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UNCP freshman Chris Schroll (left) and junior Zach Bayless pace the men's field at the UNCP Cross Country Invitational. Bayless finished first, followed by Schroll in second place.

Cross country teams take first at UNCP Invite

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Both the UNCP men's and women's cross country teams took home top honors at the UNCP Cross Country Invitational at Luther Britt Park in Lumberton on Sept. 18.

The race marked the 39th running of the men's race and the 26th women's race.

For the men, the Braves placed all five runners in the top 15 finishers en route to a first place finish out of five teams in the men's 8K race.

UNCP junior Zach Bayless finished first overall with a time of 26:44.97, holding off freshman teammate Chris Schroll, who finished five seconds later

with a time of 26:49.70.

Junior Kevin Clancy finished with a time of 27:39.70 to place fourth overall, while sophomore teammate Steven Merritt crossed the finish line just over a minute later with a time of 28:56.95 to place sixth.

Sophomore Darius Brantly finished with a time of 30:01.42 to round out the top 10 finishers.

Fellow Braves sophomore Tom McDonough's time of 31:32.78 was enough for a 14th place finish to round out the UNCP placers.

St. Andrews College finished in second place on the men's side behind a third place finish by James Walls and Josh Pickett's ninth place time. Methodist

University used Craig Cicero's fifth place finish, as well as Christopher Glass in eighth place to come in third place in the team standings.

Fayetteville State finished fourth, while Coker rounded out the team scoring in fifth.

Personal record

The Lady Braves had seven runners finish in the top 10 to help propel them to a first place finish out of four teams in the women's race.

Lady Braves sophomore Annette Sem was the highest placing Lady Brave, coming in second place with a time of 24:24.16 in the women's 6K race.

Sem's time set a new personal record.

The next five runners to cross the finish line all wore UNCP across their chest as the Lady Braves took positions two through eight in the result column.

Junior Megan Carney finished with a time of 24:24.16 to take third, followed by senior Bonnie McDonald's time of 24:37.13 in fourth place.

Junior Livia Mahaffie crossed the finish line in fifth with her time of 24:53.49, in front of freshman Ashlee Doughty's sixth place time of 25:06.84.

Sophomore Woodi Jones crossed the line next in seventh place, with a time of 26:18.89, just before senior Catherine Shoemaker in eighth with her time of 26:21.80 to end the Lady Braves' string of consecutive finishers.

Sophomore Blair Long finished in 13th for the Lady Braves with a time of 26:54.74, before the time of 29:45.00 gave freshman Beth Metzger 22nd place.

Coker's Kendyl Seawright finished first in the women's race to help lead Coker to their second place team finish, while Amanda Massengale finished in 10th to help St. Andrews to finish in third place.

Methodist finished fourth in the women's scoring.

The UNCP men's and women's cross country teams will be back in action on Oct. 1, when they compete in the Great American Cross Country Invitational in Cary.



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Members of the Lady Braves run in the front of the pack in the women's race. UNCP took home first place team honors, while Annette Sem (far left) took home top individual honors.



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Blair Long is unable to catch a runner from Methodist University as they reach the finish line in the UNCP Cross Country Invitational.

UNCP teams both place third at UNCW Invitational

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Both the UNCP men's and women's cross country programs grabbed third place honors in their season-opening Seahawk Invitational at UNC Wilmington on Sept. 10.

For the men, junior Zach Bayless was the highest placing Brave, coming in 10th overall with a time of 19:50.07 in the 6K race.

UNCP freshman Chris Schroll was the second Brave to finish, coming in 11th with a time of 19:50.92.

Braves Kevin Clancy, Darius Brantly and Clay-

ton Pierce rounded out the UNCP finishers.

Clancy, a junior, finished 24th overall with a time of 20:49.38, followed by sophomores Darius Brantly and Clayton Pierce, with times of 21:29.46 and 25:13.18, respectively.

On the women's side, sophomore Annette Sem paced the Lady Braves with a time of 16:09.85 for a 26th overall finish in the women's 4K race.

Even with their top finisher outside of the top-10, all five of the UNCP women placed within seven spots of each other.

After Sem, freshman

Ashlee Doughty finished in 27th place three seconds later.

In the 30th, 31st and 32nd spots, junior Megan Carney with a time of 16:22.48, senior Bonnie MacDonald crossed the line with a time of 16:22.97 and junior Livia Mahaffie with a time of 16:27.71 to round out the Lady Braves finishers.

At the beginning of the season, the men's team was picked to finish third in the Peach Belt Conference, while the Lady Braves were chosen fifth in the PBC for the 2010 season.



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UNCP's Livia Mahaffie helped the Lady Braves to a third place finish in their first meet of the season at UNCW.