The award winning R&B group, Kool and the Gang, entertained a large crowd at GPAC on Oct. 7 as part of UNCP’S Homecoming and Parents Weekend. The two hour concert performance kicked off GPAC’s 2011-2012 Broadway and More Series.

Over 1,400 people attended the concert, which began at 8 p.m.

The audience enjoyed Kool and the Gang classics, such as “Cherish,” “Joanna,” “L-O-V-E,” and, of course, the very popular “Celebration.”

The concert was opened with a variety of musical and visual features.

“Kool and the Gang stand out as funk masters and their brand of music is timeless,” Rick Benton, UNCP alumnus said.

Kool and the Gang invites female audience members down to the stage while singing “Ladies Night.”

Several Master’s students discussed their research during the UNCP University Community News Showcase on Sept. 28. The showcase, sponsored by the UNCP University Commission, allowed the students to discuss their research with a variety of musical and visual features.

“Kool and the Gang was the largest show for GPAC in terms of production and costs,” Dr. Beem said.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Kool and the Gang was one of the most successful R&B groups and have sold 70 million albums worldwide. They have won several awards for their jazz arrangements, which include two Grammy Awards.

Free newspapers available to all UNCP students

By Kelly Mayo

News Editor

UNCP continues its participation in a nationwide movement to circulate newspaper readership packages to college students.

UNCP’s College Reader Program, in cooperation with The Fayetteville Observer, produced a special issue of The Robesonian, the Fayetteville Observer and USA Today for students and faculty in rounds across campus five days a week.

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The UNCP University Center is the most recent campus location to join the Readership Program.

University Center and the Student Development Center are in charge of the UC’s participation in the program. Cynthia Oxendine is in charge of the UC’s participation in the program.

Oxendine said that the Information Desk produces one copy of four different newspapers for students and faculty to check out and return.

Commuters

Oxendine said she wants the program to extend to the 10,000 commuter students so that commuter students could also take advantage, so she requested more copies of the papers.

She said the UC began offering 50 copies of USA Today and 10 copies of The Robesonian and The Fayetteville Observer in the fall of 1999.

Oxendine said she has noticed that more students rely on the newspapers for the latest news.

“Although Oxendine said she has not gotten the semester’s first invoice yet, she said that the UC will keep track of the Readership Program’s popularity as the school year progresses.

“Our initial reaction is, yes, we will continue the program. We will continue to assess it throughout the year. At the end of the academic year…we will decide if we want to keep going with it,” she said.

Swiney said the Readership Program benefits UNCP in several ways.

Benefits

Benefits include stimulating and contributing to the habit of reading, assisting students in understanding the world, learning about local and national news,” he said.

Oxendine also said the program helps students stay informed.

“Students civic engagement for students, and keeps them abreast of what’s happening on the nation and locally in their community,” she said.