Digital Content Consortium attracts 100

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The consortium featured 20 50-minute sessions ranging from Lightwave 3D, Photoshop, Jing, Second Life, freeware applications, Gamestar Mechanics, copyright infringement and fair use, old television programming in contemporary settings and how to use social media such as Twitter. During the lunch break, there were poster sessions presented by registered nurses and assistant professors in UNCP’s nursing program Joyce Beard and Jennifer Johnson. Instructional Services and Reference Librarian Melanie Wood presented a poster on how she coordinated the Anime and Manga Cosplay Festival. “I think the Digital Content Consortium is a great opportunity for those who want to advance their knowledge in the digital world,” senior mass communication major Endira Morales said. Morales said that she thought more people showed up than she expected, and it helped her learn more about certain programs like Adobe Photoshop CS5 and Adobe Bridge.

“As a student at UNCP, it was very beneficial to learn what type of digital media is available,” junior Rosa Anne Fitzpatrick said. “The information passed on by presenters will be valuable in my future classroom.” Not only did students attend the Digital Content Consortium, many kindergarten through 12th grade teachers of Robeson County and surrounding counties attended the event. “We had a lot of teachers attend so that they could get their CEU [Continuing Education Units] credits,” Labadie said. “The consortium is one of the very few places in the county that offers that accreditation.”

“We’ll have to see if we have a consortium next year since the Digital Academy’s budget was cut out,” Labadie said. “So many teachers depend on the consortium for technology accreditation. We don’t know if we’ll have one next year,” Labadie added.

Digital Content Consortium was very successful, thank you’s from so many people, Curry said.

At this time most of the people were gone. It was close to 10 p.m. and ACE was shutting the event down. Curry, the Interactive Chairman of ACE, was very happy with the turnout. There was a “very diverse crowd of people who had fun all night,” Curry said. Anyone who wanted to play laser tag had to pay $1.

No prizes were given out to the winning teams. Everyone who played was given a glow in the dark necklace and a wrist band which allowed them to play as many times as they wanted to.

A list of ACE’s next events can be found on their Facebook page (facebook.com/uncpace) and UNCP page (uncp.edu/ace/events).