Cross country teams take first at UNCP Invite

By Nick Phillips

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UNCP senior Chris Schroll finished first overall with a time of 26:44.97, holding off freshman teammate Chris Schroll, who finished five seconds later

with a time of 26:50.79.

Junior Kevin Clancy finished with a time of 27:39.70 to place fourth overall, while sophomore teammate Steven Merritt crossed the finish line just over a minute later with a time of 28:56.95 to place sixth.

Sophomore Darius Brantly finished with a time of 30:05.42 to round out the top 10 finishers.

Fellow Braves sophomore Tom McDonough’s time of 31:32.78 was enough for a 14th place finish, to round out the UNCP placers.

St. Andrews College finished in second place on the men’s side behind a third place finish by James Walls and Josh Pickett’s ninth place time.

Methodist University used Craig Ci- cenzo’s fifth place finish, as well as Christopher Glass in eighth place to come in third place in the team standings.

Fayetteville State fin- ished fourth, while Coker rounded out the team scor- ing in fifth.

Personal record

The Lady Braves had seven runners finish in the top 10 to help propel them to a first place finish out of four teams in the women’s race.

Lady Braves sophomore Annette Sem was the high- est placer Lady Brave, coming in second place with a time of 24:53.49, in front of fresh- man Ashley Doughty’s sixth place time of 25:06.44.

Sophomore Woodi Jones crossed the line next in seventh place, with a time of 26:18.89, just before senior Catherine Shoe- maker in eighth with her time of 26:21.80 to end the Lady Braves’ string of con- secutive finishers.

Sophomore Blair Long finished in 13th for the Lady Braves with a time of 26:34.74, before the time of 29:45.00 gave freshman Beth Metzger 22nd place.

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UNC teamers both place third at UNCW Invitational

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Both the UNCP men’s and women’s cross country programs grabbed third place honors in their sea-son-opening Seahawk Invis- tional at UNC Wilmington on Sept. 10.

For the men, junior Zach Bayless was the high- est placing Brave, coming in 10th overall with a time of 19:50.97 in the 8K race.

UNC Wilmington took home first place honors, while Annette Sem (far left) took home top individual honors.

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