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Coming off Winter break, students received an extra day off due to six to eight inches of snow that fell early morning Jan. 10, pushing the start of spring semester classes back a day later than planned.

The University notified students at 8:35 a.m. via Brave alert. Students received email notifications from Interim Provost William Gash later that day, indicating that all evening classes were also cancelled. However UNCP offices were operating on a two hour delay.

Students were disappointed that they did not receive a text message from Brave alert system about the cancellation.

There were patches of ice on the sidewalks surrounding campus. Facilities personnel worked steadily to clear the sidewalks with shovels and plowed the parking lots on Monday. They continued the cleanup throughout the week. Facilities personnel even placed salt on the sidewalks.

Most of the major highways and roads surrounding the campus were plowed, however, back roads were still in bad conditions. Students were informed of the delay for Jan. 11, after 6 p.m.

Chancellor Kyle R. Carter in the notification highly urged students and faculty to be safe on their commute to campus.

However, many students and commuters did not make the trek to campus on Jan. 11, when classes were on a three-hour delay.

“I did not go to class on Tuesday,” commuter student Amber Baldwin said.

“It was not safe for myself and others to drive from home and plus my car was stuck. The road from my house to Hwy 74 was awful and I was not going to risk my life or others by traveling. It wasn’t safe for commuters to drive to school and also for the residents to walk to class because of the ice.”

Students who did make the effort to attend class, encountered a few icy patches on several pathways. Despite having classes on Jan. 11, many teachers informed students that they cancelled classes anyway.

On Jan. 12, 8 a.m. classes were cancelled. Classes operated on a regular schedule at 9 a.m. The snow was still present on campus, but the sidewalks were cleared off more.

“I didn’t go to the cafe, but I went to Berts,” junior Cheron McMullen said.

“Besides almost killing myself, I was upset that they only had chicken tenders and wings. Everybody knew that we might get snow, so I feel like they could have done better with the food. They had already laid down salt or something to prepare for the snow.”

Many students enjoyed the winter weather by participating in snowball fights, building snowmen and walking around campus while the snow fell.

Students walk through the blizzard-like weather to get to the University Center Jan. 10.