Cory Booker, left, talks with UNCP Shuckeover Kyle Center and his wife, Sarah, as Michael Beverly, director of UNCP Student involvement and leadership, looks on.

Cory Booker and First Lady Sarah Carter share a laugh before Booker’s speech on Sept. 28 as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.

Photo by Elizabeth White

The Transfer Transition program hosted its first welcoming session Sept. 27. Rep. representatives offered sweets and information about the program’s goals in an effort to spread the word to transfer students around campus.

“We’re the go-to people if you don’t know where to go,” Transfer Liaison Bridget Dimery said.

Dimery said this was Transfer Transition’s first year on campus. She joined in March 2011 and Transfer Liaison Chasity Oxendine followed the next.

Dimery said Transfer Transition tries to get the transfer students involved with UNCP. This includes introducing them to Tau Sigma, an honor society for transfer students. The society requires members to participate in a student’s first semester for membership.

“We’re here to fully support transfer students,” Dimery said.

In addition to Liaisons Dimery and Oxendine, Transfer Transition includes two graduate assistants and five peer mentors to aid student transfers in acclimating to life at UNCP.

One of the peer mentors is senior Bakari Nixon. He said that he works personally with transfer students to make their adjustment as smooth as possible.

“Transfer students need to be used to the environment on campus, the professors and other students,” Dimery said. “They will ask their friends how they could. The children would not cooperate, so he offered

very scared. The child’s life did not last much longer, leaving Booker very angry and bro-

Booker went on to ex-
plain that American sayings such as “All Men Are Created Equal," “United We Stand," and "Land of the Free" are coming obsolete.

“Who are we as a coun-
try? How can we say those profound words when every day, there is another Vir-

ginia Tech?” he asked.

“Are there times when you’ll feel beat up by the world?” he said.

“You have to come cor-
rect with what you are inter-
elusive. The only way I can see a vision in this world that will be successful, change,” Booker said.

Booker also described his experience at Stanford University at a community center where he had to give a speech to a group of chil-

He asked them to raise their hands as to if they could.

“We could not get a voluntary response,” he said.

One student hurriedly exclaiming when Booker stopped the child, the child comically explained to Booker that he knew how to access the school’s roof.

“So often we set our level of greatness at a dis-
cillow. We begin believing that if we set our sights higher, we’re going to find it way before we have the capacity to create. To im-

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