Library to circulate iPads
By Kayla Glatfelter

Have you always wanted an iPad but didn't have the money to afford one? UNCP students will be able to check out an iPad at the campus library.

Starting later in the spring, the Mary Livermore Library will be launching a program that will allow students to check out an iPad for 24 hours. The funds to purchase the iPads were provided by the Friends of the Library. According to Associate Professor of Mass Communication Dr. Judy Curtis, who is president of Friends of the Library Board, if this test program is successful, then ideally the program will extend to the whole campus.

"It's a pilot program to start with five iPads to lend to students," explains Dr. Curtis. "It could be expanded if the response is positive." The library set up this program because they wanted students to be up to date with today's technology.

Originally UNCC's laptop program was started as a pilot and now there are up to 30 laptops for students to use in the library.

"We wanted to make technology available to students who might not otherwise have access to an iPad," Dr. Curtis said. The iPads still need to go through the system so that the library's computer will be able to keep track of iPads being checked in and out. This is why the program isn't starting until later this spring.

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A Hands Over Hearts Gala planned for Feb. 25 provides a free evening of dinner, music, a fashion show, a speaker plus private AIDS/HIV testing.

The event is sponsored by UNCP's Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) with the support of the Robeson County Health Department.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of AIDS/HIV and other STDs, in general, to bring attention to the specific STD problems faced by Robeson County and to provide free and private testing for individuals, Powers said.

The dance is semi-formal and masquerade dress is encouraged, but not required. There will be a speaker there to discuss the importance of HIV/AIDS testing. There will also be a dance display that focuses on the illness.

Transportation to the event at the Holiday Inn Express in Pembroke also is free with reservations made in advance.

SAGA hopes this event of fun, food and dancing will bring greater awareness to the campus about AIDS/HIV.

"As of right now this is not an annual event, though we would very much like it to be," Powers said. Payment for the event was obtained by a grant from the Robeson County Health Department. SAGA is an organization that promotes and enforces acceptance and unity among all sexual orientations: gay, lesbian, bisexual and straight. It also offers a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues that surround sexuality. The group also educates people about different sexual orientations, while trying to squash all prejudices and fears.

Sorority helps fight cancer

By Gabrielle Lover

Starting on Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 the Eta Sigma chapter of Delta Tau Alpha at UNCP will be hosting their annual Kiss Away Cancer event in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The organization will be selling pink and black roses and kisses for 50 cents to students and staff to write in an inspiring message for Valentine's Day.

The dollars received will then be put on a banner and given to the basketball team at their Feb. 16 game.

All of the proceeds from this event will go to Susan G. Komen to help in the fight for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

Raffle tickets will be sold in order for students or staff to win a Valentine's Day basket.

Fashion show benefits children

By Gabrielle Lover

On Feb. 19 the Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Delta at UNCP will be holding a prom fashion show at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton at 7 p.m.

Local high school students will be modeling prom dresses for the upcoming season.

Some 80 percent of the proceeds will go towards the Robeson County Office of Guardian Ad Litem in Lumberton.

The goal of the Guardian Ad Litem is to help represent and help children in court who are the victims of abuse and neglect.

The other 20 percent of the proceeds will go towards Delta Kappa Delta's national philanthropy Prevent Child Abuse in America.

At the event the local Girl Scout Troop will be selling their famous Girl Scout cookies.

Tickets for the show will be $5 for students and the public and $3 for UNCP Greek Life members.

A raffle will take place during the event as well as a silent auction of items such as boutique certificates and free dinners.

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