Chinese culture celebrated at Moon Festival

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Lumbee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services offers to enrolled tribal members guidance and counseling, evaluation and assessment, job search and placement, transportation, assistive devices and training from high school to employment for students with disabilities.

About 70 UNCP stu-
dents and faculty members enjoyed Chinese music, his-
tory and food at the annual Moon Festival in the UC Annex Sept. 9.

The event, hosted by the Office of International Pro-
grams, celebrated the mid-
autumn full moon and the annual Chinese celebration by a woman who watched over her husband from the moon.

Immortal love

International students Jason Zhengyu Han and Grace Shiqi Guo presented a brief history of the Moon Festival, which is also called the Mid-Autumn Festival, with a PowerPoint of illustrations.

According to legend, a woman named Chang Er swallowed a pill that turned her immortal after the vil-
lain Peng Meng demanded it from her. Chang Er flew to the moon and resided there so she could watch over her husband Hou Yi. Hou Yi mourned her loss by leaving her favorite foods outside for her when the moon was full.

Han and Guo said that the Chinese continue Hou Yi’s act of love today by leaving food and drinks outside.

The festival is a unifying event throughout China because no matter where people are, “we are still able to enjoy the moon together.”

The arts

Two international stu-
dents sang Chinese songs that focused on love and the moon. Panda Yingxue Ma sang a love song called “You Are My Eyes” while Sumchae Park sang a love song called “Moon Boat.” She also sang the Spice Girls song “Wannabe.”

Lucy Yujie Li and Lily Jiaqi Li read a poem for the audience which fused ancient Chinese life lessons with such natural symbols as the wind, sun and mountains.

“Love, show love…allow yourself to be loved,” they read.

Melissa Di Liu performed a 1,300-year-old Chinese dance while Sumchae Park played piano. Afterward, Liu and Tang led almost all of the audience in the Electric Slide.

UNCP Kung Fu student William Britt demonstrated ancient Kung Fu condition-
ing and defensive routines using brass rings, wooden blocks and volunteers from the audience.

To show how much strength the routines re-
quire, Britt hit his forearm hard against the wooden stage several times.

“It doesn’t hurt,” he said.

Refurbishments at the event included moon cakes filled with lotus seed paste, which are staple items of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Festival hosts Peter Le Chang and Echo Qi Li expressed their happiness at being able to celebrate one of their culture’s oldest tra-
ditions in their welcome to the audience.

“We are very glad we can gather in UNCP,” Chang said.

Pembroke Day set for Sept. 21 on Quad

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Students, faculty, staff and members of the sur-
rounding community are preparing for the annual Pembroke Day Sept 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Quad between Livermore Library and Old Main.

For the first time, lunch will not be provided for the masses for free.

Food vendors will be selling their products along with sample tables.

Pembroke Day will fea-
ture a health fair this year with 50 stands providing health exams for anyone who is interested, according to Cora Bullard, director of Student Health Services.

The day promotes the local business and non-
profit organizations to come together with the University to share greetings and cele-
briations of the expansion of the community.

This social engagement will also allow student or-
ganizations such as ACE, PRSSA and SGA to have a place to promote their or-
ganizations.

Kourtney Spaulding a senior and member of Sigma Omicron Epilson Native American Sorority, Inc., said that her sorority looks forward to Pembroke Day every year and enjoys the opportunity to share what her organization is about at the event.

For many students the event is a way for them to have a chance to see what the school and community have to offer.

Daniel Kasey, fresh-
man, said, “It will be the first time my family is vis-
ing the campus and my brother looks for-
toward to the games and prizes the event will have.”

UNCP senior Paul Grimsley said, “I have been to Pembroke Day every year since my sophomore year, and I enjoy seeing how the campus has grown and changed.”

The new home for the Lumbee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services is in the COMTech Center just outside of Pembroke.

Lumbee rehab services relocate to COMTech Park

Lumbee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services and transition from employment, and it is their goal to improve the quality of life for Lumbee Indians with disabilities.

There are several eligi-
bilities required for the Lumbee Tribal Voca-

tional Rehabilitation Services, includ-
ing being an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe and living in the Lumbee area.

The person must also think they have a physical disability, anxiety, depress-

ion or other mental health issues, substance or alcohol abuse, learning disabilities, trouble with hearing and or vision, or other emotional or behavioral disabilities.

The person must also feel that the disability af-

fects their ability to attain or maintain employment.

According to the Lum-
bee Tribal Vocational Reha-

bilitation’s page on Lumbee Tribe’s website, “disabili-
ties can be seen or unseen” and can be “physical, men-
tal or emotional.”

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Panda Yingxue Ma sings during the Moon Festival in the UC Annex on Sept. 9. The Moon Festival drew about 70 students together for the event.

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The Lumbee Tribe relo-

cated its Lumbee Tribal Vo-
cational Rehabilitation Services to COMTech Park in August, giving the program a new facility.

The facility is located at 171 Connem Drive Bui-

It, and replaces the old of-

fices located at 209 W.

Third St.

This program provides vocational rehabilitation to any Lumbee Indian with a disability living in the Lum-

bee Tribal area, which in-
ccludes Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. The program’s objec-
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