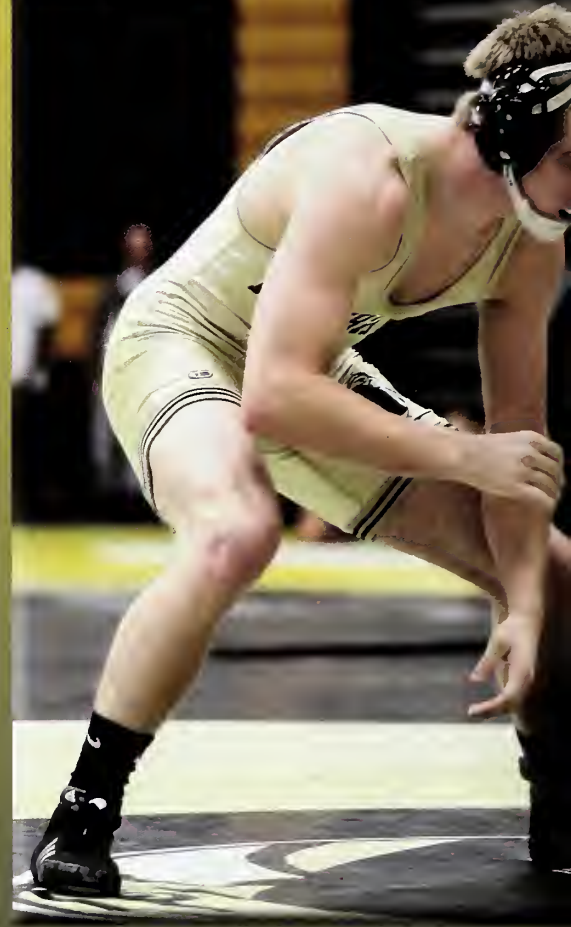
The Braves opened the 2013-14 wrestling season with three tournament appearances at the Citadel Open, our own Pembroke Classic, and the Wolfpack Open. On November 21, UNCP began dual-meet competition with a win at home over Belmont Abbey. After another tournament, the Shorter Open, the Braves moved on to the Wolfpack Duals on November 24 in Raleigh, where UNCP took three difficult losses against Lindsey Wilson, Gardner-Webb, and NC State.

At the Newberry Duals on December 7, UNCP first took on Lake Erie and lost 29-18, but that would be their last dual-meet loss of the season, as they followed up with wins against Darton and Alderson-Broadus at that meet before closing out December with an appearance at the Midwest Classic tournament in Indianapolis.

January started with wins over Central Florida, Ferrum, and Stevens Tech at the Virginia Duals, followed by two more victories over Coker and Ferrum. In February, the Braves had four more dual-meet wins against St. Andrews, Anderson, Limestone, and Newberry before heading to the NCAA Super Region 2 Tournament in Tiffin, Ohio, on February 28 through March 1.

The Braves ended the season by placing 11th at the NCAA Division II National Championships on March 14-15, with junior Daniel Ownbey winning the national championship in the 141-pound weight class. Justin Pencook finished in fourth place and Blaze Shade in eighth place, and Chris Giddens was 1-2 in the tournament. Both Shade and Pencook took home All-American Honors at the NCAA tournament.

Daniel Ownbey (right) faces off with one of the opponents he met during his championship season, while Reggie Allen (far right) gets a grip on his opponent and hopes for another takedown for the Braves.



The Brave wrestler above is intent on taking down one of his opponents.



Flipping over one of his opponents, the wrestler on the right seems headed for another win for UNCP.

Ownbey Wins National Championship

Three-time all-American wrestler Daniel Ownbey forced a stall point with 15 seconds left in the third and final period for a 2-1 win over Ouachita Baptist's Joshua Myers in the 141-pound title match at the 2014 NCAA Division II National Championships on March 15. The national championship match was the 98th victory of the Asheville, NC, native's collegiate career. His national title marked UNCP's second in three years. Mike Williams claimed the title in 2012. Coupled with a fourth place finish by Justin Pencook and an eighth place finish by Blaze Shade, the Braves finished in 11th place in team standings.



2013-14 Wrestling

Dual Meet Record

UNCP		Opp.
42	Belmont Abbey	6
16	Lindsey Wilson	22
14	Gardner-Webb	34
6	NC State	39
18	Lake Erie	29
32	Darton	12
42	Alderson-Broaddus	12
41	Central Florida	12
28	Ferrum	13
22	Stevens Tech	15
28	Coker	19
24	Ferrum	14
39	St. Andrews	6
47	Anderson	11
22	Limestone	9
18	Newberry	15



2013-14 Wrestling—Reggie Allen, K.J. Anderson, George Arrington, George Bancroft, Dylan Bernier, Danny Berrier, Ryan Blackwell, Aubrey Browning, Mike Burns, Sean Faro, Jordan Ford, Chris Foy, Chris Ciddens, Ferdinand Goke, Daniel Hayes, Chad Hoff, Kyle Kidd, Gerald Johnson, Casey Malloy, Christian McLean, Brandon Mendoza, Eric Milks, Cole Murray, Stuart Nadeau, Daniel Ownbey, Justin Pencook, Joe Pennington, Dakota Roberts, Gabe Roberts, Lucas Setzer, Blaze Shade, Milo Shelton, Hayden Smith, Jake Smith, Quentin Spruill, Hunter Spruill, Juan Stimpson, Faris Teia, Mikey Thomas, Brach Walker, Ridge White, Terrence Zaleski, Head Coach Othello "O.T." Johnson, Assistant Coach Byron Sigmon, Assistant Coach Rashaad Saunders, Assistant Coach Chris Notte

Got the Spirit

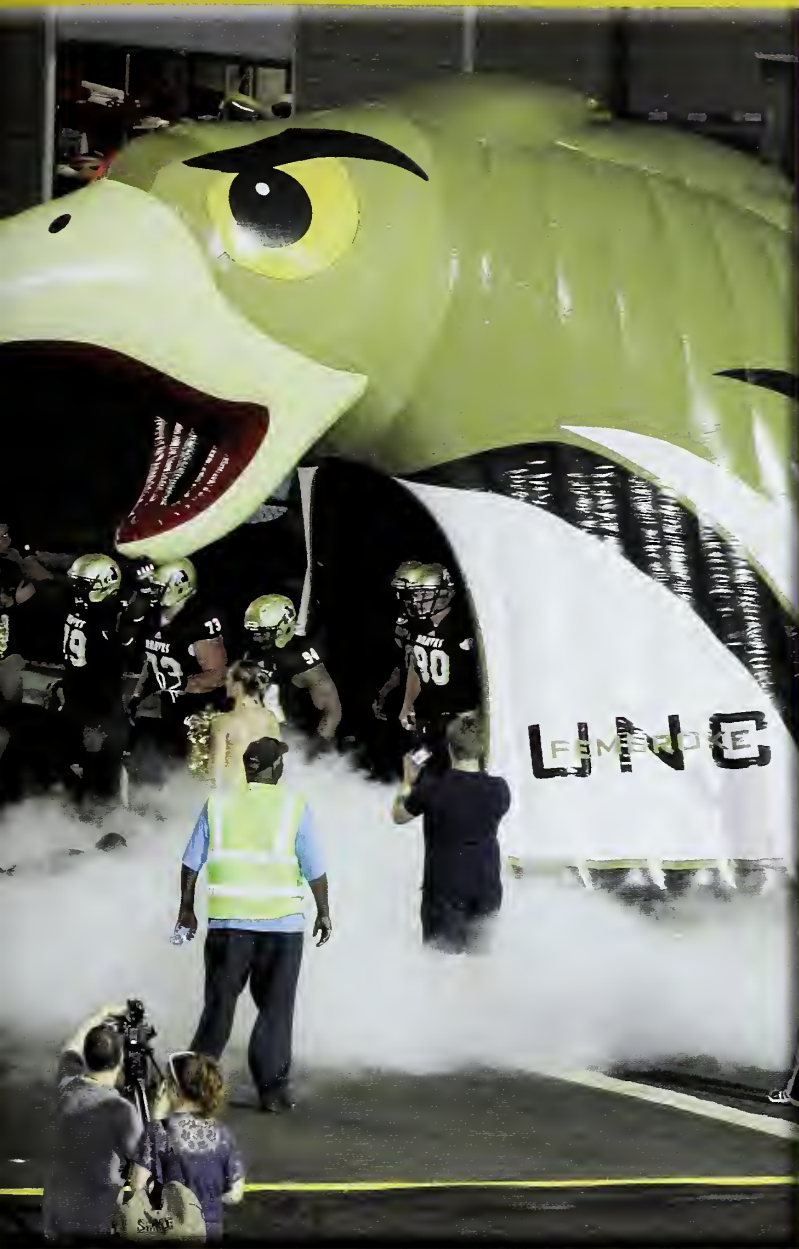
It wasn't hard to catch the spirit when the cheer and dance teams, Spirit of the Carolinas marching band, and Brave Hawk mascot were in attendance. These students energized and entertained the crowds at UNCP football and basketball games, parades, and other events throughout the year. Freshmen caught the spirit from the marching band, which provided the beat as they walked from the Quad to the GPAC for Fall Convocation; the band also performed at Pembroke Day and the Homecoming Parade as well as at halftime during football games, where the cheerleaders and mascot worked the sidelines, keeping the fans pumped up and rooting the Braves on to victory. They truly got, and shared, the spirit—UNCP!

The drum line marches proudly in the Homecoming Parade, one of many events for which the marching band provides music to keep the crowd pumped up and filled with team spirit.



2013-14 Spirit Squads





Cheerleaders salute the Braves as they come onto the field for their opening game against Winston Salem State.

The mascot gets the fans into the spirit at the Homecoming game against Tusculum.



Brave Hawk carries the UNCP banner as band members line the field and get ready to play during halftime.

Cheerleaders also help get the fans revved up and full of Braves spirit during pre-game activities.

UNCP Opp.

2007 (4-7)

21	Davidson	31
26	Greensboro	20
14	Wingate	57
10	Jacksonville	55
26	Chowan	20
31	Webber International	21
7	West Virginia Wesleyan	10
28	Edward Waters	31
43	Faulkner	22
0	Concord	10
6	North Greenville	40

2008 (9-1)

28	Brevard	0
21	Davidson	9
16	Wingate	23
22	Jacksonville	21
47	Lane	28
35	Webber International	2
36	West Virginia Wesleyan	14
43	Edward Waters	8
57	Concord	0
21	North Greenville	7

2009 (9-2)

41	Fayetteville State	34
37	St. Paul's	0
24	Wingate	13
22	Carson-Newman	35
43	Lane	3
30	Webber International	3
38	Fairmont State	7
27	Concord	9
52	Frostburg State	7
42	North Greenville	14
13	Arkansas Tech	41

2010 (5-5)

39	Fayetteville State	0
42	Saint Paul	14
23	Wingate	28
30	Carson-Newman	7
28	Glennville State	14
13	Webber International	26
24	Fairmont State	0
7	Winston-Salem	21
26	Concord	30
10	North Greenville	27

2011 (8-3)

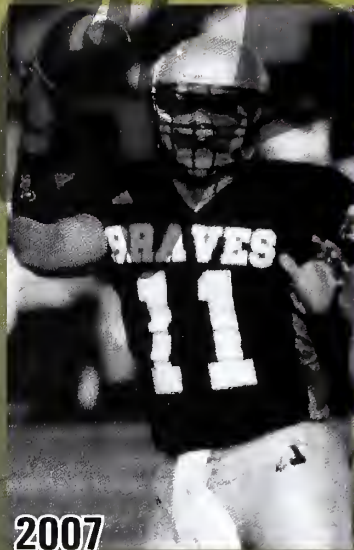
33	Fayetteville State	27
49	Chowan	38
26	Wingate	29
42	Glennville State	34
33	Catawba	42
58	Tusculum	38
52	Charleston (WV)	14
42	Carson-Newman	14
23	Newberry	20
7	Winston Salem State	34
31	West Liberty	10

2012 (6-4)

23	Winston Salem State	28
31	Fayetteville State	21
49	Wingate	35
30	Virginia-Lynchburg	7
27	Catawba	20
20	Tusculum	10
30	Charleston (WV)	42
10	Carson-Newman	30
31	Newberry	24
22	West Liberty	23

2013 (9-2)

25	Winston Salem State	21
38	Fayetteville State	24
41	Shaw	20
38	Wingate	10
45	UNC Charlotte	22
34	Catawba	31
21	Newberry	24
60	Tusculum	20
34	Valdosta State	29
63	Virginia-Lynchburg	0
13	North Alabama	37



2007

Matt Evans throws for some of the 500+ yards he earned during the Braves' inaugural season.



2008

Rangel Moore soars into the air to block the punt by one of the the Braves faced as they went 9-1 in their second season—an improvement in just one year.

2007

2008

2009



2009

The linemen above make contact with their opponents; both offensive and defensive lines were key in 2009, another 9-win season. Cory Smith (right) throws a pass in the first-ever appearance by the Braves in an NCAA football playoff game to cap their 2009 campaign.



2009



Farewell, Coach



On January 31, 2014, the Athletic Department announced that Coach Pete Shinnick had resigned from his position as head football coach to take up the same position at the University of West Florida. Coach Shinnick has been with the university since 2005, when he arrived with the mission of bringing football back to UNCP after an absence of 50 years. Other than the impressive achievement of creating a football program from scratch, he has also led the Braves to 2 NCAA playoff appearances in 2009 and 2013. The one in 2009 was the quickest an NCAA team has ever gone to the postseason after being created. In total his record with the Braves was an impressive 50 wins and 24 losses.

Off the field he was just as impressive. When asked about Coach Shinnick Athletic Director Dick Christy said, "The thing that struck me about coach Shinnick is that you never heard a bad word about the guy." Luke Charles, who has been the quarterback for the Braves for the past 4 seasons, had this to say, "Without a doubt he is the number one reason for my success. His ability to keep athletes on track, keep his team focused is incredible. I'm sure every player that played for coach will tell you they had a one-on-one personal relationship with him."

All who knew him will miss him. However, we wish him luck as he faces a similar challenge at the University of West Florida as he has been tasked with founding their football team. We know he'll do well.

Braves hold up the Two Rivers Classic trophy in 2010, and year they won this annual game against FSU. They would go on to win it again for the next 3 years.

2010

2011

2012

2013



2011



2012

Tyrus Barnes pushes away his opponent by using his superior speed and blocking skills.

T.J. Johnson (left) reaches for the ball at the goal line to make an amazing catch.



2013

Michael Isbell jumps up in an attempt to catch the ball.

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NCP is consistently ranked as the number one school in the South for diversity. This makes our school spirit so unique because we have people not just from the South, or even the US, but from around the world that are embracing the UNCP spirit. Everyone is coming together with one purpose: Showing to the world that people with different backgrounds can work together against all strife and adversity to create, and continue to maintain, something that is truly beautiful. We stand together as the ones who are making the changes that matter, the ones coming up with the new and innovative ideas. We are not just witnessing change; we are creating that change. Embrace the spirit—UNCP!

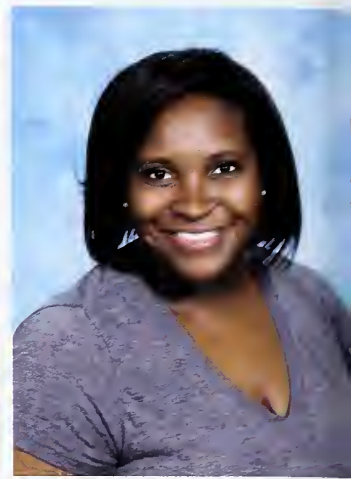
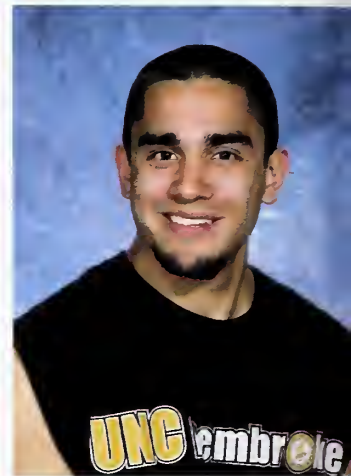
Students come together and have fun during Relay for Life in April 2013. This event is one of many that allow people to come together as one and work toward a common goal.





**CATCH THE
PEOPLE
SPIRIT!**



Kyle Logan AlcaláCriminal Justice
Fayetteville**Montana Andrews**Chemistry
Lake Waccamaw**Victoria Inez Andrews**Nursing
Durham**Hamil Arce**Broadcasting
Lumber Bridge**Sahira Ivana Archer**Marketing
Durham**Robert Wayne Atwell II**Criminal Justice
Elizabeth City

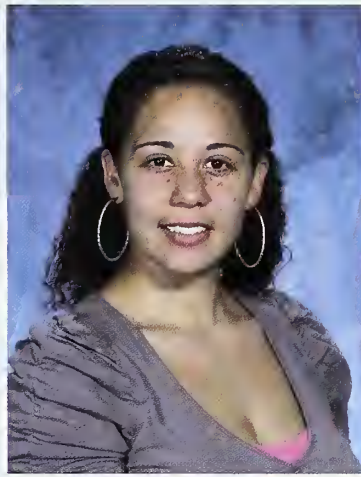
Persistence Pays



Brittany Marie Barr was a graduating senior who was originally from Beulaville, NC, which she described as a very small town with high gas prices. She had been living in Beulaville since 1999, pretty much most of her life. Before coming to UNCP in 2011, Brittany went to a community college. What Brittany liked most about UNCP is the small class sizes. At UNCP she was more than just a number or a face in the crowd; here she felt that professors knew her. Brittany lived in Oak Hall and she liked the idea of living in the center of campus and being close to everything and everyone, but there have been a few drawbacks: "What I don't like is that I don't have a stove to cook with, the forced meal plan, and the visiting hours." An English Education Major with a concentration in reading, Brittany had always wanted to be a teacher, and she credits the teachers in her family as influences. Brittany has been very busy with her studies. When she did have any free time she would usually watch horror movies with her friends, family, and boy-

friend. Brittany has met some people she believed would continue to be significant to her after she graduated. The year she transferred, she had a suite mate who was very sweet and very funny and later became a good friend. She said upon graduating, she would mostly miss people in her major. When asked about what it felt like to finally be a senior, Brittany stated, "I'm excited but I have had senioritis." She was excited to start student teaching and get into the job market. She wouldn't mind wherever she needed to go to find a good job; she would be comfortable living anywhere. "You should be persistent when it comes to going out in the job market," she said. "When a person is persistent they usually get what it is they're going after." For incoming freshman she had this to say: "Do the best you can, participate in activities, and have fun, but remember to value school, which is your first priority."

By Mikayla Julien



RayShane LaMar Baker

Broadcasting
Henderson

Bessie Nicole Barnes

Exercise and Sports Science
Durham

Tyler Rochelle Barnes

Chemistry
Jacksonville



Brittany Marie Barr

Middle Grades Language Arts Education
Beulaville

Vanessa Deidra Bassett

Criminal Justice
Carthage

Toni Yvonne Barreto-Mikell

Business Management
Fayetteville



Two graduates walk off the stage after receiving their diplomas at the May 2013 commencement.

Just moments after receiving her diploma this graduate enthusiastically displays it for all to see.

Lucas Edward Baxley

Environmental Science
Fairmont

Lequoia Rene Bell

Criminal Justice
Hope Mills

Frances Vivian Bersack

Biology
Kitty Hawk



Ashley Dale Blackmon

Criminal Justice
Sunset Beach

Oprah Shari Blackmon

Sociology
Laurinburg

Jaime Blanco

Spanish
Los Angeles, CA



After receiving his diploma in May 2013, this graduate waves at the crowd.

Senior Bobbie Sessoms and Ashley Phillips of Tri-Sigma sorority ride on one of the floats at the Homecoming parade.





James Michael Blevins Jr.

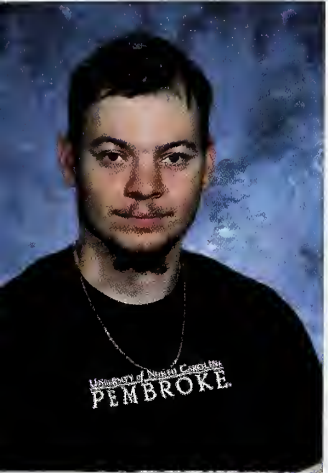
Criminal Justice
Fort Lee, VA

Denise Bostick-Fairley

Social Work
Laurinburg

Briana Junia Bowden

Criminal Justice
Fayetteville



Matthew Kenneth Bowen

Biotechnology
Maxton

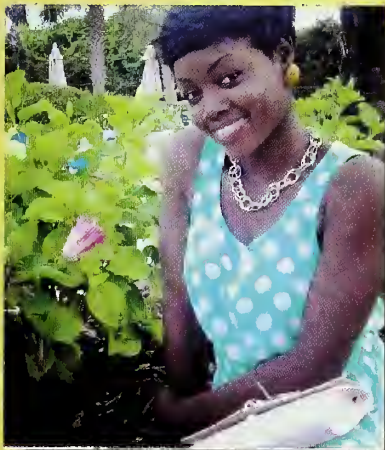
Sheila W. Boyer

Business Administration
Red Springs

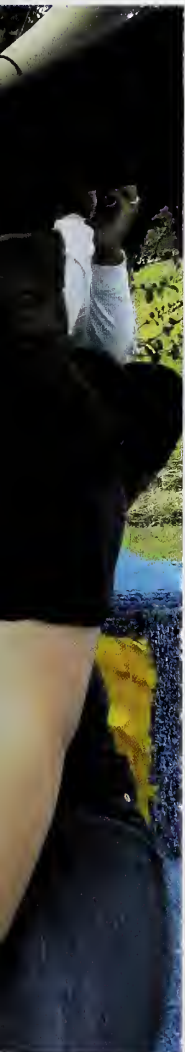
Jalisha Oxendine Brayboy

Sociology
Pembroke

Eventful



Bessie Nicole Barnes, known as Nicole to her friends, was born and raised in Durham, NC, which she described as a “fairly big city with lots to do.” Nicole majored in exercise and sports science with a concentration in health promotion and a minor in marketing because she wants to work in healthcare administration and event planning. She said the course offerings were interesting, and “I love all of my professors. Not only do they want to see me succeed, but they help me in any way they can to achieve my goals.” Nicole had a Hawk Assistantship this year, helping to plan and coordinate events for the Braves Club, and she also worked as a telecounselor for Admissions, so she really needed to be conscious of time management and deadlines. In addition, Nicole volunteered with Mentors Advancing for Distinction and Empowerment (MADE), the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, and Civic and Community Engagement. These experiences “have given me the opportunity to get closer with the community and build relationships. I also have a greater sense of responsibility.” She loves to dance, and she also modeled for a few years with the Soleil modeling troupe, “which I absolutely loved.” Most of her leisure time was spent with her family. Significant people she met at UNCP include Dr. Jeff Bolles, who “has supported me every step of the way”; Kelvin Townsend, the Soleil modeling troupe advisor, who “really helped me to see potential in myself”; Head Basketball Coach Benton Miller; Kim Pevia of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce; and Brian Russo, her supervisor in Advancement, who “has helped me gain so much experience and make the most out of my college experience.” She will also remember Renee Steele, who “has been a true role model for me,” Dena Bolles, Morgan Hunt, and Hunter Wortham. And “of course,” she added, “Chancellor and Mrs. Carter are the best!” Being a senior “still feels so surreal,” said Nicole. “I wasn’t prepared for how fast it goes by.” She has “loved the whole experience” of her time at UNCP: “meeting new people, trying new things and learning about myself! I will miss the beauty of the campus. I always admired it walking to class every day.”



Robbie Brayboy
Business Administration
Pembroke

Rachel Lynn Brown
Health Promotion
Ellerbe

Bernadine Bullard
Sociology
Maxton



Christopher David Bullock
Sociology
Lumberton

Cyrus Scott Bullock
Exercise and Sports Science
Clayton

Zachary Douglas Bybee
Biomedical
Lebanon, OR



Animal Lover

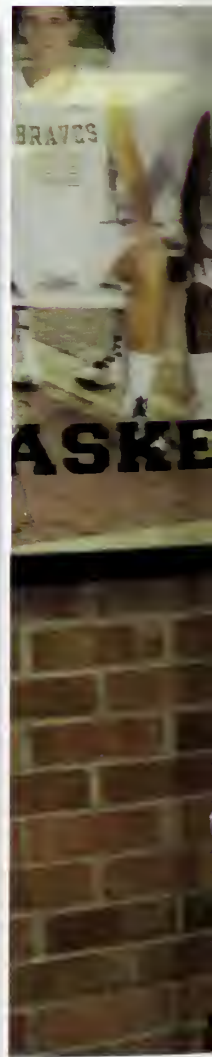


Melody Craven is from a small town called Hillsville, NC, which has no stop lights and no post office, either; the nearest big city, Greensboro, is 20 minutes away. While at UNCP, Melody lived on campus and enjoyed it because almost everything is within walking distance. She has had four different roommates, three of whom helped her get to know people better on campus and brought her out of her shell. Melody majored in biology with a concentration in zoology, as she has always enjoyed natural sciences and she loves animals. She has done two internships, one with an animal sanctuary and one at a wildlife rehabilitation center. Melody was also active in Baptist Campus Ministries and Berea Campus Outreach. This has helped her get to know people better and grow closer to God. The friends she has made in these ministries have become like family to her. Melody believes she has made several life-long friends with whom she will graduate.

Senior year has been stressful. She has been trying to prepare herself physically, mentally, and emotionally for graduation and going into the real world. She had to fight against Senioritis as well; she thinks this is something all seniors need to watch out for. After graduating, Melody planned to go out into the field to work. She would like to be a zoo keeper and would love to find a job in North Carolina, but because positions are hard to find, she cannot limit herself to this state. She has revised her résumé many times and says the Career Center has been a big help for her.

Melody enjoyed the small atmosphere and diversity of Pembroke—plus this year's football team has done an amazing job! She will definitely miss her friends and the ease of getting through life. Her advice for entering freshmen was, "Do not get carried away and distracted. College is not supposed to be the big party you may think of. You are an adult now and you need to be figuring out what you want to do in life." The last thing she said was, "Be proud of who you are. Go Braves!"

By Wei Jie Lin





Kayla Selena Caldwell

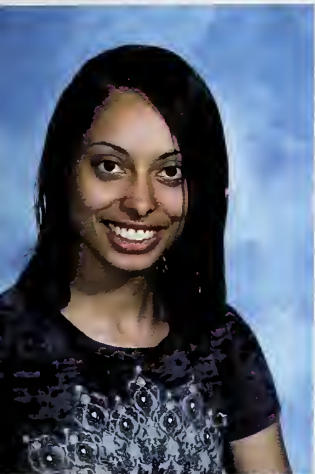
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Laurinburg

Jourdan M. Campbell

Public Relations
Plainfield, NJ



Larissa Ann Campbell

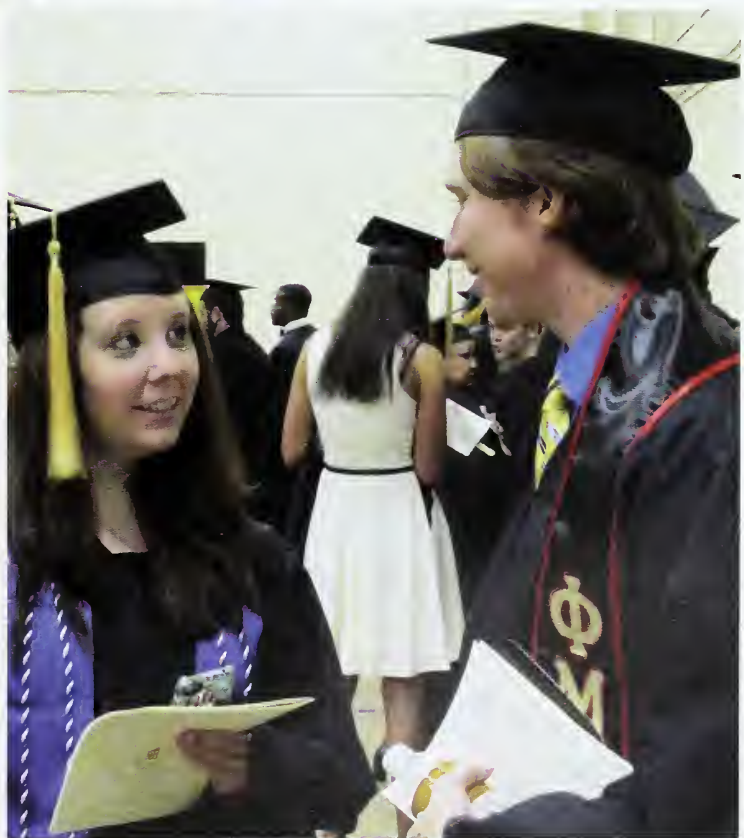
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Clarkton

Rebecca Cartnail

Criminal Justice
Mebane

Miranda Jean Castañeda

Nursing
Brawley, CA



Alex White, Alpha Pi Omega sister, business major, and longtime yearbook photographer, smiles as she enters the gym to receive her degree in December 2013.

Senior James Ellison speaks to Jackie Turner in the Auxiliary Gym as they get ready for the start of the December 2013 graduation exercises.

Lateesha Brittany Caswell

Art
Philadelphia, PA

Vincent Noel Estorba Ceniza

Nursing
Hope Mills

Keela Ann Chambers

Business Administration
Marshville



Shirley LaVerne Chambers

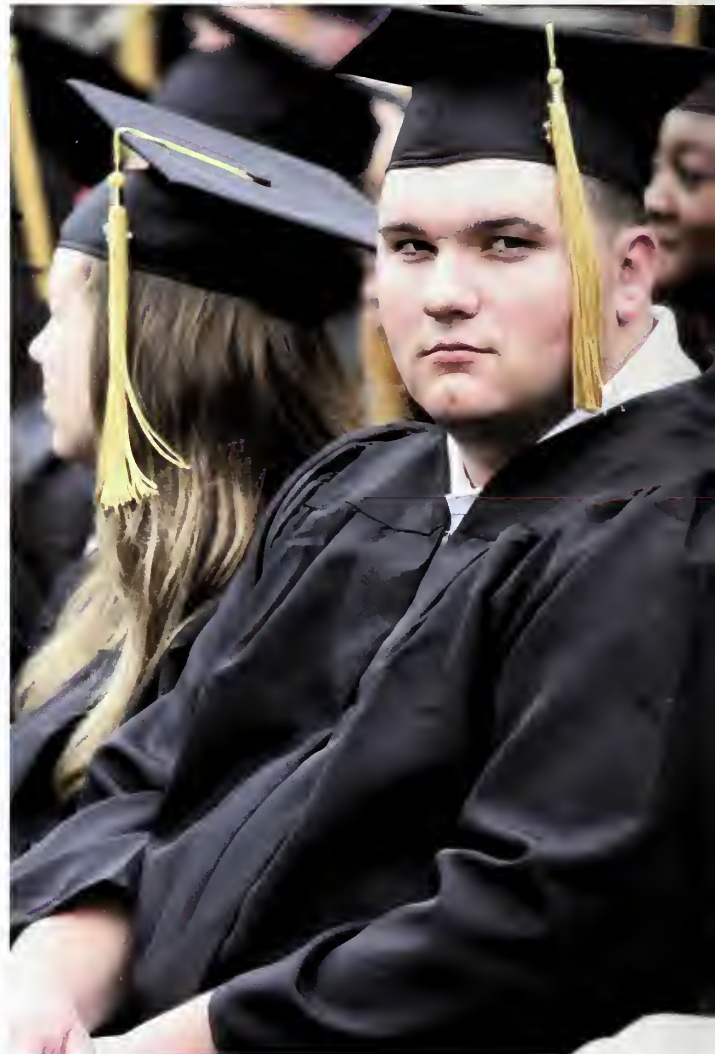
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Washington, DC

Kristen Faye Chason

Sociology
Parkton

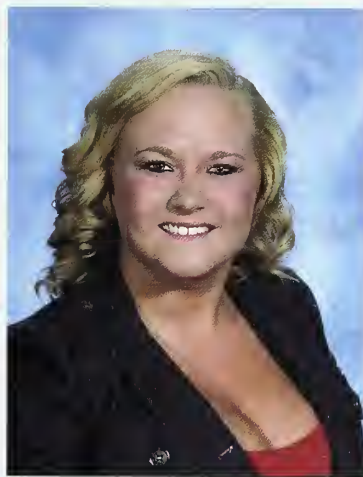
Jessica Marie Chavis

Biology
Lumberton



An ACE member happily displays her diploma to the crowd.

Seniors wait for their chance to walk across the stage during the May 2013 graduation ceremony.

**Heather Ciscel**

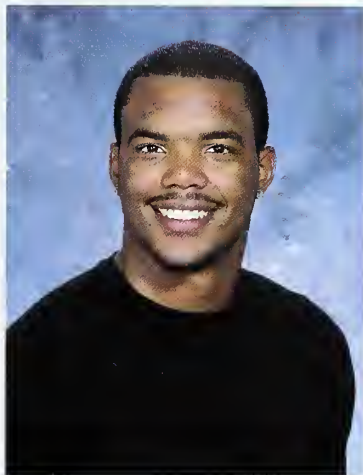
Business Administration
Salisbury

Courtney Mornee Clark

Middle Grades Mathematics Education
Maxton

Marissa Lynnann Clark

Special Education
Fuquay Varina

**Margarita Alvarez Coleman**

Sociology
South Gate, CA

Decledra Nacole Corbett

Political Science
Ivanhoe

Marcus Lamar Corbett

Criminal Justice
Goldsboro

He's Got It



Martjuan Fuller, mostly known as "Tjuan," was a 2014 graduate at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He originally was from Cleveland, OH, but while attending UNCP, he commuted from his home in Raeford, NC. He said there were many advantages to being a commuter student like your freedom, personal space, and more privacy. There were some disadvantages though, like driving back and forth from home to school and running late for classes. He majored in Criminal Justice because he said "I am very interested as to why people engage in the criminal acts that they do."

While attending UNCP, Martjuan was employed at Outback Steakhouse in Lumberton. He said that he had few close friends and most of them worked with him at Outback. He claimed there was a drawback to having a job and being in college, though; he said that his job affected his studies tremendously. Also while he attended UNCP, he played

Rugby for a year.

When asked how he felt about finally being a senior, Martjuan said, "I honestly don't feel many aspects aside from the pressure that the 'real world' is going to bring." But he added, "I wish I could start all over, I would change a lot." The one thing Martjuan said he liked the most about UNCP was the diversity. He said he's going to miss his closest friends and all the campus activities.

After graduating, Martjuan planned on going into the military. He hoped that he would get stationed here in NC at Fort Bragg. The advice that Martjuan wanted to give to incoming freshmen would be to stay prioritized and stay focused. He also said, "Stay networking to stay up on our feet and keep close to ties with positive individuals. You never know how far someone can take you." His motto was "Work hard, play hard."

By Shawnisty Oxendine

Samantha Jo Cosgrove

English
Linden

Melody Beth Craven

Biology

Sophia Jennifer Crow

Entrepreneurship
Havelock



E'Zanti B. E. Cuthrell

Psychology
Greensboro

Zandra Eva Daniels

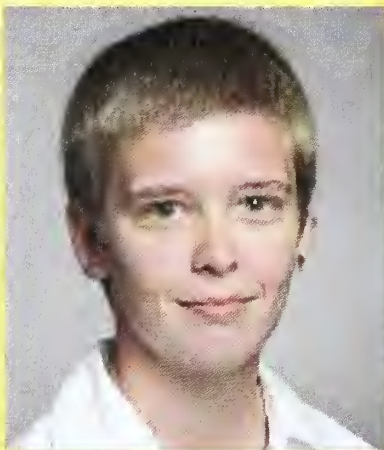
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Shallotte

Kimberly Nicole Davis

Heath Promotion
Fayetteville



On Course

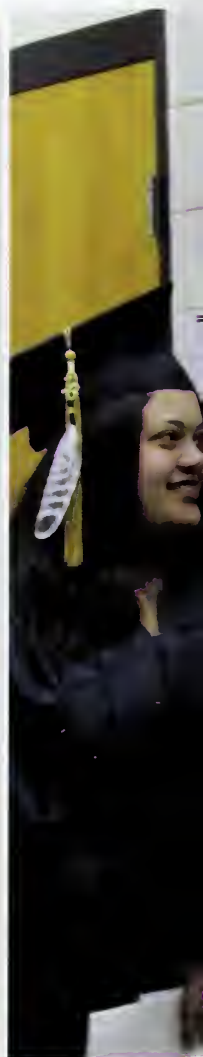


Jennifer Crow's nickname is "Jenn," and she will hurry up and tell you that you better spell it with two Ns! Originally from Pensacola, FL, she has lived for 19 years in Havelock, NC, which she described as "a military-based town located close to the beach, which is one of my favorite places to be." She had lived on campus in a dorm, but this year she lived off campus in an apartment. One disadvantage of being a commuter was that she didn't have much social interaction on campus, but an advantage was having more freedom. Jenn was majoring in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship because she has dreams of owning her own recording studio and these courses will help her accomplish this goal. One favorite thing about this field of study was how knowledgeable the professors are.

Jenn has been a very busy young woman during her four years at UNCP. Not only did she work at one of the most popular places on campus—Starbucks—but she was on the golf team for four years straight.

Even though she had to resign from the team when her eligibility ran out, that still hasn't stopped her love for the game. One benefit from playing golf, aside from the scholarship, was that it helped her with time management. Although Jenn believed that she was well prepared for her senior year, the fact that she was graduating soon kind of freaked her out because she wasn't sure she was quite ready for the real world. After she graduated, Jenn planned to get her master's in information technology management and go back home and work at the Marine base. Throughout her years at Pembroke, Jenn has seen growth within the university and in the surrounding community. Sports here are getting more popular, and the school has gotten a lot more exposure. Her favorite aspects of the university are the small classroom size and the personal connections she has made. These are what Jenn will miss the most. Jenn had a few words of encouragement for the incoming freshmen class: "Make the best of the time you've got, because it will be gone in a flash!"

By D'Airrah Ellis





Brittany Carol Dawson
Elementary Education
Winterville

LaShana Renee Debaux
Sociology
Woodland

Saoussen Dhamna
Management
Virginia



Tyler Elliott Dial
Biology
Maxton

Dominic Rashawn Dunn
Athletic Training
Bunn

Daryl Deshawn Ellis
Political Science
Fayetteville



Effie Locklear and two fellow American Indian Studies graduates talk before the December commencement. A full-time secretary in the Political Science Department, Effie earned her degree after many years of part-time studies.

Kappa Alpha Psi brother Brandon Jimenez gestures to a friend as he and another graduate march into the gym for the December graduation.

James Louis Ellison

Musical Theatre
La Grange

Susan D. Evans

Business Administration
Lumberton

Larry La'Quinta Everett

Broadcasting
Chadbourn



Elisha Roxanne Farler-Bryant

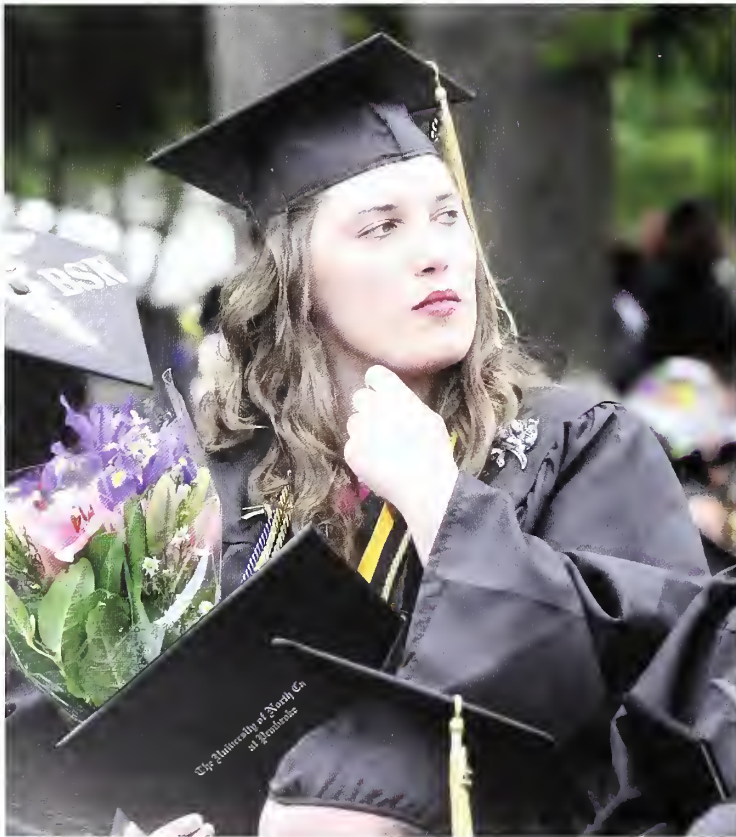
Public Relations
Jackson, MI

Jodeci Mariah Farrington

Social Work
Durham

Jalise Zhanet Farris

Criminal Justice
Washington



The graduate above scans the crowd looking for her family and friends.



Dalton Hoffer and another graduate celebrate with a friend after the May 2013 commencement.



Jordan Leigh Farry

Biology

Charlotte

Brittany Danielle Fischer

Elementary Education

Hope Mills

Patience Nacole Fortner

Psychology

Hope Mills



Cristy Dawn Freeman

Spanish

Laurinburg

Jaurice Antonie Freeman

Chemistry

Nags Head

Kyesha LaTrell Freeman

Criminal Justice

Riegelwood



Lean On Me



Alexander Karel Fox is from Fayetteville, NC, a town that had many new people in and out every day because of the military, so attending Pembroke wasn't a big transformation for him. As a senior, Alex lived in a duplex off campus, which was "a fun experience; it's nice to have your own place/ yard"; the disadvantage was that "you miss out on a lot of events." Alex was a double major in exercise physiology and physical education. He said he has always looked up to his coaches and wanted to be like them. Coaches touched the lives of many children while doing their job, and that's when he knew this was the field for him. The faculty in his department is "really good," and he has been able to go to different schools to observe. Alex also got the opportunity to be an assistant coach to a team that went to the championship. He was able to teach and get a true feel for what to expect in the future. Alex was also involved in many clubs and organizations, including Pi Kappa Alpha, the Diversity Club, SGA, Sigma Alpha Phi,

and University Marshals; this allowed him to "stay active and busy, meet more people, and branch out to see how other people act and the things they do."

What Alex liked best at Pembroke were "the friendships here; you are able to be more personal with each other, unlike bigger schools, and you are able to connect with people more." Alex has met many people here and connected with them, including Robert Nunnery, who he feels will do great things in life, and Bryan Fagon, his roommate since he's been at Pembroke. What he would miss, he said, were "the routines of things, how the day ahead would be and knowing what will happen next or later that day, because when you get in the workforce you have no clue what will happen next." About being a senior, he said, "Being here 5 years, I've seen people come and go. I'm glad I'm here, but it's been long enough. I'm ready." After graduation Alex planned to find a job as a substitute teacher for a while in the fall and "get started on life after college."

By Chelsey Coleman

Alexander Fux

Physical Education
Fayetteville

Brittany Danielle Galbreath

Nursing
Maxton

Christina Smith Gilbert

Marketing/Management
Rockingham



Yesenia Emilie Gilfranco

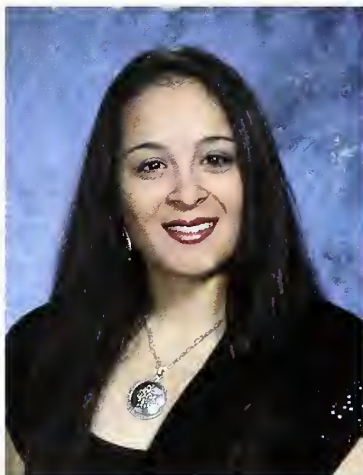
Information Technology
Orlando

Jheri Nicole Godfrey

Health Education
Fayetteville

Tajari Sherod Goins

Music Education
Aberdeen



Sorority World



Ninuschka Cruz, better known as Nina Cruz, is a senior from Jacksonville, North Carolina, where she has lived for thirteen years of her life. She loves being from there and calling it home because of how beautiful it is. In her first year of college, Nina lived in Pine Residential Hall right here on campus. She liked living in the dorms because of the opportunities to meet new people and get involved on campus. She has been commuting since her sophomore year, living in Pembroke Place Apartments this year.

Nina originally came to college to pursue an education in psychology, but when she took a criminal justice class with Dr. Rohald Menneses she decided that criminal justice was her passion. She stated that Dr. Menneses was a fantastic professor and mentor and drove her to participate in Teen Court in Lumberton. She misses him very much since his passing and hopes that he rests in peace.

While at UNCP, Nina has worked at Ruby Tuesdays as a server, hostess, and food runner and planned to return there for the spring semester. She was also a part of a sorority, Kappa Delta, and absolutely loved it. She joined Kappa Delta her freshman year of college in 2010. She said she has made amazing friendships that will last a lifetime, and without her sisters it would have been extremely hard to make it through the difficult times in college. She cherishes the time she gets to spend with her sisters and still stays in contact with graduated sisters. These are the bonds that she says will never break.

When Nina was not busy working with her sorority or doing schoolwork, she enjoyed going home, seeing her family and friends, relaxing, and watching trash television on the Bravo channel.

Nina said that senior year is bittersweet and advised freshmen to focus on their studies, but also build friendships that last a lifetime and enjoy their time because the college days will be gone in the blink of an eye. After graduation, Nina planned on getting a job within the criminal justice field.

By Cameran McGee





Kerry Townsend Goldman

Social Work
West End

Madison R. Goldman

Social Work
West End

Portia Symoné Grady

Elementary Education
Charlotte



Italia De'Symone Graham

Psychology
Fayetteville

Don A. Grant

Management
Raleigh

Amanda Lillian Gustafson

Studio Art
Fayetteville



Graduates have their photo taken at the reception celebrating the December 2013 commencement.

This senior descends from the stage after receiving her diploma in May 2013.

Casey Lamar Hairston

Psychology
Walnut Cove

Jasmine Lynette Hairston

Informational Technology
Danville, VA

John Kenneth Ray Hall

Criminal Justice
Fayetteville



Sinquest Inez Harley

Biology
Laurinburg

Cory Matthew Hartsoe

Criminal Justice
Hickory

Kayla Marie Hawkins

Psychology
Charlotte



May 2013 graduate Zack Bohannon looks out into the crowd, searching for his family and friends.



After receiving his diploma, Kappa Alpha Psi brother Sam Ogaah displays his excitement to the audience.

**Karen Henderson**

Middle Grades Language Arts Education
Red Springs

Ronelle Tiara Hoff

Biology
Charlotte

Ta'Keyah Mone't Holde

Political Science
Clayton

**Danielle Nicole Holloway**

Psychology
Raleigh

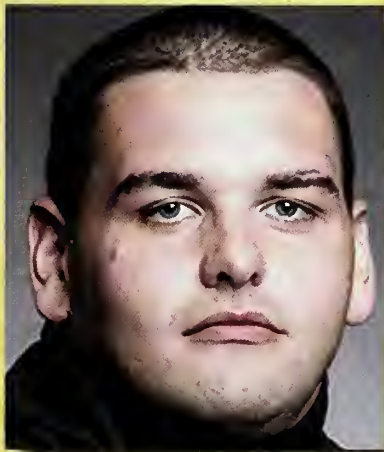
Kasey Lauren Holman

Criminal Justice
Pontiac, MI

Christopher Raymond Hudson

Computer Science
Jacksonville

Teamwork



Chris Giddens is a senior from Winston Salem, North Carolina, which is about 2 hours from Pembroke. Chris was a wrestler for UNCP, and he explained that his involvement with this team has affected his college experience tremendously as he has been able to build lifelong relationships with great people. "It also allows me some type of networking after my college career is over," he said. Chris has lived in the off-campus apartments for the past two years and said, "I enjoy it way more than living on campus as you have much more freedom to do whatever you wish. However, while on campus I have had four roommates all of which are still great friends to this day."

Chris was a criminal justice major at UNCP, and he said he chose this field of study because the idea of helping people intrigues him. As for the people he has met while being here at UNCP, he stated, "Numerous people I have met here have and will continue to have a vital role in

my life. I believe that one thing you cannot afford to throw away is relationships with people. Most of these individuals would be my old or current teammates."

The feeling of being a senior was bittersweet to him because he was excited to claim a degree but not so much to have to leave his friends. After graduation Chris planned to attend graduate school at UNCP for his master's degree.

Lastly, Chris had some wise words for incoming freshmen: "The advice I would give to upcoming freshmen would be simple: Go to class. Effort is noticed and sometimes rewarded. Missing classes may give you 50 or 75 minutes of freedom but you cannot afford to miss the curriculum in the long run."

By Sean Faro

Ska'Kelia Tanel Hunt

Criminal Justice and Sociology
Pembroke

Rebecca Kathleen Jackson

Biology
Sneads Ferry

Saffie Amadou Jallow

Environmental Science
The Gambia, Africa



Bobby Bernard James

Information Technology
Wilmington

Christina Laura Jancso

Birth - Kindergarten Education
Nashville

Brandon Luis Jimenez

Exercise Physiology
Tacoma, WA



Live Your Dream



Susan Yvonne Davis Evans was a senior from Lumberton; she drove from her home to UNCP, which was tedious because the time spent driving couldn't be used for studying, but this motivated her to focus even harder on school. Before coming to UNCP her major was information technology, but UNCP didn't offer that at the time she transferred, so she changed her major to business management. She enjoyed the faculty, especially Dr. Joseph Lakatos, because he would answer any questions that she had, even if it was late at night. Susan described him by saying, "He cared about his students and wanted them to succeed in life."

Susan was employed full-time at UNCP in the Institutional Effectiveness office in Lumbee Hall. Her job entailed compiling statistics that are then reported to General Administration to determine the amount of money that the university receives from the state. This job, which she wants to do permanently, requires her to work 40-45 hours per week.

Besides working at UNCP, Susan is also a very active member in her church and loves spending time with her family. When her children or grandchildren do anything important, she is always there to see them.

Susan was very excited about graduation because she has only taken two classes per semester, so it has taken a lot longer than four years. Describing the feeling, she said, "It feels like the light at the end of a long tunnel." Though she will probably not go to graduate school, she does plan to study locally. Her advice to underclassmen is to focus on what you love and not the money, because if you love what you do then you won't feel like you're working. She also believes that students should live their dreams first because it is hard to get an education later in life.

Susan loved the students at UNCP because of their unity and their determination to graduate. Her final message to freshmen was, "Think about your senior year today. And plan ahead."

By Quaison Gilchrist



Breana Rena Johnson

Social Work
Fayetteville

Hannah Lakeren Johnson

Nursing
Forest City

Bridget Lynnette Jones

Business Management
Rowland



Jessica Marie Jones

Accounting
Lumberton

Shitan Jones

History
St. Pauls

Shannon Brenee Judd

Psychology
Apex



This May 2013 graduate displays her happiness while being handed her diploma.

This graduate exchanges a handshake with Chancellor Carter while receiving his diploma.

Amanda Kairis

Nursing
High Point

Tiffany Amberlyn Kennedy

Special Education
Asheboro

Brandon Forest Kinch

Psychology
Fayetteville



Courtney Elizabeth Lamb

Biology
Pembroke

Robert Lamb

Chemistry
Thomasville

Chanel Ariel Langley

Mass Communication
Washington, DC



This graduate shows her excitement after receiving her diploma in May 2013.

Emily Kline, Sports Section Editor of the 2011 and 2012 editions of the Indianhead, graduates with honors at the May 2013 commencement.



Brittany S. Levinson

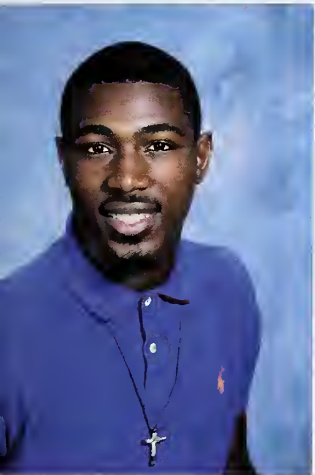
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Psychology
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Cyril Richardson Lilly

Business Administration
Fayetteville



Martrell Edward Littles

Biology
Raleigh

Cristy Bennett Locklear

Biology
Laurinburg

Dale Locklear

Elementary Education
Laurinburg

Keep Moving



Edgar Guzman is originally from Chicago but has been in North Carolina since he was five years old when his family moved to Selma and from there to Durham and finally Chapel Hill. Edgar stayed in Wellons Hall his freshman year and saw how the school was changing, like the construction of Cypress Hall where he lived during his sophomore and junior year. After that he moved to Pembroke Place with his roommate and good friend Chris because of the independence and freedom and the ability to cook his own food. As part of the Student Government Association, he learned about activities on campus and got involved with a lot of good people, like the students from Leadershape. He enjoys playing soccer and socializing with friends, talking about any topic of interest while defending his point of view all the time, because he does not go with popular opinion or the crowd.

Edgar majored in public administration with a minor in economics, which are the areas that have everything that he likes, and had an internship with Scotland County's Economic Development Department during the spring semester. When asked about people he will remember, he said, "Definitely Dr. Neff-Sharum. She guided me through my four years at UNCP, with class advice and from time to time a bit of scolding. She made me see the changes that I have gone through coming in as a freshman and now being a senior."

He will be the first college graduate in his family. "My mom has been my foundation and the motivation to be the man I am today, and also including my friends, who have been there to see me grow," Edgar said. After graduation he wants to get a good job related to his major so he can begin independent life and save up for grad school while gaining experience. He planned to go wherever an opportunity rises; he thinks if you wish to succeed you can never stay in just one place. His advice for freshmen: "Do not study because of the money it will bring to you; major in what brings out the passion in you and what you love."

By Alejandro Pena Osorio

Effie Locklear

American Indian Studies
Pembroke

Elizabeth Ashlyn Locklear

Mass Communication
Pembroke

Keri Ashley Locklear

Birth - Kindergarten Education
Pembroke



Kristy Lynn Locklear

Social Work
Maxton

Sayward Leigh Locklear

American Indian Studies
Pembroke

Kyasia Shawnta London

Mass Communication
Shelby



Get Involved!

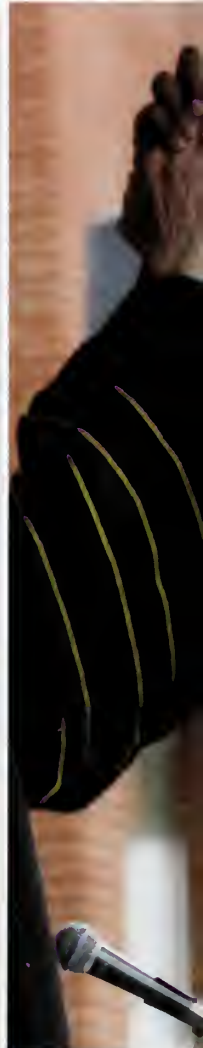


Patience Fortner from Hope Mills is a small town girl with big city dreams. A senior psychology major, she hoped to attend graduate school so she could make these dreams come true and make a difference in this world. Being a senior can be very stressful, but Patience managed her time wisely and made sure to stay focused and still maintain a social life. Not only was Patience a full-time student but she also had a part-time job at Red Robin in Fayetteville, working about 15 hours every weekend. Patience learned in her first three years at Pembroke that you've got to get involved! Studying is very important, but if that's all you do you will hate college. During her senior year Patience decided to break out of the four walls of her room and take her nose out of her books for just a little bit and try something new. She joined the newest sorority on campus, Alpha Sigma Alpha. Patience said, "In just a few months it has increased my experience here at UNCP vastly! I wish I had joined earlier; it would have made my entire college experience more enjoyable."

She is also very close to her family and loved to spend time with them when she was home on the weekends. Pembroke is a close-knit community, like a family, and that is one of the reasons she loved UNCP so much.

Patience started college as a chemistry major, but after her third semester she knew that it wasn't the path for her. After she switched to psychology, she fell in love with her decision. The courses were very interesting and taught her so much about herself and others; the faculty were extremely helpful and passionate about their jobs and wanted to help students succeed. She has even had the opportunity to be a research assistant. Since Patience started here the campus has grown and continues to improve, but she still loved the small campus and classes; it helped her get to know her professors on a one-on-one basis and encouraged her to participate in classroom conversation. Pembroke is where Patience discovered who she truly was meant to be.

By Kaitlyn Doublin





Evan Shane Long

Business
Denver

James Christopher Lowery

Biotechnology
Raeford

Jordan Antonio Lowery

Music Education
Stanley



Marcus Eugene Lynch

Criminal Justice
Rocky Mountain

Sheretha Oneda Maniece-Barrios

Social Work
Laurel Hill

Porcha Angelica Martin

Sociology
Hamlet



Forsaking the traditional handshake, this Phi Beta Sigma brother goes for a firm high five as he gets his diploma.

This graduate pays close attention to the commencement ceremony.

Yesenia Bello Martinez

Sports Science
Star

Gaven Marcel Mayo

Sociology
Wake County

Kimberly Mayse-Edwards

Geo-Enviromental Studies
St. Pauls



Jessica Lynnette McAllister

Elementary Education
Raeford

Kamishia Santiana McAllister

Biology
Fayetteville

Ryan Jonathon McCallum

Information Technology
Lumberton



This Alpha Pi Omega member smiles moments after receiving her diploma.



This graduate reflects on his time spent at UNCP as he waits to receive his diploma.

**Alexei McCarthy**

Criminal Justice
Winston-Salem

Alan Scott McCormick

History
Lumberton

Jennifer Lewis McCormick

Mathematics
Columbus

**Nikole Shante McCoy**

Birth - Kindergarten Education
Fayetteville

Jerry Lee McDowell

Criminal Justice
Elizabethtown

Barbara Ann McInnis

Birth - Kindergarten Education
Maxton

Drive to Succeed



Alan Scott McCormick, or Scotty, was not just your everyday student. He has lived in many different places and had a long career in car dealerships, holding many different positions within that occupation. After graduating from Little Field High School in 1977, he started as a mechanic's helper at a Chevy dealership; eventually he opened his own car shop in Wilmington but had to close it in 2007 because he had to have hip replacements. Once he moved to Lumberton he chose to go back to school at Robeson Community College, where he majored in welding and graduated with honors in May 2011.

Scotty came to UNCP in the spring of 2012, after deciding that welding wasn't for him. His new major was history because, Scotty said, "I've always loved history and it's something that interests me." He also completed a minor in Jewish/Middle Eastern Studies. He has furthered his studies and has decided that once he graduates he hopes to volunteer in a museum somewhere. When asked what he will miss the most

about UNCP after he graduates, he answered "the faculty." His history teachers, Doctor Stremlau, Doctor Cook, and Doctor Martinez, have really impacted his life in many ways, and he will always remember them.

Scotty was a commuter and he said he loved commuting because "you are able to go to bed in your own home and get up at home." The disadvantage was the amount of gas that it takes to get here, but he wasn't complaining too much about this because he enjoyed coming to school! When he wasn't giving his all to school, he sometimes worked on cars every now and then.

This senior also told me that he strongly encourages freshmen to consult their advisors because they have helped him tremendously in his college years. Scotty has reached this exciting time in his life with the support of his wife, Sharon, his two daughters, Kaitlyn and Courtney, and his Uncle John. He loves his family very much and is just a kind-hearted country boy ready to graduate and start a new chapter in his life!

By Katie Thompson

Caprica Renee McKoy

Biology
Fayetteville

Faith Lynn McLean

Spanish
Maxton

Norma Jean McLellan

Health Promotion
Orrum



Megan Noelle McMillan

Art
St. Pauls

Amber Lea Medlin

Social Work
Robbins

Camille Michel

Biology
Raeford



Sisterhood



Amy Elizabeth Hamilton is from Fair Bluff, a small town in North Carolina with no stop lights, no gas stations, and no fast food chain restaurants, although there are a Dollar General and a Piggly Wiggly. Amy was an exercise physiology major because she has wanted to become a physical therapist since eighth grade. She had not yet had any hands-on experience when interviewed, but "I will start job shadowing soon," she said. Amy lived at Pembroke Pointe and found living in an apartment enjoyable because you get your own bathroom and bedroom, but the downside was the struggle to find parking every day. Amy has had four roommates throughout her years at UNCP. Her first roommate, Jenny Foust, who is also a senior at UNCP this year, has had the most impact on Amy's life because she encouraged her and helped to bring her out of her shell.

Amy was a member of the Eta Sigma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha at UNCP, with special thanks to Jenny. Deciding to join ZTA was one of the best decisions she ever made. ZTA has taught her responsibility, given her confidence, given her a chance to give back to the community, and has made her an overall better person. Outside of ZTA, Amy enjoyed hanging out with her friends, going to the lake when it's nice out, shopping, and spending time with her family and boyfriend.

Amy said that "being a senior is definitely a weird feeling. I honestly feel like it was my freshman year." After graduating, she planned on attending a physical therapy program, hopefully in Fayetteville. Many things have changed since Amy was a freshman. "They are great additions, and I hope to see the campus of UNCP continue to grow," she said. Amy's favorite thing about UNCP was the size of the campus and how easily you were able to communicate with the professors. Throughout her four years at UNCP, Amy met many people who will always hold a special place in her heart, even after she graduates, and they include her ZTA sisters.

By Derek Lynsey Flores





LaRhonda Nikita Mickens

Health Promotion
Landover, MD

Zachary Miller

History
Salisbury

Doris Martha Moraa Momanyi

English
Kenya



Janay Raquel Moore

Mass Communication
Raleigh

Joseph Acoda Mull

Environmental Science
Hickory

Denise Murray

Sociology
Chadbourn



This Phi Kappa Tau brother shows off his fraternity pride at the May 2013 commencement. Many graduates wear sashes signifying membership in Greek, honorary, and service organizations.

Mary Helen Walker provides assistance to Daria Bannerman, English major and Sigma Tau Delta member, as she walks down the ramp after receiving her diploma.

Thomas William Neal

Biology
Lynchburg, VA

Maleka LaShae Nesbitt

English
Fayetteville

Carlene Moh Tanguonho Njomwe

Health Promotion
Waxhaw



Carmella Ann Nucci

English
Shannon

Brian Chukwuma Nwanna

Political Science
High Point

Ziya Chunski Ogron

Secondary Mathematics Education
Swannanoa



Pine Needle editor-in-chief Kelly Mayo gives the crowd a thumbs up upon receiving her diploma.

This graduate wears a whole rainbow of honor cords as she celebrates with her family after commencement.



Tiarra Marquise Oquendo-Way

Social Work
Philadelphia, PA

Amy Chavis Oxendine

Birth - Kindergarten Education
Shannon

Brenda Ann Oxendine

Special Education
Pembroke



Corey Daniel Oxendine

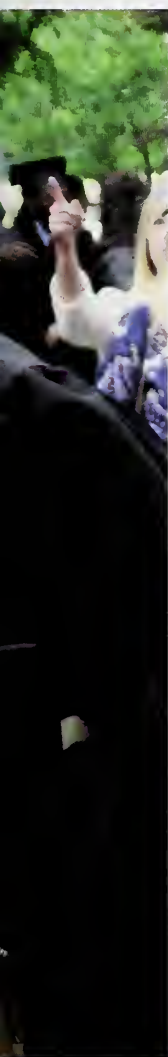
Psychology
Asheboro

Kayla Jean Oxendine

Biology
Pembroke

Tejas K. Patel

Biomedical
Fayetteville



On Guard



Brian Thompson, also known as "B" by his peers, was born in Winston-Salem, NC, and stayed there his entire life until his journey to UNCP. He describes his hometown as "city life." Brian commuted to campus and said that there were many advantages to this lifestyle, but the disadvantage of being a commuter was not being able to see everyone on campus as much.

Brian came into college undecided on a field of study but ended up becoming a physiology major due to his experience in his Introduction to Physiology class. He feels as if the course offerings are good and helpful. Brian has had no work experience in this field yet; however, he has worked throughout his college career at the pool in the Jones Athletic Center. He spent most of his days there working as a lifeguard. Some may feel as if being a full-time student and having a job is too much, but Brian said that it helps him get his school work done and gives him a sense of responsibility.

Along with being a student and working at the pool as a lifeguard, Brian was an athlete on the UNCP wrestling team. Being a part of the team, according to Brian, was a social boost. Another extracurricular activity for Brian was volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

With every new experience or journey, one encounters people that will never be forgotten. These people for Brian are the wrestling coaches, his teammates, and friends he has made along the way. Brian's feeling towards being a senior were great; he felt accomplished and was ready to graduate. After graduation, Brian planned to get a job in his degree field. As Brian's college experience came to an end and he started his new journey in life, the one thing he was going to miss the most was the wrestling team. He left incoming freshman and the underclassmen with some words of advice and encouragement: "College is a great time. Have fun!" and "College goes by fast, so be ready!"

By Tierra Reaves

Sara Megan Patrick

Sociology
Buckhead

Brandon Wiley Payton

Biology
Apex

Jessica Michelle Pevia-Henderson

Biology
Red Springs



Karen Reyes Pichardo

Criminal Justice
Pelham

Christena Michelle Powell

Sociology/Criminal Justice
St. Augustine, FL

Antonio Dwight Powers

Business Administration
Thomasville



Comforting



Comfort Johnson was from Winston Salem, NC, living there for 20 years, but was born at a refugee camp in Ghana. At the beginning of her collegiate life, she lived in North Hall, and her first roommate gave her a culture shock, while the second roommate proved to be the best representation of what a roommate was supposed to be. Comfort then moved to Pembroke Place Apartments, which she believed had great advantages because it is directly across the street from the university, she didn't have to worry about anyone but herself, and it was cheaper than living on campus.

Comfort became a public relations major because she loves talking and relating to other people. Her main purpose in life is to help people, to genuinely live up to her name. Comfort believed that the course offerings in her major were great and the professors really cared about the students. With her experience in her major, Comfort helped plan the Leave It to Beaver 5k walk. Aside from academics, Comfort has been on

the Spirit Squad for four years, has done a lot of community service in her hometown and volunteer work for the wrestling team, and was just recently crowned Ms. Greater North Carolina 2014.

Although senior year is a great time, Comfort said it has been bittersweet, because time really does fly by. After graduation, Comfort planned to attend grad school in communications or sports administration to further her career goal of being an event planner. Her dreams are to move to Paris, France, because she loves Paris and believes that there are many opportunities. She believes that one thing she will miss about UNCP are how genuine the people here are and the relationships she has built with the people and communities. Comfort stated that the person she has met at UNCP who will continue to be significant in her life is Breanna Powell, her best friend, her ride or die. For entering freshmen, Comfort's advice was to take your collegiate career slow and not let one moment fly past you; make it the very best you can and soar like the Brave Hawk within you.

By Janicia Hightower



Anthony James Preston

Health Promotion
Elizabethtown

Valery Quinones

Criminal Justice
Red Springs

Aldric AJ Raqland

Exercise and Sports Science
Creedmoor



Tene Yvonne Ray

Social Work
Southern Pines

Ashlyn Paige Rebok

Health and Physical Education
Chambersburg, PA

Caroline Kate Register

Elementary Education
Elizabethtown



Hillary Coleman walks across the stage with a big smile on her face upon receiving her diploma.

The graduate above is happy to finally get his diploma.

Erika Monique Reich

Accounting
Winston Salem

Cecilia Ann Reyna

Political Science
Houston, TX

Andrea Nicole Reynolds

Exercise and Sports Science
Sioux City, IA



Cameron Ann Reynolds

Mass Communication
Pinehurst

Theron Richardson

Exercise Physiology
Loric, SC

Deidre Riddick

Sociology
Fayetteville



This Sigma Omicron Epsilon sister departs the stage upon receiving her diploma.



Parson Nantou, two-time All American in cross country and two-time All American in track during his years at UNCP, is congratulated by Dr. Jeff Bolles after receiving his diploma.

**Christopher Alan Riley**

Exercise and Sports Science
Creedmoor

Brandy Matina Rowe

Elementary Education
Aberdeen

Jada Shantell Rowlett

English
Raeford

**Jasmine Skatia Rowlett**

Biology
Raeford

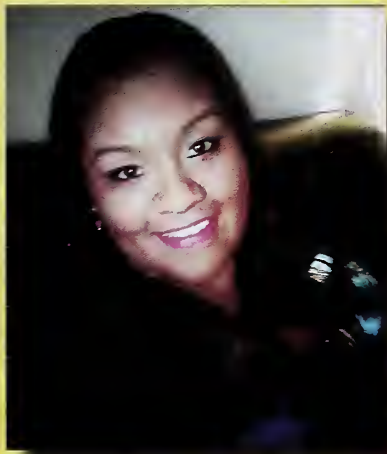
Kristina A. Sanchez-Matthews

Biology and Spanish
Fayetteville

Jazmyne Nicole Satterfield

Psychology
Raleigh

Healthy Start



Yesenia Bell Martinez, known to some as Yessi, is an exercise sport science major graduating this spring. Yessi has lived in North Carolina her entire life. She was born and raised in Star, NC, and resided there until she came to UNCP to study nursing. During her sophomore year, Yesenia changed her major to exercise and sport science. Since then she has acquired a paid internship with Healthy Start and hopes to work in the public health field after completing her degree.

In her spare time, Yesenia enjoyed watching television and listening to music, and she worked at a bakery on the weekends. This year Yesenia was staying in Pembroke Pointe Apartments so she could remain focused on preparation for graduation, but she does not regret her years living on campus. "It is a great way to become more social and create lasting friendships," she recalled. To be prepared for graduation, Yesenia stressed the importance of doing your research: "Know your deadlines;

they come fast."

Yesenia was very excited to be graduating and says she will miss UNCP. "I think what I'll miss most is the great relationships I have had with my professors," she said. "I've learned so much from them." After graduation Yesenia planned to stay in the area; she hopes to find a master's program in public health and continue her work with Healthy Start.

When asked how UNCP has changed since her freshman year, Yesenia discussed how the services available to students have improved, and the student involvement in activities has grown tremendously. To upcoming freshmen, or any continuing student, Yesenia advised: "Have fun, but make classes your priority."

By Sara Doyle

Jessica Ann Sauls

Social Work
Fremont

Samantha Kristine Schroeder

Middle Grades Math Education
Fayetteville

Jacqueline Nakita Scott

Mass Communication Journalism
Fayetteville



Tiffany Rene Scott

Chemistry
Lumberton

Annette Beatriz Sem

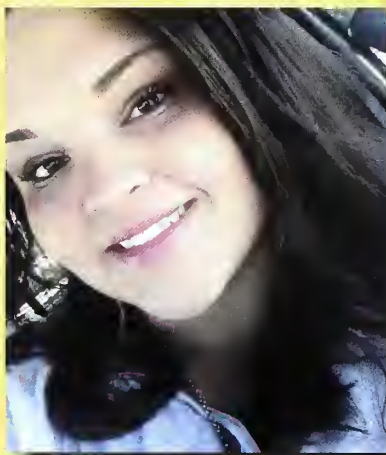
Business Management
Hope Mills

Quanisha Shamae Sharbaan

Business
Lumberton



UNCP Pride



Tiffany Renae Pearson, known as Nae-Nae by friends, was born and raised in Gray's Creek, NC, a small community right outside of Fayetteville "where everyone knows everyone," Tiffany said. She majored in biology and planned to attend medical school after graduation. Her hands-on experience comes from things such as her volunteer work at nursing homes and research for UNCP in addition to being a CNA. Tiffany believes UNCP has a great faculty and plentiful resources; she only wishes there were more courses in biology.

Tiffany stayed in the Commons Apartments during her senior year and developed good friendships with roommates, some of whom shared her major. The short distance from campus made it easy to access the library and participate in extracurricular activities, but there were downsides; staying near campus kept Tiffany from family and prevented her from attending church services on weekdays. Tiffany was a member of Alpha Pi Omega sorority. In her free time, Tiffany attended church on

weekends and outings but said she spent a lot of this time studying! Tiffany said she was ecstatic to finally be a senior, but it's nerve-racking nonetheless. She was unaware that there were graduation fees and warned others to pay them on time, or they will increase. After graduation, she hoped to attend medical school and become a pediatrician in the local Native-American community. In her time at UNCP, Tiffany believes there have been many good changes, such as the new Health Sciences Building, the continuous upgrades in technology, and the renovations to older buildings. She hopes that the renovations will press on.

The best parts of UNCP, in her opinion, are the small university and class sizes. She said she'll miss her friends, professors, and the overall community. Tiffany gave solid advice to entering freshmen: utilize all of the available services, do not take 8 AM classes, ask questions, go to class, and have fun! Tiffany added, "I love UNCP. As a Native-American, I am proud to be an alumna of UNCP!"

By Caleb Pait





Qualyn Leon Shipp

Mass Communication
Charlotte

Latasha Shanel Silver

Social Work
Fayetteville

Carl Raynel Simpson Jr.

Mathematics
Fayetteville



Jordan A. Smink

Biology
Thomasville

Jalisa Utasha Smith

Biology
Hope Mills

Michael Brandon Smith

Business Administration
Rockingham



Boyce Friday, RA and yearbook staff member, happily leaves the stage upon receiving his diploma.

Education graduate Morgan Howington shakes hands with Dr. Zoe Locklear, Dean of the School of Education.

Michael Smith

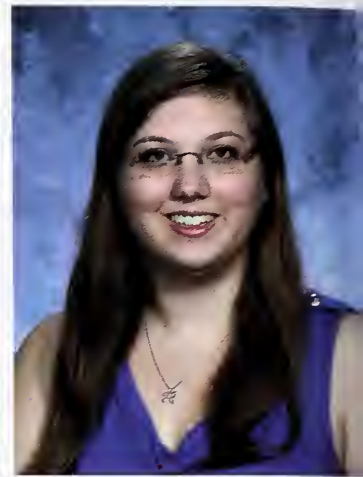
Psychology
Pembroke

Kathryn M. Sofaly

History
Pittsburgh, PA

Katelyn Marie Stanford

Chemistry
Cary



Brandon Michael Stephens

Biology
Charlotte

Jaye Jean McNair Stephens

Biotechnology
St. Pauls

Ricky B. Stone II

Exercise and Sports Science
Greensboro



Searching for her family and friends after graduation, this graduate keeps a smile on her face.

Mike Williams, 9-Dog member and UNCP wrestling All American, celebrates with his family after graduation. Mike was NCAA Division II National Champion in his weight class in 2012.



Britney Allyn Strickland

Elementary Education
Pembroke

Purcell Junior Strickland

Information Technology
Pembroke

Laura Amanda Tanner

Criminal Justice
Laurinburg



Amanda Taylor

Social Work
Carthage

Gabrielle Esha Taylor

Criminal Justice
Oxford

Emily Magen Thacker

Mass Communication
Concord

Miss Latina NC



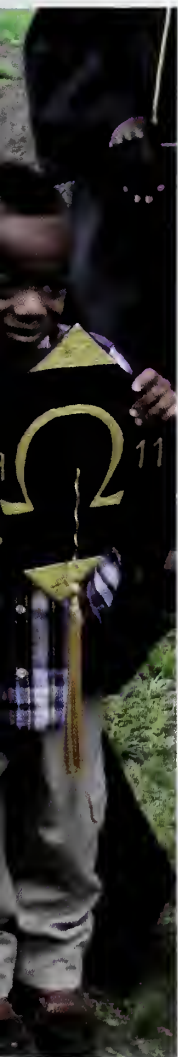
Kristina A. Sanchez has been living for 12 years in the urban area of Fayetteville, which she found to be “small and peaceful.” She lived in Pembroke Pointe Apartments for her senior year. The advantages to living there included the fact that she could have her own room and that the home office has many activities to engage residents. She has had eight roommates throughout her college life, and she loved it. “It’s a pleasure to live in an apartment,” she summarized.

Kristina double majored in Biology and Spanish. She chose Spanish because she’s a Spanish speaker and wanted herself to be more marketable. As a biology major, she has been a volunteer during the Red Cross blood drives on campus. Also, she has been a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) since 2009. After graduating, Kristina planned to go to medical school, and ultimately she wants to be a pediatrician or pediatric surgeon.

While on campus, Kristina was involved in many activities. She has been Miss Latina North Carolina since June 2013 and participated in the Miss U.S. Latina pageant in Cancun, Mexico, in August. She was also a member of a sorority. She believed that those involvements influenced her in a positive way. She said they helped her gain friends, experience college life, and enjoy extracurricular activities more. There are a couple of friends, both male and female, that she met in classes and organizations who she thinks will continue to be significant after she graduates. “I will be grateful; I appreciate them,” she said.

Her advice to incoming freshmen was to “enjoy college, study abroad, and take class seriously.” She also recommended that underclassmen take their lower-level major classes first because she has seen students focusing on higher-level classes too early and then struggling. If underclassmen start with 1000- and 2000-level classes, it will be easier, and they would do better later in higher-level classes.

By Xiao Fu



DeAnna Leigh Thompson

Sociology
Henderson

Ronica Marie Thompson

Social Work
Chadbourn

Theresa Thompson

Sociology
Lumberton



Julita Carmen Trejos

Spanish
Maxton

Jessica Kim Tulud

Elementary Education
Fayetteville

Mitchell Bruce Turlington

Computer Science
Lumber Bridge



To the Rescue



Emily Magen Thacker is from Concord, NC, just outside of the city of Charlotte, so she was able to enjoy both the country side of Concord and the nearby city life. Emily lived in the off-campus apartments and enjoyed the luxuries of her own space and the ability to have her dog with her. Emily majored in public relations, which she chose because it is a broad field that is fun to do. Emily stated, "The faculty and students are so close and the professors work with you on a one-on-one basis and truly care about their students and their futures." Her internship with Kreitzer Critter Corral Puppy Rescue allowed her to volunteer and plan fundraisers that brought in \$5,000. She was also able to keep up with their social media, create flyers, and send out mass e-mails, which she enjoyed. Emily worked as the Photo Editor for *The Pine Needle*, overseeing 8-10 photographers, and, over breaks, as a waitress at Razzoos Cajun Café. As a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, she has served many leadership positions for the breast cancer awareness philanthropy.

She was also a part of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and the Student Ambassadors. Emily has a passion for animals and has been known to pick up strays in Pembroke as well as help locate animals to rescue centers. She enjoyed playing with her own rescue dog, Tino. Emily has been impacted by all her ZTA sisters as well as some notable professors such as Drs. Tony and Judy Curtis and Professor George Harrison. Being a senior can be slightly overwhelming, according to Emily, but she encourages all underclassmen to "study hard and have fun." Emily planned on moving to Charlotte after graduation to pursue a career in the non-profit field of public relations and to be closer to family. She was happy about the growth of UNCP since her time here and thankful for the close personal relationships students are able to develop with their professors. Emily loved the diversity of the school; it seems like an "everybody knows everybody" place, but she was still able to meet new people every day. Her advice to entering freshman would be to get involved.

By Paul Lascuna





Tyler James Turton-Holman

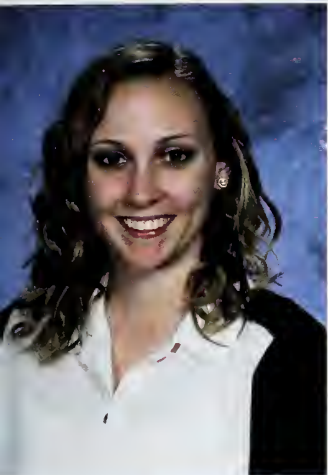
Criminal Justice
Pontiac, MI

Sabrina Denise Utley

Criminal Justice
Bladenboro

Marketia Ja'Lisa Walker-Brown

Social Work
Tar Heel



Erin Nichole Walter

Health Promotion
Raeford

Zachary Kyle Ward

Art
Rowland

Danielle Eleanor Warren

Biology
Hillsborough



Gavin Mayo checks his phone for messages during the reception after the December graduation exercises.

This graduate stands out from the crowd at the May 2103 commencement.

Ashley Sade Watson

Biology
Virginia

Mary Kaitlyn Webb

Chemistry
Wilson

Meredith Jane Wehrle

Social Work
Knightdale



Ben Kenneth West III

Criminal Justice
Roxboro

Kaylin Nicole White

Sociology
Roanoke Rapids

Zikeyia Shadria Whitted

Chemistry
Lumberton



Sharissa Dice is feeling victorious after the May 2013 graduation ceremony.



Waiting for the December commencement to start, this graduate shows off how happy he is to be getting his degree.



Ashley Nicole Williams

Social Work
Charlotte

Shenita LaTrece Wilson

Business
Fayetteville

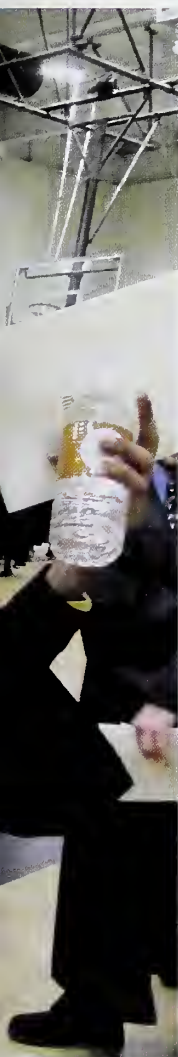


Matthew Shane Wright

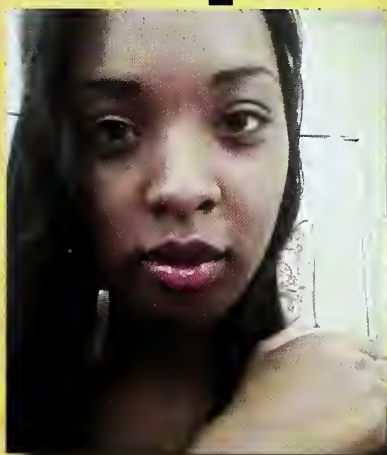
Computer Science
Red Springs

Hannah Ann Wuellner

Nursing
Richmond, VA



Inspiration



Ashley Nicole Williams was born in Chattanooga, TN, and raised in Charlotte, NC. She was studying social work at UNCP although she dreams of being a model. As a senior, she lived in Pembroke Pointe Apartments, which was a major step up from the dorms. She liked being able to cook and having her own space, and she loved her roommates. The downside was that she didn't really hear much about on-campus events. As a freshman, Ashley was a University Marshal, ushering at events like pageants and graduation. As a junior, she was a guardian ad litem, volunteering and advocating for children. This year, she worked for the Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship, promoting enrollment to the center and working with a client to help promote their business. After graduating, she wanted to move back home, save up some money, and then move to Atlanta, GA, to work for Cynthia Bailey's modeling agency. In preparation for her glamorous career, she was taking modeling classes in Charlotte and networking.

"Someday," she said, "I want to be seen as a fashion icon. I want kids to look up to me; I want to inspire people." Ashley was even thinking about starting up a national non-profit organization for domestic violence victims later down the line to provide them with resources, educate them, have group sessions, and maybe house them. As a Christian, Ashley believed that her faith in God has gotten her this far. Like most people, she had trouble her freshman year trying to balance out her education with her social life, but she soon got the hang of it. She liked UNCP as a place to further her education, and she found it helpful having professors who were really good advisors. She didn't like the location or the drama which can't seem to be avoided, but, she said, "I have no regrets because UNCP has made me the woman I am today." Here at UNCP she has learned about who she is as a person, her strengths and weaknesses; she discovered her passion here and created lifelong friends; UNCP is home to her and she is and will always be a part of the BRAVE nation.

By Bryanna Braithwaite

Pauline Campbell

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Fairmont

Gabrielle Harris

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Wilson

Quenetta Johnson

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Louisburg



Reneta D. Johnson

Education—Art Specialization
Hamlet

Samantha Oxendine

Professional School Counseling
Lumberton

April Pone

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Pembroke



She's a Keeper



Britney R. Bennett, a native of Tampa, FL, was a graduate student in physical education here at UNCP. As of November of 2013, Bennett had completed four years as the goalkeeper for the UNCP women's soccer team. In her first year, she was named Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Freshman of the Year. Throughout her athletic career, she was also named to the First Team All-PBC, Daktronics Second Team All-Region, NSCAA Third Team All-Region, NCSAA All-Region Team, Daktronics All-Region Team, All-PBC Team, Preseason All-PBC Team, and two times to the NCCSIA All-State Team, as well as receiving PBC All-Academic Honorable Mention honors. She has enjoyed her experience on the soccer team because it "gives me other people to reach out to if I need support or advice."

Building off of her athletic career as a goalkeeper, Bennett hoped to move on to become an assistant goalkeeping coach for a Division I women's soccer team in the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

When not working on the field or in the classroom, Bennett, a yoyo fanatic, enjoyed spending her time with her 23-year-old sister and taking walks around new areas, parks, and nature.

Bennett was unique in that she had never actually lived on campus throughout her years at UNCP. This year, she lived in the Commons apartment complex and liked the freedom of having her own room and bathroom, having a kitchen to cook in, and not having to pay to do her laundry. However, she disliked the fact that she was not awakened by fire alarms in her apartment.

When asked to give advice to underclassmen going through hardships, Bennett stated, "In life, you always stumble upon different challenges or obstacles. When we run into them, it is not because we were unprepared, it is just the way our life was meant to play out."

By Claire Tracy





Elliot Samuel III

Physical Education
Rockingham

Nadine V. Samuel

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Rockingham

Adolphus Thomas

Public Administration
Fayetteville



Beverly Vanse

Exercise and Sport Science
Fairmont

Alexander Zahorshi

Physical Education and Health
Fayetteville



Amanda Marshall, Barry McDougald, and Samantha Honorp celebrate their newly-earned MAs in English Education at the reception following Graduate Commencement in May 2013.

Kelsey Cummings, the first graduate student to be chosen as Miss UNCP, gets together with SQA President Emily Ashley at

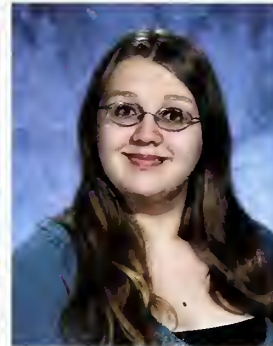
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Andrew Aliseo
Mason J. Allen
Jacob Michael Archambault*



*Tiffany Roequelle Arnold
Jasmine T'Keyah Banks
Jessica Ren'ee Barkley
Quanisha Barnes*



*Lauren Kelly Blue
Erica Hope Branch
Margaret Marld Brown
Jonathan David Bym*



Run for Fun



Jamar Devante Davis, nicknamed "Kevin Hart" by his friends for acting and sounding like the comedian himself, was a native of Fort Lauderdale, FL. Being a military brat, Jamar has moved around a lot, including five years in Okinawa, Japan, as well as two years in Oklahoma. Jamar graduated from Richlands High School in Jacksonville, NC, and since he has lived most of his life in Florida and Jacksonville, he has always loved going to the beach and hanging with his friends on the sand. Jamar stayed on campus in Cypress Hall and liked how close he was to most of his classes and his friends who also stay on campus. An exercise physiology major, Jamar plans on joining the Air Force upon graduation next year. After he serves his country, he plans on becoming a physical trainer. When asked about his major, Jamar replied, "This department is great and provides a lot of hands-on experience outside the classroom." Jamar ran cross country and track and field for the university and also enjoyed running just "for the fun of it." Running for UNCP has given Jamar a sense of confidence as well as good friends he made on the team. In his spare time he liked to visit nearby colleges, including Mount Olive College, where he transferred from last year because he felt the UNCP campus felt home-like. His time spent here has been more than enjoyable; it is a really nice school with nice, friendly people, students and faculty alike. Jamar also liked the tight-knit community surrounding Pembroke in that people here actually congregate with each other. Jamar's favorite professor was without a doubt Mr. Joey Tamburo: "He's a very lively character, funny, great teaching method, and he cares about his students' success." In conclusion, Jamar left the following statement to his fellow Brave-Hawks: "Enjoy your experience here and take full advantage of this opportunity, because once it's gone, it's gone."

By Mitchell Hetterscheidt



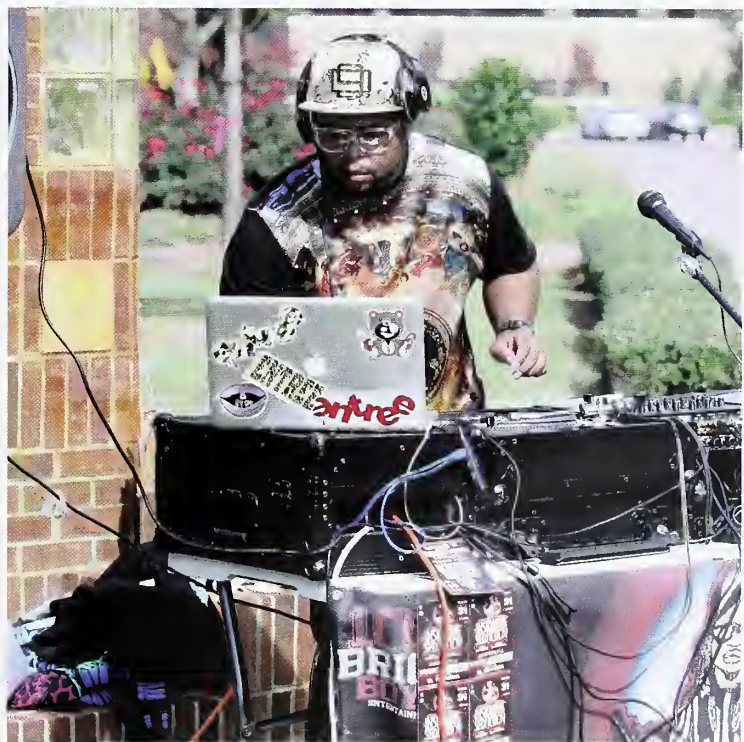
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Samantha Michelle Daniel
Siarra Nicole Daniel
Rebecca Lee Dickens*



*Ian Thomas Fetterolf
Danielle Cooper Hall
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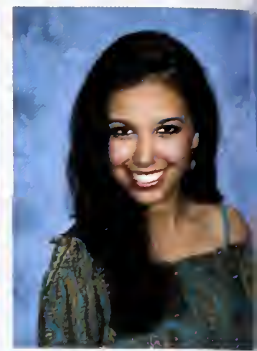
*Bianca Starche' Harris
Tangie Alea Harris
Arik Edwin Hicks
Amanda Jane Hiser*



The student on the left learns how to use a Chinese-style fan at the Moon Festival on September 13. This event exposed students to Chinese culture through food, music, and other activities.

The student above is the DJ providing music for an event outside the UC in the Fall of 2013.

*Charles Norris Holloway III
 Kyle T. Howard
 Angel Howley
 Victoria Alexis Huggins*



*Allyson Nicole Ivey
 Jefferson Jerkins
 Mary Tess Johnson
 Biruk Kassaw*



*Mercedes S. Kerney
 Marc Anthony Kerr
 LaVianca Asanté DeAsia Ledbetter
 Mikaela Crystal Lee*



These students are sharing a break from the many activities at Pembroke Day in the fall of 2013.

At the Veterans Roll Call in November 2013, these ROTC cadets salute the flag during the national anthem.



*Hannah Rachael Lineberger
Daniel Luck
Sheila McKoy Mack
Tiara Andrea Mapps*



*Sandra B.S. Mathis
Jose Lopez McKinney
Halbreonda Sullay McNeill
Michael Morrison*



*Sheldon Moss
Jessica Blake Norton
Veronica Perfecta Oquendo
Sara Elizabeth Owen*

Spanish Is Fun



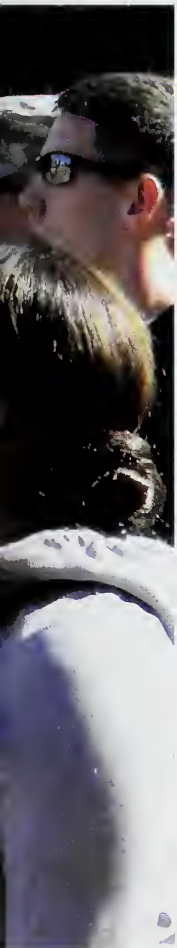
Karla Amaro-Roque was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico, and lived there until she was six years old. Then her family and she moved to Fayetteville, NC, where she has lived since then. After graduating from Seventy First High School, she chose to attend UNCP because it was not far from home and it was affordable.

Karla lived on campus, in Oak Hall. She loved living on campus, stating that "on campus it's easier to make new friends, you don't need to travel, and it's easier to study and participate in school programs." Some of the disadvantages of staying on campus were that it was too far away from home, and sometimes her roommates/suitemates were stubborn about cleaning, etc. However, this makes you more prepared to deal with people, teaching you how to make new friends and be independent.

Karla majored in Spanish education and minored in theatre. She chose Spanish because she likes learning Spanish and it's fun. She also planned to travel with her major. Karla liked the foreign languages department students and staff. She stated that the faculty "are all nice and very helpful." Her favorite professor was Professor Katie Denton, who taught Spanish. Karla said that Professor Denton was very helpful, and her teaching style worked well with all types of learners.

Karla would like to leave the following message for all UNCP students: Make sure to have fun and participate in school activities.

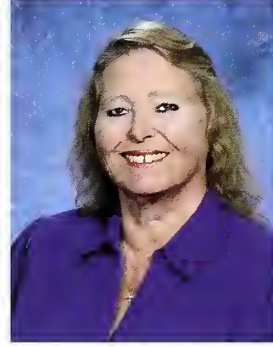
By Breeanna Hardin



*Wynona L. Oxendine
Emily Jo Paul
Nicole Payne
Jaime Alberto Picuda*



*Dezzarayi Aryon Powell
Lori Carol Richardson
Letrina Nicole Ridges
Gabriel Roberts*



Loves to Play



Matthew Thomas Ellis was a junior majoring in music education because of his love of music. He has lived in Shannon, NC, for twenty years and commutes every day. He said the drive is not bad but the expense of gas is sometimes a problem. He chose to attend UNCP because it was close to home and he had heard it was a good university. He has enjoyed his time here and plans to graduate in 2015. Matthew stated, "I love music and I love to play and being a music educator allows me to do that every day." Matthew wanted to teach at the middle school or high school level and eventually get his graduate degree in performance and jazz studies. If you have not already guessed it, Matthews's instrument of choice is the alto saxophone.

Being a musician, Matthew played numerous gigs. Matthew said his job responsibilities are not too hard; he only needs to know the tunes he is playing and make sure he is playing at a professional level. The hours he worked were determined by whoever contacted him and where the gigs took place, so working did not affect his study time; if anything, it improved his playing skill, allowing him to do better in classes and become a greater musician.

Matthew was also involved in multiple band-related activities here on campus, including the Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, Concert Band/Wind Ensemble, and Saxophone Choir. Participating in these activities gave Matthew the opportunity to do what he loves—play his instrument every day. Aside from his extracurricular activities Matthew didn't have time for anything else; his classes, practice, and band activities kept him busy. Matthew wanted to let incoming freshmen know that doing your work is important; you need to keep up with your studies and take your classes seriously to succeed.

By Arron Gudmundson





*Erika Latashi Rodgers
Jasmine La'Sha Russel
Bobbie Lee Sessoms
Myah T. Sewell*

*Jamal Soles
Jenna Margaret Stewart
Nancy Suarez
Patricia Tedder Zoch*



The student to the left is playing cornhole at a fall semester event on the UC lawn.

The student above takes a break from the many fun things to do at Relay for Life.

Erin Aiken
Ashley Lynn Allen
Hansen Barefoot
Elizabeth Bell



Joan Blackwell
Philip Bowles
Shequille Marquis Burwell
Demetria Jesha Cameron



Jalisa Channey
Shelley Monique Clifton
Andrew George Cole
Riyan Jomar Coles



Very Involved

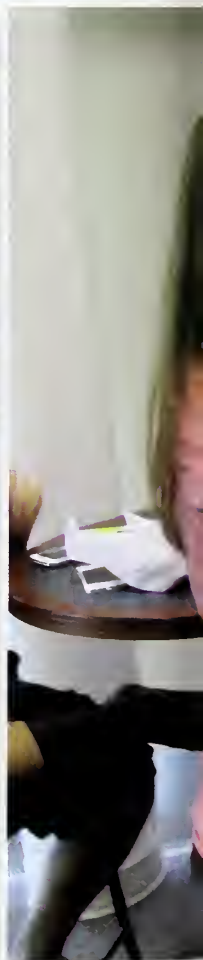


Robert Joshua Hamilton was a sophomore from Greensboro where he lived all his life until he moved to UNCP. He lived in Village Apartments and liked that he could walk everywhere and had his own kitchen. Robert was a history major and planned to teach for a year and then go to law school to become a corporate lawyer. However, he also hoped to work on the side throughout his life to achieve a doctorate in history and become a professor of history once he retired from being a lawyer.

Robert served in the NC Army National Guard and enjoyed his job in the field artillery. He was also very involved in school activities. He took up the position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Indianhead* yearbook mid-way through this year and was extremely enthusiastic about working for the yearbook although it took a lot of work and learning to try accomplish this very difficult task. He became a senator-at-large for SGA halfway through the Spring 2014 semester and was looking forward to not only representing his class but all

the military-affiliated students on this campus as well. On the topic of representing veterans, he was also in Student Veterans of America (SVA) as the secretary.

Finally, and most certainly not least, he was in Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was a founding father of the colony of Phi Delt on this campus. He loved the unique challenge of founding a fraternity. He served as the phikeia (new member) educator for the fraternity; this job is special to him as he got to bring new guys into the fraternity and teach them its history and traditions. He had another job in Phi Delt as the bylaws chairman, where he has led the effort to create the first-ever bylaws of his colony and continues to work to improve these bylaws to this day. If all that was not enough, he was also a Phase I Instructor in Contemporary Jeet Kune Do, and he also ran half-marathons regularly. A very involved guy.





*Zachary Covington
Betty Cox
Diana Dillard
Tiquandra Shonturah Ellison*



*Courtney Vanessa Plateau
Amanda Gilleland
Brenttana Diane Hairston
Robert Joshua Hamilton*



*Sarah B. Henderson
Jordan Hunt
Constance Keener
Alysie Lindsey*



These ladies enjoy one of the activities during an event at the UC Annex in Fall 2013.

This student heads across campus with a snack from the WOW cafe.

*Bobbi Lea Locklear
Merville Mapuku
Serenity Kayana Le Ticia McLean
Arissa Marie McNeal*



*Deana Moore
Elizabeth Rose Moser
Nikita Cheri Newkirk
Helene Beatrice Paul*



*Morgan Leigh Pettigrew
Danielle Mae Pierce
Aliyah EN Reid
Cathryn Michelle Rimes*



Gamers are among the many student organizations providing information about their activities at the Student Involvement Fair.

Students at the campus Veterans' Day observation on November 11 pause to remember those who have given their lives for their country.



*Jay Ritchie III
Sir Ovynten D. Rivera
Briana Roberts
Schaintel Otteyonna Robinson*



*Wilbelis Elizabeth Rojas
Christian Butler Ryckley
James Sturdivant
Desiree Juanita Thomas*



*Megan Nicole Tillman
Haylee Alexander Trotter
Gwyneth Tatiana Vargas
Angelica Vasquez*



*Krystyna Janay Vinson
Donnielle Nicole Walker
Donavann Gunner Wilson
Donna Kim Zheng*



Sophomore Jaime Vela and other students enjoy the refreshments and listen to Chris Hunter play the piano during the Moon Festival.

*Cody Rebel Lynn Armstrong
Morgan Arnold
Marla Dennise Ascensio
Teneia Connie Baker*



*Jasmine Shante' Boone
Amanda Rose Bowman
Bryanna Braithwaite
Nicole Brown*



*Amber Marie Burford
Brady James Burke
Courtney Lanette Campbell
Liam Deloney Carney*



Piano Man



Logan John was a freshman from a military family. Born in Japan, he has moved all over the United States, from California to Maine and then to North Carolina, where most recently he called Richlands home. This small farming town just outside Jacksonville has a “little spice of diversity” because of the military presence in the area. He was a member of the Honors College and lived in Oak Hall, where he met a lot of new people. The location was a “definite bonus,” and apart from “the occasional ‘Oak Island’ effect after a week of too much rain,” he enjoyed living there.

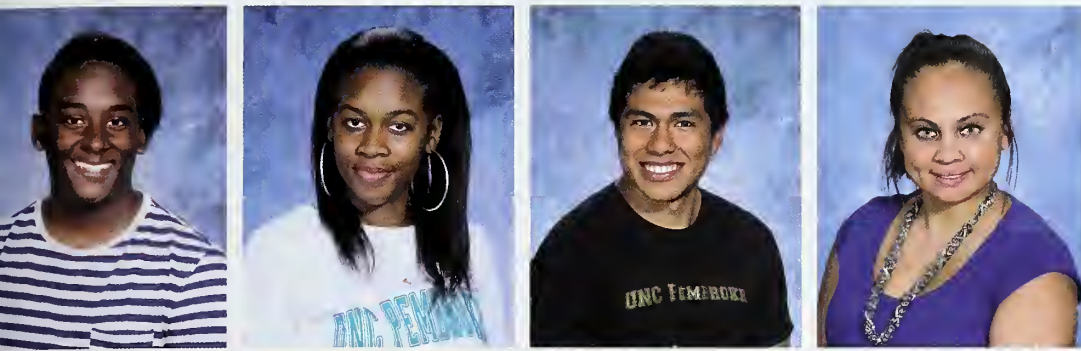
Logan doubled majored in Philosophy and Religion and Political Science. He chose philosophy because it teaches you *how* to think and political science because it examines issues that affect everyday life. Apart from academics, Logan was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the music fraternity, and a member of the Model UC team. As a Freshman Senator in SGA, he served as Government Operations Chair and was also one of the UNCP delegates to the

UNC Association of Student Governments. “All of these experiences,” Logan said, “have built me as a leader, student, and citizen.”

Logan chose to attend UNCP because of the “great price” and diverse student body. The “small classes, kind professors, and ample opportunities,” he said, “allowed me to really grow as a person.” His favorite professor was Dr. Jeffrey Geller because of his commitment to honesty and because he “truly knows and cares about the material he teaches.”

In his free time Logan liked playing the piano. He also liked going to football, basketball, and baseball games and thought that UNCP’s sports programs are good at being inclusive of all students. Student involvement in other areas, though, was something Logan would have liked to see more of on campus. He looked forward to watching the university growing academically, in sports, and other areas.





Mason Edward Carrington
Breone DeAnne Carswell
Oliver Castrejon
Brooke Leanne Chavis



Dar'Nysha Clayborne
Virginia Nicole Clymore
Kaylan Leigh Coe
Sara Colclough



Sydney Leigh Cox
Mary Grace Curiale
Jarrett D'Amato
Nicole DeFede



Students enjoy the refreshments and the opportunity to make new friends at an ice cream social in Cypress Hall early in the Fall 2013 semester.

Arron Gudmundson and classmates pay attention during their ENG 1050 class, a requirement for all freshmen.

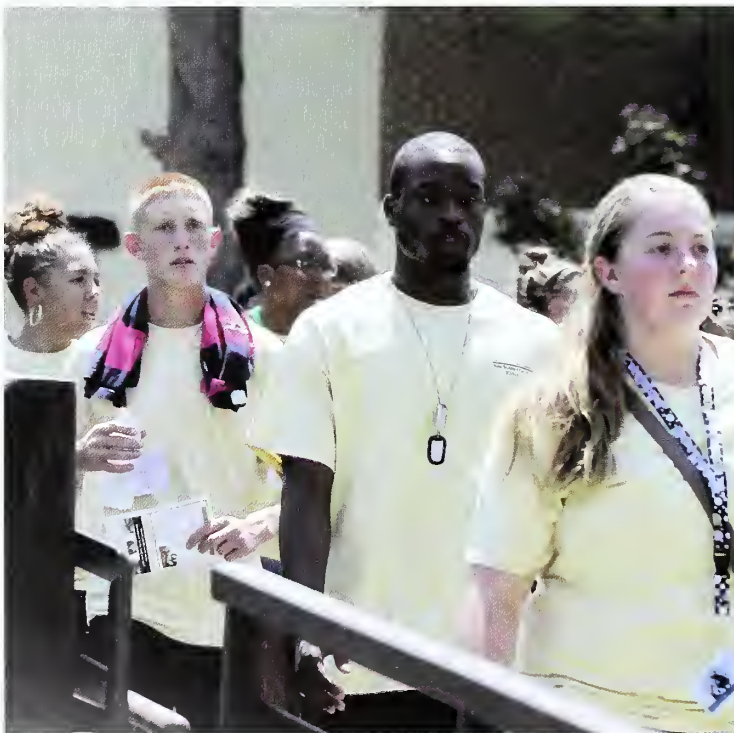
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 Lauren Ashley Edwards
 Joshua Stephen Elliott
 Zachary Freeman



Quaison Tyree Gilchrist
 Hayden Glidewell
 Ana M. Gudiel
 Arron Dakota Gudmunson



Brandi Kiersten Guffey
 Nicholas Austin Hopkins
 Eric Lee Hunt
 Whitley Elise Hunter



Freshmen cross the bridge over the water feature on their way to Fall Convocation.



Sheldon Moss and Logan John enjoy coffee and conversation at the tables outside of Starbucks, a popular campus gathering place.



*Christian Andrew Jenkins
Ryan Lee Johnston
Logan Wade John
Deandra Senoj Jones*



*Mikaela Dane Jones
Zari Karima Carrie Jones
Mary Ellen Jorgensen
Mikayla Pascale Julien*



*Joseph Trotman Leary
Wei Jie Lin
Cotey Ray Littrell
Daylen Cordell Long*

Community



Mary Grace Curiale, a freshman from Fair Bluff, NC, was the 2013 Esther G. Maynor Scholar; the scholarship pays tuition, fees, room, board and books and is renewable for four years. An outstanding student with diverse interests, Curiale joined the Honors College, which also bears the name of the late philanthropist, Esther G. Maynor; she planned to major in psychology and hoped to go to medical school. "Everything is going well so far," she said during the first week of school. "I'm in the Honors College living-learning community, so I take classes with students on my hall."

Curiale described herself as a "focused" student who studies between classes. Her mother is a UNCP graduate, and her father is a physician's assistant. "We looked at other colleges, but this was the place for me," Curiale said. "This is a tight-knit campus, and I won't be sitting in a class with three or four hundred people."

Curiale planned to become involved on campus and off. Through a service-learning class, she had already joined UNCP's Literacy Commons, a project in the local schools. She lists theatre, ceramics, bowling, international culture, and reading history as serious interests. Theatre is among her favorite things. Curiale was a stage manager for four years in high school and is expert at lighting and sets. She hoped to continue as a volunteer for student productions.

"I grew up on a 52-acre farm in a small community, where everybody knew everybody," she said. "I worked in the garden, and I can cook, too." "I like to do a little of everything," she said. Another thing Curiale learned from her small community is the value of caring for each other. "I know everybody in our church and at the beauty parlor," she said. "Whenever somebody is in need, we come together to help."



Hope Denise McLean
K'Yana Elise McLean
Cassidy Jordan Miles
Jonissa Lavon Monley



Rebecca Leigh Moran
Cole Murray
Ashley Skye Nordquist
Alyssa June Norton



Jael Melody Pembriek
Bayron Josoe Perdomo
Jackson Lee Peryhouse
Savannah Kay Phillips



A Step at a Time



Shazia Baskerville was starting off her first year here at UNCP as a freshman filled with hopes and dreams. She was from the Motor City—Detroit, Michigan. She had lived there most of her life and was quite upset that she had to leave at the age of 12. She described her hometown in Detroit as very busy and loud since it is one of the busiest cities in America. But she said that she was used to the fast life and could not get enough of it. When she left Detroit at the age of 12, she and her family moved to Raleigh, NC, where she lives with her mother and her younger brother.

Shazia lived on campus in Cypress Hall, which she preferred to being a commuter because she could experience more socializing with peers and be able to make long-lasting friendships. The only disadvantage was having to share her room with someone else, but she was learning to adapt well to the roommate situation.

Shazia wanted to be a chemistry major because she has always loved science and wanted to “learn more than what they teach you in high school.” She also chose this route because she wanted to go into the medical field where she will be able to fully express the knowledge that she has gained from her years of schooling. She wished that there was some way she could get a small taste of her future career, like an internship, but she has yet to find one. She also wanted to find a decent job that would be flexible for her schedule.

The people that have come into her life here have been really good to her, and she gets along well with her roommates and also the classmates she sees on the regular basis. She has adapted well to the social life at UNCP and planned to build more friendships, hopefully join a sorority, and fully commit herself as a student. As of right now, she was taking it one step at a time.

By Tara Williams





*Nicholas Alexander Rhodes
Jordan Faith Sharpe
Richard Clayton Shavek
Morgan Emily Sheenan*



*India Kaylan Smith
Kiara Terre Smith
Samantha Nichole Tickles
Alisha Kaajbao Vang*



*Carlos F. Velasquez
Adina Denise Warren
Ashley Denise Wood
Malik Tra'vonne Worrells*



Dakota Young



Laura Zaertz

Chancellor and Mrs. Carter, Dr. John Jones, Miss UNCP, and SGA President Emily Ashley greet incoming freshmen at the start of the Fall 2013 semester.

Kyle R. Carter

Chancellor

Kenneth Kitts

Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

Wendy Lowery

Vice Chancellor for Advancement



Richard Cosentino

Vice Chancellor for Finance
and Administration

John R. Jones III

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

William Gash

Senior Associate Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs



John Jones, our new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, waves to the participants in the Homecoming Parade. Dr. Jones has been very engaged with students since arriving at UNCP in July.

Melissa Schaub, who became Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment in July 2013, discusses her recent book at the library in Fall 2013. Dr. Schaub will continue to teach some English classes in addition to her administrative duties.





R. Travis Bryant

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Emergency Operations

Cammie Hunt

Associate Vice Chancellor for Engaged Outreach

Melissa Schaub

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment



Tom Jackson

Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources/CIO

Elizabeth Normandy

Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Accreditation

Lisa Lewis Schaeffer

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Commitment



John R. Jones III of DeKalb, Illinois, became our new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs on June 3, 2013. A member of the Chancellor's Cabinet, he manages 12 departments including Counseling and Psychological Services, Career Center, Student Involvement and Leadership, Student Health Services, Housing and Residence Life, and Police and Public Safety. "I am extremely pleased that Dr. John Jones will be joining the leadership team at UNC Pembroke," said Chancellor Kyle Carter in announcing his appointment. "He brings many attributes that will immediately benefit us. He is strategic and goal oriented. His experience at three major universities will help UNC Pembroke broaden its perspective in all facets of student affairs."

A North Carolina native, Dr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from Appalachian State University, and Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees in Higher Education Administration from The University of Iowa, Iowa City. He also spent 15 years in the Army National Guard, rising to the rank of Major. "Our students will immediately identify with Dr. Jones because of his North Carolina roots and life history," Chancellor Carter said. "Additionally, his military background fits nicely with one of our major strategic initiatives. We are indeed fortunate to have John join us."

Dr. Jones began his career at Purdue University 15 years ago and has worked in progressively more responsible roles in higher education. Most recently, he served as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Northern Illinois University before coming to UNCP. "UNCP's mission, vision, and core values are consistent with my philosophy as a student affairs professional," Dr. Jones said. "When I look into the eyes of today's students, I see myself as a youth growing up in Carboro, NC. They have the same aspirations, hope, and ambitions that I had as a student. My life was transformed by education—and not just the education, but also by the people who helped me navigate the academics, the campus, and community. I see that same commitment to the students at UNCP."

Jessica A. Abbott

Assistant Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice

Irene Aiken

Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Ben Bahr

Professor, Microbiology

Joseph Begnaud

Associate Professor, Art



Rebecca Berdeau

Lecturer, Elementary Education

Alfred Bryant

Associate Dean, School of Education

Carmen Calabrese

Director, Thomas Family Center

Mark Canada

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences



Anthony Curtis

Professor, Mass Communication

Judith Curtis

Associate Professor, Mass Communication

Denise Zeikema

Assistant Professor, English

Kelly Ficklin

Instructor, Elementary Education



Sigmon Signs Off



Dennis Sigmon retired at the end of the Spring 2014 semester after 38 years as an English professor. Dr. Sigmon arrived at UNCP in the fall of 1976 and has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses. According to Dr. Monika Brown, he is “well respected by students and colleagues. His courses challenge students to grow and take responsibility—as readers and writers and future teachers.” A couple of years after coming to Pembroke, he was asked to serve as advisor for the yearbook; by the time Sara Oswald took over the *Indianhead* as advisor in 1988, Dr. Sigmon had worked with students to improve the copy and layout and develop thematic features. He also served as co-director of the North Carolina Writing Project at Pembroke for nearly a decade.

Dr. Sigmon served as department chair from 2001 to 2009, managing the impact of increased student enrollment and the addition of programs in Spanish and ESL licensure. During 2003-4 when the Dial Building was closed for almost an entire year, Dr. Kay McClanahan remembers that he “led us through the year that we were vagabonds due to the mold and kept us from despairing in spite of being without offices or familiar classrooms.”

Over the years, Dr. Sigmon developed a “real attachment to the importance of freshman composition.” As he pointed out, “It’s students’ first semester of college, and composition is probably a course that makes a big difference for them in terms of their transitioning into college.” He also found it rewarding to watch the transformation of students, saying, “One of the special things I’ve always felt about this place is that when I see a student as a freshman and I see that same student walking across the platform at graduation, I see a real difference.” Reflecting on his nearly four decades as an English professor, Dr. Sigmon said that he was “most proud” of the “little differences” he has made in the lives of others.

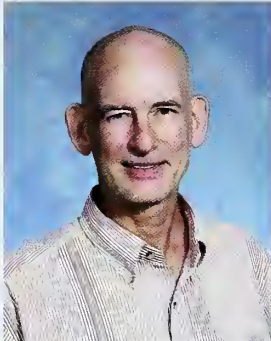
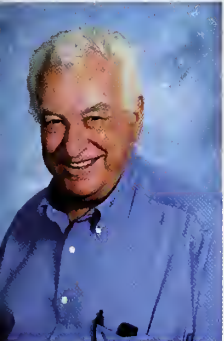




James Frederick
Associate Professor, Business
Jeffery Geller
Professor, Philosophy and Religion
Roger Guy
Associate Professor, Sociology
Steven Hedgpeth
Lecturer, English



Thomas Heffernan
Lecturer, English
Jason Hutchens
Assistant Professor, Mass Communication
Mordechai Inbari
Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religion
Charles R. Jenkins
Professor, Education



Chet Jordan
Professor, Theatre
Walt Lewallen
Lecturer, English
Zoe Locklear
Dean, School of Education
Stephen Marson
Professor, Sociology



Michele Fazio and Jason Hutchens interview a May 2013 graduate as part of the oral history, "The Voices of the Lumbee," that they and their students are working on.

Tim Ritter carries the mace as 193 Grand Marshal at the May 2013 commencement. Dr. Ritter received the 2013 Board of Governors award for Excellence in Teaching.

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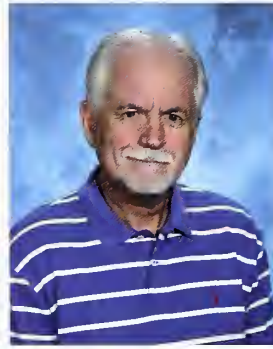
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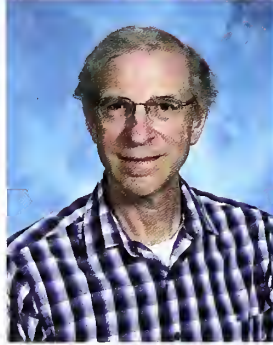
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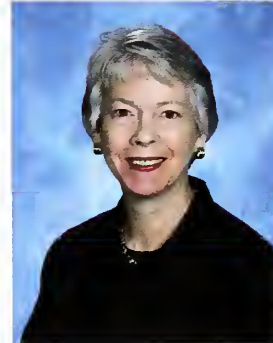
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Judy Curtis walks with other cancer survivors during Relay For Life in April 2013. Dr. Curtis took a leave from her duties as faculty advisor for The Pine Needle to serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate during 2013-14.

Richard Vela and Anita Guynn speak with Emma Evans at her retirement reception in November 2013. Ms. Evans had worked with each of them as secretary for the Freshman Composition program since 1989.



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In Memoriam



Carolyn Thames Price, who served as department secretary for English, Theatre, and Foreign Languages for the past 13 years, died unexpectedly of a heart attack over Thanksgiving Break 2013. She is survived by her daughter, Jamie Lyndsey; her son, Kevin Price; her brother, Allen Bracey; her stepfather, Alfred Bracey; and five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Many faculty and staff members from the ETFL Department and other university offices joined Carolyn's family and friends at her memorial service on December 6, 2013, in Dillon, SC.

From her office on the first floor of the Dial Building, "Ms. Carolyn" was always willing to assist students who needed to add a class, locate a professor, or just find their way around. She served her fellow UNCP employees as a member of the Staff Council and in many other ways. And she was very helpful to the yearbook staff, processing the work orders needed when the books were delivered each spring and distributing books to students during

Summer Sessions when the yearbook office was closed.

The faculty and staff of the ETFL Department will remember Carolyn Price for her love of children, which extended from her own grandchildren to the sons and daughters of faculty and students, who always received special treatment from her when they visited campus. They will remember her for her other passions, which included reading, gardening, and lighthouses. They will remember her for the many administrative services and acts of kindness, large and small, that she performed for them over the years. And they will remember Carolyn for her unstinting loyalty and dedication to our university and the people in it. She will be missed.



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Cyndi Saylor, Liz Cummings, and other members of the DoIT staff enjoy some rare time outdoors at Pembroke Day.



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Natasha Kinto of the Social Work Department staff rides in the Fall 2013 Homecoming Parade as a UNCP Star Employee.

Pattie Dees of Housekeeping enjoys some of the activities at Family Day in April 2013.

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Members of the UNCP and local communities come together in the UC Annex for the annual powwow sponsored by the Native American Student Organization (NASO). This event is one of many that celebrate our University's American Indian heritage.



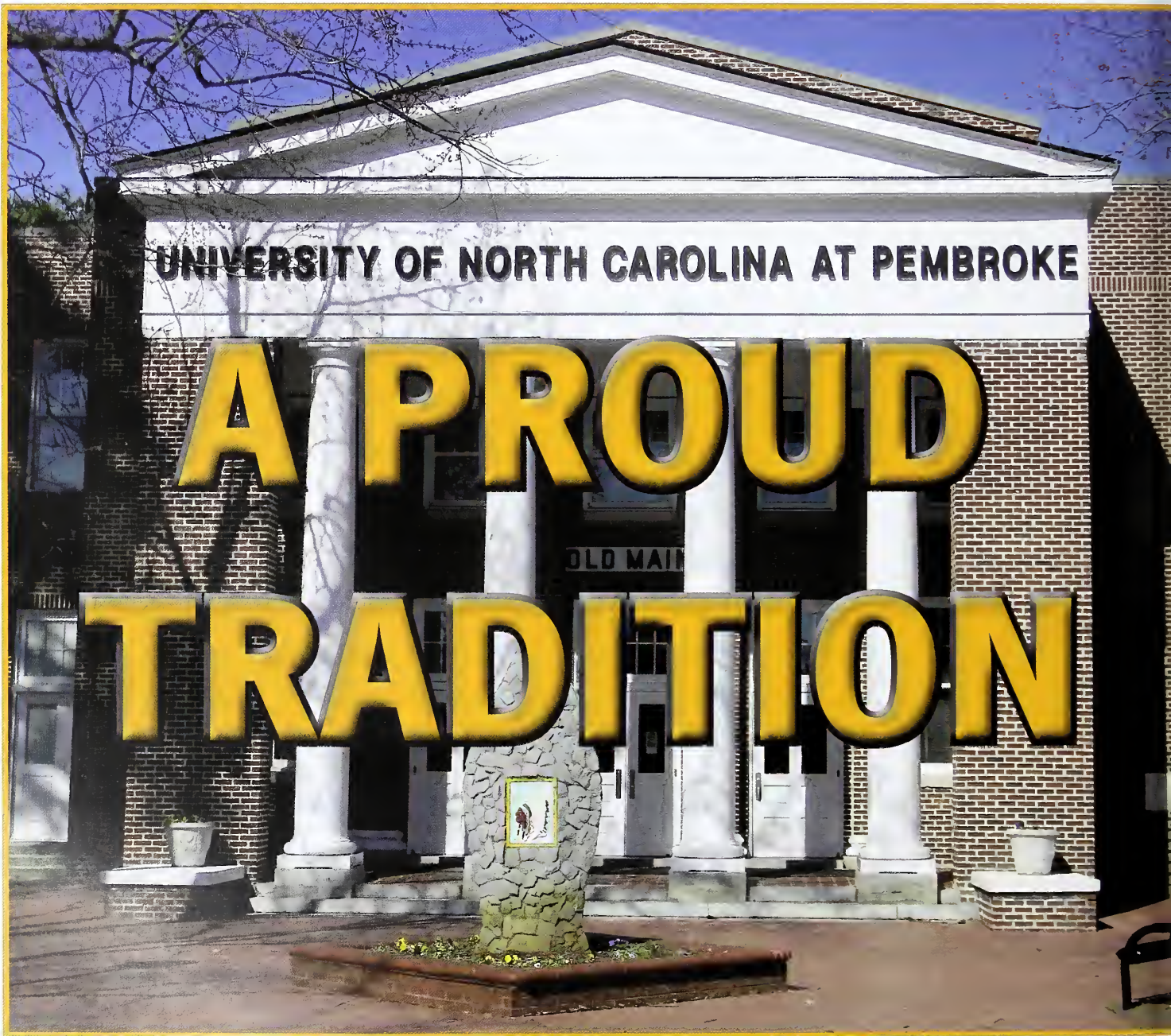
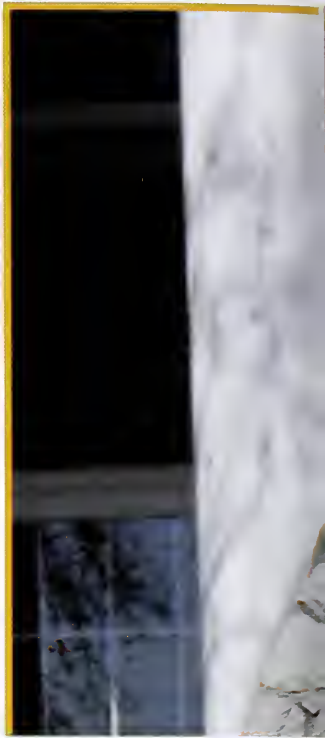
KEEP THE SPIRIT!

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Old Main (below) is the oldest brick building on campus. Constructed in 1923, gutted by fire in 1973, and restored in 1979, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and originally housed administrative offices, classrooms, and an auditorium. Today, it is home to the Office for Diversity and Inclusion; WNCP; the Native American Resource Center; the departments of American Indian Studies, Geology and Geography, and Mass Communication; the Teaching and Learning Center; and *The Pine Needle*. The newest program housed in Old Main is the Southeast American Indian Studies Program. Visionary in scope, this program will transform the University into a national leader in research and resources for the study of American Indians in the southeastern U.S. Dr. Alfred Bryant, an associate dean of the School of Education, was picked in August to be the first director; he will establish a national advisory board and an Elder in Residence program.

The Arrowhead (right) in front of Old Main is a stone and mortar monument erected, most likely in April 1933, by J. Hampton Rich, director of the Boone Trail Highway and Memorial Association. Rich erected 358 monuments across the United States between 1913 and 1938 to persuade state legislators to improve the quality of roads; he also raised monuments to American heroes including Davy Crockett, Abraham Lincoln, and Cherokee Chief Sequoia. Pembroke's monument has a "Sequoia tablet" on the south face and a buffalo trail marker on the north face. According to Everett Gary Marshall, Rich's biographer, "The Buffalo Trail marker is supposedly there to identify original buffalo traces that were then used by Native Americans and early colonists, that eventually became routes for modern highways." Originally erected in the southeast corner of the Quad, the Arrowhead was moved in November 1985 directly in front of Old Main, where it rests today.





Remembering and honoring our traditions has always been important to our University. The heritage of this school is all around us, from Tommy the Hawk in the middle of campus to the Arrowhead in front of Old Main. Our proud American Indian history is visible throughout campus, from the Native American Resource Center to the entrance to the Health Sciences Building.

While UNCP has gone through a lot of changes in the past few years, we have still kept our traditions. Our strong traditions and heritage have provided a solid foundation that each generation of students has built on, making this school better than when they first came here. Those traditions gave us faith that we could take, head-on, all the challenges that the school presents us with. We will always

remember our days here. So keep the spirit—UNCP!



The image on the left is embedded in the terrazzo floor at the entrance to the Health Sciences Building dedicated in August 2012. The medicine wheel carried on the back of a turtle, designed by Durham artist Joe Liles, represents the University's connection to its founding by American Indians. It is also an ancient symbol of health and well-being.

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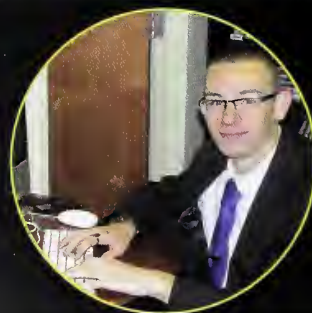
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My time working as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Indianhead* can best be described by a quote by C. S. Lewis: "Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn." I started working at the yearbook this fall semester as an administrative assistant and stepped up in February and became Editor-in-Chief. Time has most certainly flown since then, with a sharp learning curve. I must give huge thanks to Ms. Sara Oswald for putting up with my inexperience and the many questions I asked. Ms. Oswald worked very hard this year to get everything that needed to get done, done. She truly is a wizard with InDesign. I have learned much since taking up this job and plan to continue to learn. I would like to also give thanks to the production staff for their hard work throughout both semesters to make this yearbook. The administrative assistants as always provided key logistical support and even helped fill the gap wherever there was any. There is no doubt in my mind that this yearbook would not have been possible without Raul Rubiera. Many other people also provided key support to the yearbook, such as Dr. Lisa Schaeffer, David Underwood, Dr. Kevin Freeman, Dr. Stanley Knick, and the students from Ms. Oswald's Composition classes who wrote the profiles in the People section. We would also like to thank Shannon Spaulding and Carolyn Spangler from Herff Jones for all their work to help us complete this year's yearbook.

Robert Hamilton



< Robert Hamilton, Editor-in-Chief, sits at his desk in the yearbook office, where he spent a LOT of time working to get this year's book completed—when not running around taking photos.





ara Oswald, Faculty
visor, poses as Wonder
oman while visiting an
hibit at the Columbia
holastic Press Associa-
n Convention, where
e also taught classes on
arbook design.



< Nicole Payne, Senior
Administrative Assistant
and Tri-Sigma President,
enjoys an intramural
football game in early fall
2013, before all the year-
book craziness begins.



< Raul Rubiera, Univer-
sity Photographer, gets
ready to take more shots.
We thank him for letting
us share some of them
to supplement our own
photos.

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In Memoriam

We lost two members of the UNCP community during the Spring 2014 semester:

Dr. Steven Hunt

Director, Center for Academic Excellence

Ms. Emma N. Evans

Former Secretary, Composition and Foreign Languages

We extend condolences to their families, friends, students, and colleagues, and we will honor their memories more completely in our 2015 edition.



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WORLD YEARBOOK

2013-2014

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AROUND US

YEAR OF THE #SELFIE #POLARVORTEX #OLYMPICS





SPACE STORIES

NOT ALL THE ACTION TOOK PLACE ON EARTH

NASA launched MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) in November to find out why the planet lost its life-friendly environment while a Mars surface rover discovered vast deposits of water trapped in ice caps which are two miles thick on the poles. Traveling at 27,000 mph with a diameter of three football fields, an asteroid missed Earth by two million miles. The Hubble telescope spotted an azure blue planet 63 light years from Earth where it rains liquid glass. In an effort to protect artifacts left by Apollo missions, two members of Congress proposed a national park on the moon.

HAWAIIAN WAVES The north shore of Oahu saw 40- to 50-foot waves in January, the largest since 2004. Though the waves presented the perfect challenge for the big wave surf contest, it had to be postponed because of the 40 mph winds. **TYPHOON HAIYAN** More than 6,000 people in the Philippines died as a result of November's unofficially strongest typhoon ever recorded. With winds up to 195 mph, the storm affected 13 million people and caused an estimated \$1.5 billion in damages across the Philippines, Vietnam and Laos. **VOLCANO IN ECUADOR** Tungurahua was expected to erupt in July but no one anticipated gas, stones and ash shooting 45,000 feet into the air, visible from 90 miles away. **TORONTO FLOODING** Nearly five

inches of summer rain fell on Ontario in two hours, disrupting the subway, stranding motorists and causing power outages. **YARNELL HILL FIRE** A lightning strike in late June caused the Arizona fire. Strong winds and a long-term drought pushed the flames, which overran and killed 19 elite firefighters. It took nearly two weeks to contain the fire which burned 8,400 acres and destroyed 129 structures. **SNOW IN EGYPT** In December, up to three feet of snow fell for the first time in 112 years in an area which averages less than one inch of rain per year. **MIDWEST TORNADOES** Tornadoes tore across Midwest states in November, killing six people in Illinois and injuring 200. In all, 12 states felt the effects of the storms and more than 600,000 lost power.





POLAR VORTEX

LIKE A POLAR CYCLONE, THIS WEATHER PATTERN DIPPED SOUTH OUT OF CANADA EARLY IN JANUARY, BRINGING RECORD LOWS.

Normally this great swirling pool of extremely cold air stays over Canada, but in 2014 it came south, plunging temperatures into the teens as far south as Dallas and breaking records in 49 locations on one day. January 6 saw 26 states under wind chill advisories and watches which closed schools across the Midwest and East Coast. For the first time in decades, the Great Lakes were almost completely frozen with only 12 percent open water. After a brief respite, temperatures took a dive later in the month and several inches of snow across Alabama and Georgia brought major cities like Atlanta to a standstill. The extreme weather created problems beyond the United States as unusual cold and snow stretched across Europe. Record snowfall in Japan killed 19 people in February.



NEW SPECIES FOUND

CUTE RACCOON RELATIVE DISCOVERED IN THE AMAZON

Although it was only one of many species discovered in the past year, the carnivorous olinguito drew the most attention. This nocturnal cutie, related to the common raccoon, lived in the Amazon cloud forest. For years, this species had been confused with the common olinguito, perplexing zoo personnel when they refused to mate with others of seemingly their own kind. The Smithsonian's curator of mammals announced both anatomical and genetic evidence that marked it as a new species. The new breed had more appeal than another new species discovered in 2013: Australia's leaf-tailed gecko.



GOING GREEN THE ROOFTOP SOLAR INDUSTRY AGAIN GREW BY MORE THAN 40 PERCENT AS PEOPLE SOUGHT MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ENERGY SOLUTIONS. THE OPTION TO LEASE AS WELL AS DECLINING SOLAR PANEL PRICES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS GROWTH. ENVIRONMENTALISTS UNDERTOOK ANOTHER BATTLE, FIGHTING TO BLOCK THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL KEYSTONE PIPELINE THAT WOULD CARRY CRUDE OIL FROM ALBERTA, CANADA, TO REFINERIES IN NEBRASKA, ILLINOIS AND TEXAS. IN NOVEMBER, DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION OFFICIALLY PASSED IMPORTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 20 YEARS.



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RSS_CNN
 @RSS_CNN - SEP 5, 2013
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 extensive amount of build-up, Yahoo has
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TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

FROM COLOR RUNS AND SHARING VIDEOS TO DELIVERY DRONES, NEW IDEAS PUSH THE LIMITS OF IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION

Started as an event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the "Happiest 5k on the Planet," Color Runs experienced exponential growth again in 2013. Runners dressed in white got doused in neon-colored powders at every kilometer and each of the more than 170 events in 30+ countries in 2013 ended with a "Finish Festival," a post-race party with music, dancing and massive color throws designed to create even more vivid color combinations. Beginning in June, Instagram added the ability for users to shoot and share 15-second videos, enhanced by one of 13 special filters. The new video feature was released as a free update to the existing Instagram app. A delivery debacle "ruined holidays" coast to coast when demand for shipping of online purchases exceeded capacity and winter storms caused delays in major hubs nationwide. Considering other options, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos told CBS News he expected a drone delivery system to be in place for unmanned aerial deliveries as soon as federal rules changed to allow such flights.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER PROCTER & GAMBLE'S CFO REPORTED THAT NEARLY FLAT SALES GLOBALLY WERE PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN SECOND-QUARTER NET INCOME, BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT HIPSTERS AND AMERICA'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH FACIAL HAIR – PARTICULARLY, THE TREND OF GROWING MUSTACHES IN NOVEMBER KNOWN AS "MOVEMBER" – HURT SALES OF RAZORS.

Facebook enabled users to search for conversation topics within status updates and posts with Graph Search, and launched clickable #hashtags. Plus, founder Mark Zuckerberg and crew acquired WhatsApp for \$16 billion to add mobile messaging capabilities.





NEW RELEASES Apple upped the game with colorful and metallic phones in the iOS 5 line as well as adding Retina display to all latest generation products. The Smarty Ring, a Bluetooth-enabled wearable gadget allowed users to check smartphone alerts and manage incoming calls right from their fingers. Users could manage the settings for their Smarty Rings from a mobile app, and use the device as a watch, timer or phone finder. **FITBIT & NIKE FUEL** Fitness tracking products that synched step counts, fuel burned and other data to users' phones or computers increased in popularity. **WEIGHTLESS PROJECT** This project was an effort to bridge the gap between obesity and hunger. By partnering with health and fitness brands, social organizations and philanthropic foundations, the project converted the calories burnt into funds, which were donated to programs for food relief and malnutrition.

no genetically modified organisms

The Non-GMO Project — a non-profit with the mission of protecting the food supply and giving consumers an informed choice — was started to identify products produced according to known industry best practices.

WAR IN SYRIA

More than two years after the Arab Spring uprising began, the conflict in Syria continued to pit forces loyal to the Ba'ath government against those seeking to oust it. A chemical attack – the worst in 25 years – that killed hundreds and wounded thousands more in Damascus in August led to U.S. calls for military action against Syria, which denied responsibility and blamed rebel fighters for the deaths. Within weeks Russia, a long-time Syrian ally, presented a proposal to eliminate the regime's chemical weapons stockpile under international supervision and the White House backed off. While the U.N., the European Union, Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation scheduled a second round of peace talks in Geneva for February, the talks ended in a stalemate.

IRS SCANDAL

While the mission statement for the Internal Revenue Service pledges to “enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all,” controversy flared after a report revealed the agency's targeting for closer scrutiny of specific groups applying for tax exemptions, based on their names or political themes. Ultimately, lawmakers called for the resignations of three IRS commissioners, but no criminal charges were ever filed.

GUILTY IN ABSENTIA AT HER THIRD TRIAL: AMANDA KNOX, AGAIN FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING HER BRITISH COLLEGE ROOMMATE IN ITALY IN 2007, WILL APPEAL THE VERDICT

OBAMACARE (AFFORDABLE CARE ACT)

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN HEALTH CARE IN DECADES

While the new plan was intended to put consumers back in charge of their health care, there was not consensus on the bill's effectiveness. Supporters contended that the “Patient's Bill of Rights” gave the public tools and choices they needed to make informed choices about their health. Detractors complained of technical issues, paperwork problems and higher-than-expected premiums.

POLITICAL WEAPONS STRUGGLES

CHINA AND NORTH KOREA FLEX THEIR MUSCLES

Growing tension between China, a rising maritime power, and the United States, the dominant naval power in the Pacific, nearly caused a collision between two carriers in December. The American vessel, which was traveling in international waters, maneuvered to avoid the Chinese ship which had intentionally crossed its bow. Satellite images from February showed that North Korea had expanded its main satellite launch site, apparently to accommodate larger rockets being developed for its intercontinental ballistic missile program. While actions suggested imminent nuclear attacks against South Korea, Japan and the United States by the new North Korean administration under Kim Jong-un, the government blamed tensions on military exercises carried out by the United States and South Korea.

STATE OF THE UNION

OBAMA: ‘THE REST OF MY PRESIDENCY IS FOR WORKING-CLASS AMERICA’

Action was the underlying theme of President Barack Obama's Jan. 28 State of the Union address. The president – whose popularity ratings had declined to 42 percent – outlined goals and priorities that included economic opportunity, energy and education, and called for more government support to help rebuild the nation's infrastructure in order to spur growth and create more employment opportunities.





50TH ANNIVERSARIES CROWDS VISITED THE NATIONAL MALL IN AUGUST FOR A WEEK OF ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING 1963'S CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH. JUST MONTHS LATER, PUBLICITY OVER THE ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION CREATED RENEWED INTEREST. THEN, IN FEBRUARY, THE IMPACT OF THE BEATLES' FIRST APPEARANCE ON THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW WAS CELEBRATED.

around the world



HERO OR TRAITOR? Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee and National Security Agency (NSA) contractor, became known worldwide when he disclosed classified documents to the media. The leak fueled debates over mass surveillance, government secrecy and the balance between national security and privacy. **CONTROVERSIAL TRIAL** Protests erupted when a jury found neighborhood watch participant George Zimmerman not guilty in the death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. **SCHOOL LUNCH POISONING** At least 23 students died and dozens more fell ill at a village primary school in eastern India after eating contaminated free lunches. Angered by the incident, villagers took to the streets in protest. **HE'S THE MAN** Just one year into his papacy, Pope Francis was named *Time* magazine's 2013 'Person of the Year.' His acts of humility, simple lifestyle and welcoming ways quickly improved the Catholic Church's image. **EGYPTIAN OUSTER** Protests raged for months after the overthrow of Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi. The Islamist leader contended that he remained Egypt's legitimate president because there had been no official decree removing

him from office. **A FRESH START** The city of Detroit officially became the largest municipality in U.S. history to enter Chapter 9 bankruptcy when a judge ruled the city insolvent. The decision allowed the city to negotiate as it attempted to eliminate \$18 billion in debt. **FREE AT LAST** In a step aimed at "resuming the diplomatic process," Israel released 26 Palestinian prisoners in a gesture of good will between the two sides, days before a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. **RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE** An eight-story commercial building collapsed in Bangladesh in April, 2013 killing 1,129 and injuring 2,515 in the deadliest accidental structural failure in modern history. **MERGER UNDERWAY** The world's largest airline was created in December 2013 when U.S. Airways and American Airlines joined forces. **UKRAINIAN PROTESTS** Ongoing political unrest intensified when the world spotlight was on nearby Sochi, escalating to violence and leading to dozens of deaths. **MORE FREEDOM TO MARRY** In addition to a Supreme Court decision ruling sections of the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, eight more states legalized same sex marriage, bringing the total to 17.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN

IT WAS A YEAR OF POTENTIAL AND PROLIFIC PRODUCTIVITY

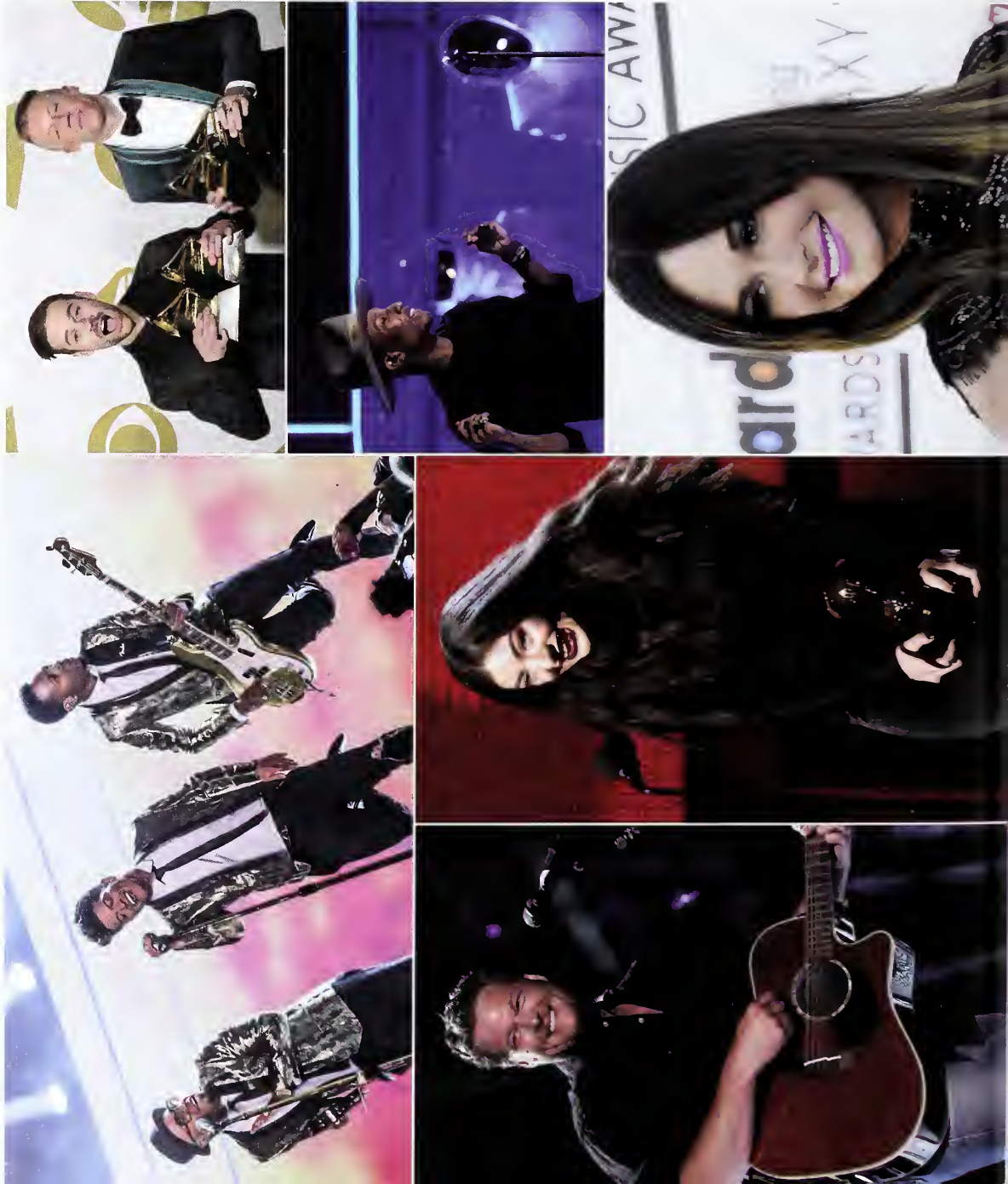
The year was marked with not just game releases galore, but with games noted for their quality. From *Ni no Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch*, *Far Cry 3: Blood Dragon*, *Antichamber*, *Grand Theft Auto 5*, *Fire Emblem: Awakening* and *Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance* to *Etrian Odyssey IV: Legends of the Titan*, *Tomb Raider*, *Luigi's Mansion*, *Dark Moon* and *Super Mario 3D World*, there was something new for every kind of gamer. And the November 2013 releases of the PS4 and Xbox One systems presented potential for future possibilities.



IN THE MUSIC SCENE

BRUNO MARS The first lead Super Bowl halftime performer under age 30, Mars was nominated for four Grammys, and won Best Pop Vocal Album with *Unorthodox Jukebox*.
MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS Best New Artist and Best Rap Song were just two of the four categories the duo won at the 56th annual Grammy Awards. **DAFT PUNK** FEATURING **PHARRELL** The French duo known for their robotic costumes won five Grammys, including Album of the Year for their 2013 hit *Random Access Memories*. **KACEY MUSGRAVES** At 25, this Texas singer-songwriter was nominated for four Grammys (and won two!). Her debut Nashville album *Same Trailer Different Park* topped the charts and included three hit singles. **LORDE** At 17, New Zealand singer-songwriter Ella Yellich-O'Connor won both Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance for her hit, "Royals" at the Grammys. **BLAKE SHELTON** Named CMA Male Vocalist of the Year for the fourth consecutive time, Shelton also collected his first-ever Album of the Year honors for *Based on a True Story*, his eighth studio album which debuted at No. 1.

FREE STREAMING: SPOTIFY OFFERED ACCESS TO ITS MUSIC CATALOG ON SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS



SIMPSON'S VOICE ARTIST MARCIA WALLACE, FAST & FURIOUS STAR PAUL WALKER, FRESH PRINCE PRODUCER JEFF POLLACK, ACTOR JAMES AVERY, ACTRESS & AMBASSADOR SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, OSCAR-WINNING ACTOR PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN, PUPPETEER & SON OF MUPPETS CREATOR JOHN HENSON, DOORS KEYBOARDIST RAY MANZAREK



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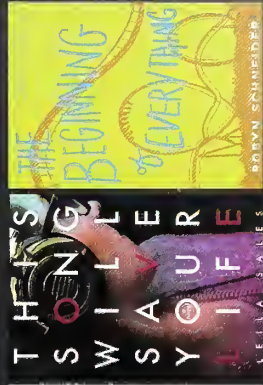
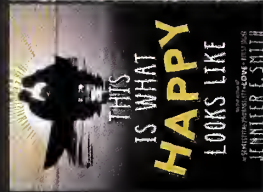
THE HEAT Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy accept the People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedic Movie. FROZEN Disney's 3D adaptation of *The Snow Queen* won both Best Animated Feature and Best Song ("Let It Go") at the Oscars. IRON MAN 3 The comic book blockbuster was the highest-earning film of 2013 worldwide at \$1.2 billion and won Favorite Movie at the People's Choice Awards. DUCK DYNASTY A&E's reality series that portrayed the lives of Louisiana's Robertson family, who became wealthy from their family-operated hunting supply business, broke cable non-fiction viewing records and created commercial spin-offs. 12 YEARS A SLAVE The Golden Globe Best Motion Picture also won the Best Motion Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay Oscars. Lupita Nyong'o took Best Actress in Supporting Role honors. GRAVITY The Academy celebrated this film's technical prowess with seven Oscars, including Best Cinematography, Visual Effects and Sound Mixing/Editing. THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JIMMY FALLON After five years airing immediately after *The Tonight Show*, Fallon took over as host of NBC's long-running franchise when Jay Leno retired in February, 2014. THE BIG BANG THEORY Cast members accept the Best TV Series Comedy at the Teen Choice Awards. THE TWILIGHT SAGA *Breaking Dawn—Part 2* won eight Teen Choice Awards including Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie.

NORTH WEST KIM KARDASHIAN AND KANYE WEST'S BABY GIRL, WAS BORN JUNE 15, 2013

READ ALL ABOUT IT

BUZZFEED LISTS 21 BEST YOUNG ADULT BOOKS OF 2013

A boom in Young Adult literature continued to present lots of new options for readers, and the absence of a new mega-series (think *Harry Potter* or *The Hunger Games*) opened up more space for weird, unreal, dystopian and/or fantasy works. New titles like *This Is What Happy Looks Like* by Jennifer E. Smith, *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell, *This Song Will Save Your Life* by Leila Sales and *The Beginning of Everything* by Robyn Schneider were favorites.



THE FINAL MEDAL COUNTS

				TOTAL
RUSSIA	13	11	9	33
UNITED STATES	9	7	12	28
NORWAY	11	5	10	26
CANADA	10	10	5	25
NETHERLANDS	8	7	9	24
GERMANY	8	6	5	19
SWITZERLAND	6	6	2	14

Snowboarder Sage Kotsenburg won the first U.S. gold medal of the 2014 games in men's slopestyle, an X Games event making its Olympic debut. Slopestyle competitors slide on rails and fly off enormous ramps to execute aerial maneuvers scored on style and difficulty.

Volunteers ski in heart formation as a tribute to Sarah Burke who had long lobbied for women's halfpipe skiing in the Olympics. Burke died in a 2012 training accident at age 29.



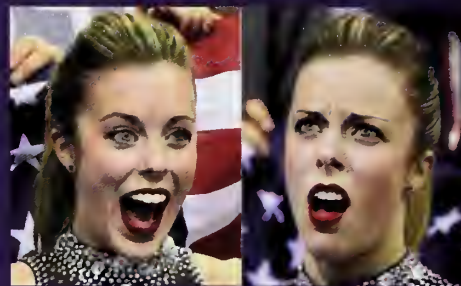
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CBC NEWS

@CBCNEWS - FEB 11, 2014

A hero of Sochi: Canadian coach lends ski to Russian skier cbc.sh/E4V3JDg pic. twitter.com/DRHGHMBi5E



SPORTING NEWS

@SPORTINGNEWS - FEB 16, 2014

Bob Costas will return to television on Monday following six-day absence to recover from eye infection bit.ly/1j23smG



NBC CHICAGO

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Bode Miller's response to public backlash over a reporter's questions during his emotional post-race interview: bit.ly/1gbKB61



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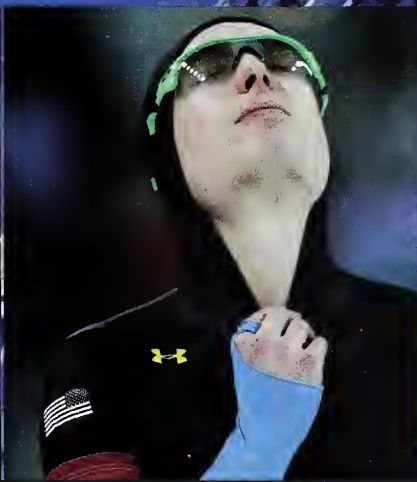
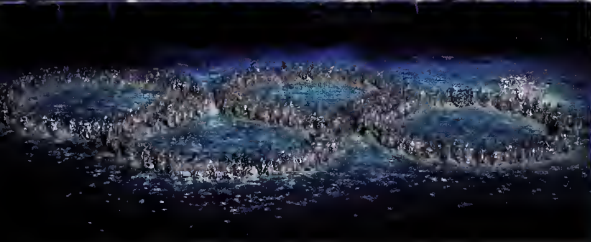
My emotions were very raw, she asked the questions that every interviewer would have, pushing is part of it, she wasn't trying to cause pain.



JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE

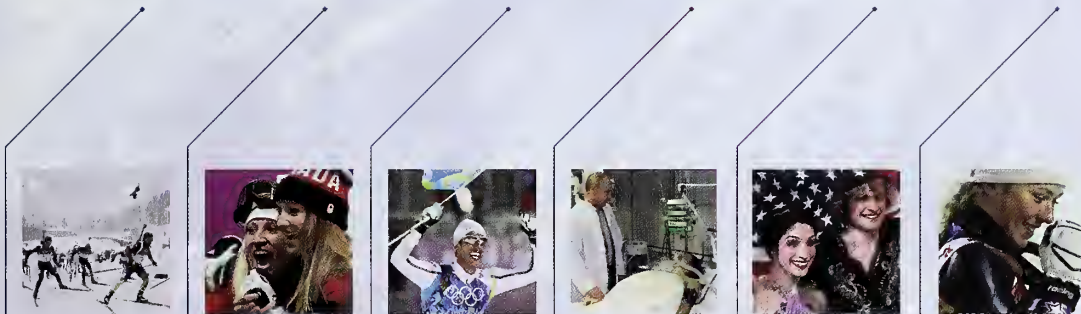
@JIMMYKIMMELIVE - FEB 21, 2014

@JimmyKimmel reveals the details behind his wolf prank with Olympic luger @K8ertotz <http://bit.ly/1jucllQ> #SochiProblems #SochiFail



ATHLETES FOR ANIMALS After Sochi's abundant population of stray dogs made world headlines, plans were put into action for the rescue, adoption and care of many. **SPARTAN HOTELS AND BATHROOMS** Visitors were unhappy with issues of comfort, safety and cleanliness. **UNIFORMLY DISAPPOINTED** When success eluded the favored U.S. speedskating team, members rejected their new "Mach 39" uniforms produced by Under Armour in cooperation with defense contractor Lockheed Martin and reverted to apparel worn in previous competitions. **TECHNICAL GLITCH** Russian organizers made a light-hearted joke at their own expense during the closing ceremony by referring back to the opening ceremony when one of the five Olympic rings failed to appear.

#sochifail



The men's 15km biathlon competition was postponed due to fog. Canadians Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse became the first women bobsledders to repeat as Olympic champions. Marcus Hellner of Sweden celebrates winning gold in the men's cross country relay. President Vladimir Putin visits Russian skier Maria Komissarova in a hospital after she sustained a broken back in a fall. Meryl Davis and Charlie White won gold in ice dancing, besting their Canadian training partners Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir by just 4.53. Mikaela Shiffrin, 18, won gold in women's skiing slalom to become the youngest Olympic alpine champion ever.



CANADIAN COMEBACK A disappointed U.S. team wears their silver medals, following a 3-2 overtime loss to Canada in women's hockey. **TEAM CANADA** Players celebrate their second consecutive gold medal, after beating Sweden 3-0 in the finals. **13 MEDALS** Norway's Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, 40, added golds in a pair of biathlon events in Sochi and set a record becoming the most decorated Winter Olympian in history. **U.S. MEN SWEEP SKI SLOPESTYLE** United States' Gus Kenworthy, Joss Christensen and Nicholas Goepper took all three medals in the debut of freestyle men's ski slopestyle at the games. It was the first American Winter Games sweep since 2002. **DUTCH DOMINATION** The Netherlands took home a staggering eight gold medals — and 23 medals overall — in 12 speedskating events. The Polish and Russian teams were next most successful, earning three medals each. **JUDGING QUESTIONED** When Adelina Sotnikova — whose routine was regarded as having been slightly inferior to that of South Korean runner-up Yuna Kim, won the gold — many questioned the impartiality of the judges.

KEEPING BOSTON STRONG

THE BOSTON MARATHON – AN ICONIC RITE OF SPRING – FALLS VICTIM TO A TERRORIST ATTACK BUT THE CITY UNIFIES IN A SHOW OF STRENGTH

Since 1897, runners had gathered on the third Monday in April to run the Boston Marathon, which ended in the city's center. But 2013's race was different. Chechnen immigrants Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, ages 26 and 19 respectively, set off a pair of bombs made in pressure cookers packed with ball bearings and nails, killing three and injuring 260. Within days, the elder died in a shootout with police and his brother was captured when he was discovered hiding in a boat stored in a backyard. The surviving brother said the duo had hatched the plot as retribution for civilian deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan as a result of the U.S. conflict there. Residents of Boston and others worldwide banded together to be strong in a time of chaos and to raise funds to aid the victims. One Fund, the charity formed to benefit victims, provided more than \$70 million in aid. The Boston Marathon – and the city itself – were about courage and resilience and community.



BASKETBALL MAGIC WHEN PENNSYLVANIA'S KEVIN GROW – A DOWN SYNDROME STUDENT AND MANAGER OF HIS SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TEAM – MADE A SERIES OF THREE-POINT SHOTS IN THE TEAM'S FINALE, THE VIDEO WENT VIRAL. IN WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, HE SUITED UP WITH BOTH THE SIXERS AND THE GLOBETROTTERS.



Prince George of Cambridge, born on July 22, was Queen Elizabeth's first great-grandson. His birth marked only the second time in history that three generations of direct heirs to the British throne had been alive at one time. Thanks to an elaborate project by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 5-year-old Miles Scott, whose leukemia was in remission, had a chance to fight crime around San Francisco – which had been transformed into Gotham City for a day – in November.



NELSON MANDELA

HAILED AS A TIRELESS FIGHTER FOR RACIAL EQUALITY, HE RECEIVED MORE THAN 250 AWARDS DURING HIS LIFETIME



Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, born in a small village in South Africa on July 18, 1918, fought against apartheid and injustice until his death on December 5, 2013. He became involved in the anti-apartheid movement in his 20s and spent 20 years directing acts of defiance against the South African government. In the early 1960s he spent five years in prison for organizing a three-day workers' strike and two years later was sentenced to life for political offenses. He served 27 years and contracted tuberculosis during his incarceration. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize with President F. W. de Klerk in 1993 and was elected South Africa's first black president the following year, serving for five years. He retired from public life in 2004 but continued to promote humanitarian efforts throughout the world.



FIGHTING THE COSTA CONCORDIA The cruise ship hit a reef off Italy in January 2012, capsizing and claiming 32 lives. After 18 hours of preparation by 500 engineers and divers, the ship was righted in September 2013 so it could be dismantled and scrapped. **SAN FRANCISCO AIRPLANE CRASH** An Asiana flight from South Korea hit the seawall short of the runway at San Francisco International Airport in July, shearing off the landing gear and tail section of the Boeing 777. Two of the 307 passengers died at the scene, one having been run over by a fire truck. Another passenger died later and 181 suffered injuries.

NYC DERAILMENT A Bronx commuter train jumped the tracks after traveling nearly three times the posted speed limit into a curve. All seven coaches and the locomotive came off the tracks, killing four of the 150 passengers. The engineer admitted to nodding off before the crash. **DEADLY TRAIN DISASTER** Canada's worst railway catastrophe in nearly 150 years left 47 people dead when a runaway oil tanker train derailed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, a resort town of 6,000 near the U.S. border. The resulting fire burned for more than 36 hours, damaging 30 buildings and forcing thousands to evacuate their homes.



Gun violence continued to plague schools. In June, six people, including the shooter, died when 23-year-old John Zawahri opened fire in the library at Santa Monica College. He had also killed his father and brother at their home. In October, 12-year-old Jose Reyes shot a teacher at Sparks Middle School in Nevada before turning the gun on himself. A month later in Colorado, Karl Pierson shot and killed Arapahoe High School classmate Claire Davis and then shot himself. He was looking for a faculty member who had angered him. In the midst of these tragedies, people took comfort in the story of Antoinette Tuff, the bookkeeper at a Georgia school. When a gunman stormed the building, she talked him into surrendering by telling him stories of her own life trials.



In the aftermath of numerous mass shootings, the president called on lawmakers to take action to reduce gun violence. The effort met stiff resistance from the National Rifle Association and other groups. A proposed bill expanding background checks for all firearms purchases stalled in the Senate in April when supporters came up six votes short of the 60 needed.

REST IN PEACE: FOUNDER OF USA TODAY AL NEUHARTH, JOURNALIST HELEN THOMAS, FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL SHARON, SOUND OF MUSIC'S MARIA VON TRAPP



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 @NHLBLACKHAWKS - JUN 24, 2013
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 @AP - SEP 6, 2013
 Broncos' Peyton Manning's big night ties #NFL record with 7 touchdowns against Baltimore Ravens. <http://apne.ws/15I6wLg>



LEBRON JAMES
 @KINGJAMES - OCT 18, 2013
 "@TylerC_2: @KingJames would you ever consider playing in one pro football game? In any league?" (I wanna play one NFL game before it's over)



TROYPOLAMALU
 @TPOLAMALU - NOV 11, 2013
 On my way to Heinz Field for my #VFWManeEvent haircut. Who else is getting their haircut today? <http://bit.ly/theVME>



THE HEISMAN TROPHY
 @HEISMANTROPHY - DEC 14, 2013
 "This #Heisman isn't just for Jameis Winston. It's for Florida State!"
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NEW YORK YANKEES
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 Derek Jeter discusses his plans to retire following '14 at 11:30am ET on @yankees.com & @YESNetwork. #FarewellCaptain pic.twitter.com/jIWL7BtyNc



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 Tonight seemed like as good a night as any to join Twitter. How is everyone doin'? #2XDaytona500Champ pic.twitter.com/4k4JVA7fG9



ONE TEAM ONE DREAM





LOPSIDED Seattle Seahawks players raise the Vince Lombardi Trophy after Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 43-8 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. For many, one of the Super Bowl highlights was Bruno Mars' halftime performance.



BOSTON PROUD After the Boston Red Sox finished off the St. Louis Cardinals in game six of the World Series, David Ortiz was named MVP. His .760 on-base percentage and .688 batting average were the second-highest in Series history.



THE HEAT WAS ON Miami Heat all-stars Dwyane Wade and LeBron James celebrate defeating the San Antonio Spurs 95-88 in game seven of the NBA Finals. James repeated as series MVP, earning the honor for the fourth time.



W IS FOR WIN Minnesota Lynx players with the championship trophy after defeating the Atlanta Dream 86-77 in game three of the WNBA Finals. The Lynx swept the series, becoming just the second WNBA team to do so since the best-of-five finals format was adopted in 2005.



SIX-TIME CHAMPION Jimmie Johnson, driver of the number 48 Lowe's Chevrolet, celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship. His 2013 season included six wins, three poles, 16 top five and 24 top 10 finishes.



FINAL FOUR Louisville Cardinals guard Kevin Ware poses with the net he cut after an 82-76 victory over Michigan in the Final Four at Atlanta's Georgia Dome. It was Louisville's second consecutive Final Four appearance and their first championship title since 1986.



CHAMPIONS AGAIN UConn players celebrate their 93-60 win over Louisville in the NCAA Women's Final Four. The championship was the Huskies' seventh since 2000.



EXCITING TO THE END Florida State fans celebrate a 34-31 BCS Championship victory over the Auburn Tigers. The Seminoles took the lead on a 2-yard touchdown pass with just 13 seconds remaining in the game. On the final play, Auburn attempted several unsuccessful laterals.

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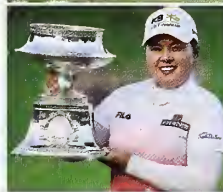


STEROID ALLEGATIONS IN BASEBALL

In July, 2013, Major League Baseball suspended 14 players accused of obtaining steroids from a south Florida clinic. While many of the suspensions were for 50 games, Yankee Alex Rodriguez's 162-game suspension kept him out the entire 2014 season.



Australian Adam Scott celebrates after making a putt for birdie on the 18th before going on to win the 2013 Masters at Augusta National.



Top-ranked Inbee Park of South Korea won both the LPGA Championship and the U.S. Open.



Twenty-two teams entered the Tour de France cycling race, which was won by Britain's Chris Froome of Team Sky.



Britain's Andy Murray defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic in the men's singles final at Wimbledon.



Marion Bartoli of France returns to Sabine Lisicki of Germany during the women's singles final before capturing the title at Wimbledon.



Though the rain stopped before the race, Kentucky Derby track conditions were cold and sloppy. Orb, the Florida Derby winner and a 7-2 favorite, prevailed.



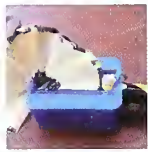
Street skateboarder Nyjah Huston wins gold at the 2013 Summer X Games.

LOST TALENTS: SPORTS ANNOUNCER PAT SUMMERALL, FORMER RAVENS QUARTERBACK CULLEN FINNERTY, SWIMMER/ACTRESS ESTHER WILLIAMS, UFC HEAVYWEIGHT SHANE DEL ROSARIO, BOXER KEN NORTON, NASCAR DRIVER JASON LEFFLER

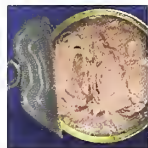
“OTHER” NEWS MAKING HEADLINES



After 13 months lost at sea, a Salvadoran man washed onto the shores of the Marshall Islands.



New Yorker David Rees, an “artisanal pencil sharpener,” advertised online — then wrote a book.



Friends caught a 920-pound Bluefin tuna off the coast of Massachusetts — enough fish to fill 2,000 cans sold in grocery stores.



Tens of millions of shoppers at Target had their credit cards compromised when hackers installed



pre-holiday malware. A Himalayan-Persian hybrid named Colonel Meow set a new world record with his 9-inch fur.



The number of states with some form of legalized marijuana grew to 20 after recent elections.



Taco Bell dropped kid's meals after years of criticism by public health groups. In December, Los Angeles joined other cities/states in banning plastic bags at grocery stores.



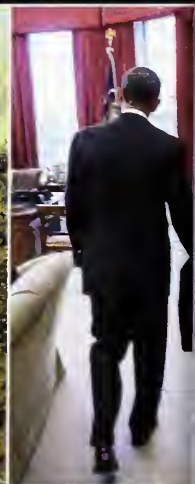
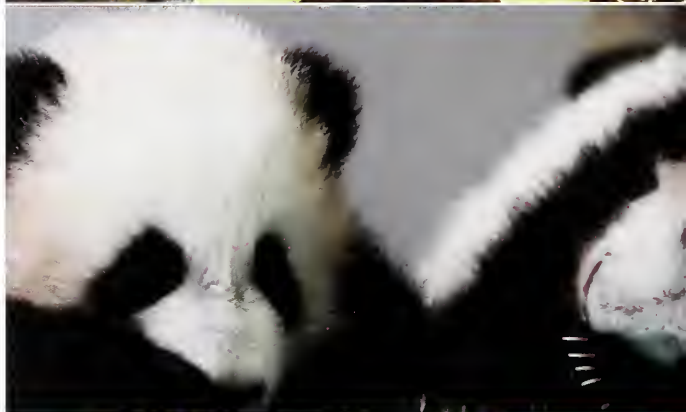
Snapchat was hacked repeatedly after not taking reports about flaws in its security seriously enough.



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 COMIC-CON SAN DIEGO: WARNER BROS. PICTURES ANNOUNCED THAT SUPERMAN WILL PAIR WITH BATMAN. STARRING BEN AFFLECK, IN THE SEQUEL TO “MAN OF STEEL.”
 GUESS WHAT DAY IT IS? GEICO ‘HUMP DAY’ COMMERCIAL GETS OVER 15 MILLION HITS ON YOUTUBE AND BECOMES ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE COMMERCIALS OF 2013



CRONUT NYC's award-winning pastry chef Dominique Ansel took the culinary world by storm with glazed, cream-filled and fried croissant doughnut hybrids in a single, monthly flavor. 'PANDA' MONIUM The first surviving giant panda twins born in the U.S. attracted attention at the Atlanta Zoo Atlanta and nationwide. *Good Morning America* viewers voted online for their favorite names and following Chinese tradition, the cubs were dubbed Mei Lun and Mei Huan at their naming ceremony when they turned 100 days old. VINCENT VAN GOGH PAINTING An original van Gogh, “Sunset at Montmajour,” was discovered and authenticated after years in an attic. KID PRESIDENT What started as a promotional video for an event at a small college in Tennessee ballooned into opportunities including a TedTalk, YouTube fame, celebrity interviews and a trip to the White House for 10-year-old Robby Novak.



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