

Tattoo art worth the pain for students

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Asst. Around the Town Editor

There was a day when only bikers and jailbirds wore tattoos, but now tattoos have hit the main-

stream bigger than ever.

Tattoos used to draw odd stares and whispers of ridicule, but in today's society they are being appreciated more for the artwork and the person wearing it.

Research finds 23 percent of college students have one to three tattoos and Hope Mill's Chop Shop artist, Josh Sandreth aka G'sus said, "Students are one of my biggest cus-

tomers."

Artists at the Chop Shop said different types of people come in there everyday from doctors and lawyers to soldiers and students.

Tim Jones, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, is clearly proud of his fraternity roots. He has numerous tattoos representing his Greek organization. Jones said he spoke all of his tattoos into existence by using Sandreth as his avatar.

Jones said, "I just call [Sandreth] and tell him my idea and he comes up with something 10 times better than I had imagined."

Jones said on this particular visit he knew he wanted something to do with clocks and his fraternity's founding date of 1914. When Jones saw what Sandreth created it was as if he was Eve in the garden of

Eden facing that forbidden fruit knowing something so beautiful is going to come with a painful price.

Jones sat in the chair and endured the pain of the needle for 45 minutes until the creation was finished. He said the pain did not bother him, and he got used to it after a few minutes of work. Jones said, "It was worth it and for 200 bucks you can't beat it."

Sandreth said he blesses all of his customers with a low price and high quality work because he wants them to come back and become one of his loyalists like Jones. Sandreth has done all but one of Jones's Tattoos.

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UNCP student Tim Jones gets a tattoo at the Chop Shop by artist Josh Sandreth. Nearly all of Jones's tattoos have been done by Sandreth at the Chop Shop. Photo by Will Wade

Veteran's community center to be built in COMtech

By Marlo Fulmore

Around the Town Editor

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has finalized plans to build what it refers to as a Community Based Outreach Center, also known as the government coined (CBOC), for military veterans in Robeson County and surrounding areas, which will be located in COMtech park in Pembroke.

Currently there are similar veteran centers located throughout North Carolina, in cities such as Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville and Raleigh.

"We call it a community based outreach center. The Robeson County center will be the most current one. Fayetteville currently has three, and there is one in Hamlet, Jacksonville and Wilmington. The idea is to basically have services that vets need mostly, like seeing the doctor, mental health concerns, so that they don't have to travel back and forth to Fayetteville," said Ed Drohan, of the US-



Plans for the building of a Community Based Outreach Center (CBOC) have been finalized for military veterans in Robeson County and the surrounding areas. The CBOC will be located in COMtech park in Pembroke. Drawing courtesy of Public Affairs of Fayetteville

ASOC Public Affairs office in Fayetteville.

The new facility will offer primary medical and general mental health services for an estimated 5,000 veterans that call Robeson County their home. The lo-

cation of this new facility will not only be for veterans who live in Robeson County, but approximately 300 new patients from Robeson County and Dillon, S.C., will also be able to receive services at the fa-

cility.

"Many of our veterans travel to Fayetteville for services, and this can present itself as a challenge for many of us who use the veteran services in Fayetteville. The quality of

access to service will improve. This has been challenging for veterans in rural areas. This is a step that veterans can appreciate," said Aubrey Swett, Director of Community and Civic Engagement at UNCP.

Tailgate zone rallies the Braves to victory

By Dustin Porter

Around the Campus Editor

Hundreds of students flocked to the tailgate zone before the Two Rivers Classic football game on Sept. 4, that featured several games, bouncing houses, a bungee jump experience, free hotdogs and drinks, a live disk

jockey and several student organizations.

Tailgater's flocked to the parking lot before 2 p.m. and decorated the area with tents and their team memorabilia.

UNCP continued the tradition of raising money for a staff scholarship by the staff council selling snow

cones for a \$1.

"We want the campus to come out and support the Braves," Symphony Oxendine, associate director for student involvement and leadership, said.

"The event is not just for the students, but anybody in the community as well," Oxendine said.

She could not have been more accurate because the people of Pembroke showed their Brave Pride as well as they flocked to the event.

"Free hotdogs, drinks, and girls. I like the Braves' football team, but this event takes the cake," Michael Lambert, a resident of Pembroke said.

Students also showed their appreciation for the program as they pumped up their school spirit for the game later in the evening.

"There are a lot of things for children and I loved the bouncing house, and the bungee-jump, but overall this year's tailgate zone is much more fun than last year's event," sophomore Eric Jacobs said.

After the Braves crushed the Fayetteville State Broncos, 39-0, the



People stand in line in the tailgating zone to get free ice cream to beat the heat before the Two Rivers Classic Sept. 4. Photo by Grant Merritt

tailgate zone probably will continue to draw many spectators for the rest of the 2010-2011 football season.

"We assisted Student Involvement and Student Services; we had a lot of inflatables. They gave away free ice cream, hot dogs and there was a DJ. A lot of student organizations came out and the parking lot was full. A lot of people from FSU tailgated and a lot of busi-

nesses from around town tailgated giving away free food. Overall it was a great opportunity to network with the community and students," Christie Potet, associate director for Community and Civic Engagement said.

The next home football game will be take place Sept. 25 against Carson-Newman. That will also be Parent's weekend.



Theta XI members Cameron Jenkins and Robert Mitola tailgate before the Sept. 4 football game against Fayetteville State. Photo by Gabrielle Lovar