

DoIT warns against illegal downloads

By Dustin Porter
Electronic News Editor

If UNCP decided to conduct a survey asking students if they participated in illegal peer to peer file sharing, what percentage of UNCP students would be guilty?

Hopefully, none because if even one student answered yes to that survey they would cost UNCP financial aid dollars, which would take money out of students pockets as well.

Why is this? To start

with, the Higher Education Re-authorization Act (HERA) is responsible for the amount of financial aid that UNCP receives annually, and that amount is determined by how far UNCP goes to stop illegal downloading on campus.

“UNCP is well on the way to meeting all of the requirements set by HERA,” said Director of IT Planning and Budgeting Maureen Windmeyer.

One of the requirements includes granting

permission to the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) to monitor UNCP’s online network, allowing the RIAA to see who does what at all times on campus by tagging their IP address when they enter their log-in information.

Basically, if a student decides to download the hottest song using a P2P website, the RIAA will know the IP address, username, time, date, song and website immediately. They will then forward

the information over to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources and Chief Information Officer Dr. Robert Orr, who then notifies the student responsible for the account in question.

What if I didn’t do it? I let my friend borrow my computer and they did it. Well, just like being an accessory to murder, you would be guilty of copyright infringement and have to answer to the consequences.

Therefore, it is highly

advised that students watch what others do on their computers because they will answer for them in the end.

However, DoIT has sought out better ways to get the same movies, games, software and music legally.

“We notify students every semester on where to go to find alternate downloads,” Windmeyer said.

How can a student find these legal alternatives? First, they can go to <http://www.uncp.edu/doit/>

From there, they just click on Student Page on the left column just under Request Forms. Then they click on P2P information on the bottom of the right-hand column.

From here, they will find information on how to protect themselves and others from getting tagged with a hefty fine.

From websites, videos, hints and tips, DoIT has taken ample steps to ensure that the students of UNCP do not become the next victim of a \$500,000 fine.

ABC Store to reopen after 2-year hiatus

By Marlo Fulmore
Around the Town Editor

Nearly two years after alcohol and beverage sales in the ABC store in Pembroke, N.C., came to a complete halt, newly appointed board members are working towards its reopening. The board has plans to prove the store’s profitability and overall contribution to the estimated \$720 million in state organized business.

The ABC store located at 203 N. Vance St. closed its doors on Oct. 20, 2008, when state ABC records, after expenses, revealed red flags showing adverse ups and downs in profits. Since 2004 the store’s profit reports have been in the negative. The numbers show a steady decline in profits:

- 7.43 percent in 2007
- 3.56 percent in 2006
- 1.66 percent in 2005
- 3.53 percent in 2004

These percentages show a steady decline in the

store’s profitability which ultimately resulted in an investigation spearheaded by the state that is still ongoing.

A newly appointed three member board, whose chair, Joshua D. Malcolm, also serves as UNCP’s attorney, is joined by Myron Neville, and John Campbell.

According to an official statement released by the Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission, which is located in Raleigh, N.C., there is currently no information available about the exact date the store will be opened.

“We do not have any information about when the store is scheduled to reopen. The newly appointed board is authorized by the state commission to reopen the store. They are in charge of making the decision about when the store will reopen,” said Michael Herring, N.C. ABC commissioner.

Some residents of

Pembroke have offered their opinions about the store reopening.

“I’m glad it’s reopening. It has proven when it was open to be an economic booster for Pembroke. I hope that the current ABC board will have the vision and foresight to take the store to a new level,” said Robert L. Canida, Pembroke resident and UNCP staff.

The closing of the Pembroke ABC store has left many residents with the option of traveling to local cities and towns in the state to purchase alcohol, including Lumberton, Maxton and Red Springs.

“Some people are probably glad that it has closed from an economic standpoint. By it being open, it will help the economy. All sales will help the town of Pembroke as opposed to going to Lumberton or surrounding areas,” said Virgil Oxendine, Pembroke Chamber of Commerce chair.

Amid the controversy



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surrounding the closing and reopening of the ABC store in Pembroke, there

is still no specified date of its reopening. Until the exact date is released,

patrons of the store can only anticipate and know that it will happen soon.

Campus mourns loss of international student, retired professor

By Kayloni Wyatt
Managing Editor

The UNCP community is mourning the deaths of an international student and a retired history professor.

Yifei Chen

Yifei “Peter” Chen, a student at UNCP, was found dead in his apartment on Jan. 24.

Chen was an international student from China majoring in business. He lived in University Courtyard Apartments.

The official cause of death has not been deter-

mined, yet.

A statement issued by Chancellor Charles R. Jenkins by e-mail reads: “The University was informed by the Robeson County Sheriff’s Department on Sunday regarding the death of student Chen, Yifei. Based on the information we received from the sheriff’s department, foul play is not suspected. The University has made counseling services available for the campus community if needed. The death of this student is very unfortunate and the University mourns for the

family’s and UNCP’s loss.”

Loren Butler

Professor Emeritus of History Loren Butler, II, died Jan. 16.

Butler taught at UNCP for 28 years before his retirement.

The 84-year-old Lumberton native was also an Army veteran.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Loren L. Butler II History Scholarship Award.

Butler’s wife, Mary Lou Meachum Butler, died Oct. 13, 2008.

Students charged with substance violation

By William Stanback
Staff Writer

According to the campus crime report, on Jan. 6, someone called campus police about students in Village Apartments possessing a controlled substance. They were charged with a controlled substance violation.

A vehicle was stolen from lot # 11 on Jan. 9. The case is still open for

further investigation.

On Jan. 16, campus police were busy with multiple visitor violations in Belk Hall. An officer responded and gave the students verbal warnings.

That same day officers were told by EMS that a student had called in an emergency concerning a student overdosing. The EMS promptly responded and the student was taken to the local hospital. The

current condition of the student is unknown.

A security officer in the English E. Jones Physical Education Center reported that it smelled like a wire was burning by the vending machine on Jan. 17.

When officers responded, they discovered that a piece of burning trash on the hot rocks in the sauna was the cause of the smell.

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