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Walters reigns as Miss UNCP 2010

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Senior Mass Communication major Jenna Walters was crowned Miss UNCP on Feb. 4 at the 58th annual Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant held in GPAC.

More than 1,000 people watched the competition and Walters was thrilled when her name was called as the winner.

"It's such an honor," Walters said. "I'm very, very excited to be an ambassador for this University. I cannot explain how excited I am."

For Walters, the crowning moment begins a year full of appearances, events and service to the University. She will also be preparing for a trip to Raleigh in June to compete in the 2010 Miss North Carolina Pageant.

As Miss UNCP 2010, Walters becomes an official ambassador for UNCP.

"We'll be accompanying her [Walters] to Raleigh in April for the Miss North Carolina work weekend," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Diane O. Jones said.

Among the prizes

awarded to Walters are a year of free housing compliments of UNCP Housing and Residence Life, free meals in the cafeteria compliments of Sodexo, a jewel-adorned crown and a custom box to keep it in.

Walters has competed at Miss North Carolina once before, when she held the official preliminary title of Miss Fayetteville in 2007. She said that she is confident in her ability to represent UNCP well at the statewide competition this year.

"The first time [competing] is a rude awakening, so to speak," Walters said. "It's a lot of work. Now, I've got a chance to really collect myself and prepare for the best."

Walters' talent is vocal, and she said that she is eager to begin her reign.

"I love to sing and I love to talk to people," Walters said. "I'm ready; I'm definitely ready."

This year, six UNCP students competed in the Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant, co-emceed by Miss North Carolina 2009 Katherine Southard and Miss North Carolina

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Former Miss UNCP 2009 Katy Locklear crowns Jenna Walters as new Miss UNCP 2010 in GPAC Feb. 4 as part of the 58th annual Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant.

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Business services plans printing changes on campus

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Starting this spring semester, students, faculty and staff will have a new way of printing, copying and paying for other services with their Braves Card.

The biggest change for the campus will come in the form of new Multifunctioning Devices, also known as MFDs, being installed in the computer labs and faculty offices. The MFDs will allow students, faculty and staff to print, scan, photocopy, email and fax all from one machine.

Money will be taken off of the declining balance account, Braves Bucks, which can be added to the Braves Card throughout the year.

Students will pay for copying through the Braves Card. "We will provide a limited block of free printing ... copying will be for a fee per copy as it is now," said Director of Business Services Denise Carroll. Students will no longer have to provide their own paper, as it will be provided for them.

Printing on campus will continue to be free.

Business Services is in the process of getting the software needed to manage all the printers and copiers on campus.



The newest digital printer, located in the Print Room of the Auxiliary Services Building, will be available for students to use beginning in late spring.

Photo by Kayloni Wyatt

Carroll is certain that upgrading to MFDs will be beneficial to the campus.

"It is cheaper to make the same number of copies on an MFD than desktop printers," Carroll said. "When the University saves money, it helps students because it trickles down to tuition and fees."

"In the long run, it will be more efficient," Carroll said.

The process of getting the new software has been going on for a while. Carroll has been looking for software that would be able to manage the printers and copiers across campus.

"This is a staged process that has been

going on for a while," Carroll said.

The first priority is to get the printing started up first. They will start working with students printing this spring, then faculty and then the library this fall.

"You can expect some bumps, we don't have a magic wand; we are dealing with hardware and software," Carroll said.

There will be a Beta test for the new system on March 29-31 in the lab in the library to work out the bugs in the system. The software will be bought from VAR, who will be setting the system up.

The ultimate goal for the new MFDs is not student printing, but a more efficient way to deal with

faculty and staff printing.

As of now, students can use their Braves Card to pay for postage stamps, FedEx and UPS delivery in the post office.

The University Printing Services, located in the Auxiliary Services Building, will also be open for student use. Students will be able to utilize the services in the print shop which include printing banners, posters, flyers and other items. This service should be running by the mid spring semester.

If students have any ideas of ways to make printing and copying better, please email Dennis Carroll at denise.carroll@uncp.edu.

Chancellor calls cuts to budget 'painful'

By Wade Allen
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The need for a University budget reduction plan of 5 percent was the focus of a public forum Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. in GPAC. More than 200 people attended the event, mostly faculty and staff.

"Our current challenge is that we're required to develop a 5 percent reduction plan by Feb. 22," Chancellor Charles R. Jenkins said. "We're operating this year with \$5 million less than what we have been."

Hard times

Chancellor Jenkins appeared concerned and confident as he explained to those present that the University is in the middle of unprecedented hard times.

"This is an extraordinary time and we have to do extraordinary things," Chancellor Jenkins said. "It's nothing novel, nothing new."

Chancellor Jenkins remained optimistic throughout the forum and said that he was confident that the University was doing the best in the given situation.

Pep talk

As the forum progressed, Chancellor Jenkins' remarks became more and more encouraging.

"We need to look at it not with the gloom and doom," Chancellor Jenkins said, referring to the proposed budget reduction plan. "Our goal is to make the best decisions for the University."

The Chancellor declared, "We have a first-rate University. We still have the funds to be a first-rate University."

The forum lasted an hour and Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs R. Neil Hawk presented a PowerPoint on the current 2009-10 plan.

Slide show

"There are no filled positions currently in this plan - instruction or otherwise," Hawk said. "Contained in this plan are 14 [vacant] positions."

Hawk said that the University has to submit the budget reduction plan by Feb. 22 to the General Administration.

Hawk also said that University administration was looking for suggestions for the proposed budget cuts and that a form was located online for members of the public to express suggestions anonymously.

Chancellor Jenkins offered suggestions but said some decisions are made best at the department level.

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