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A man prepares a balloon animal for a Pembroke Day attendee. Balloon animals were one of the many attractions during the day.

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“I really showed how creative people can be with simple things like ink. I never would have thought about pressing ink onto a piece of wood like that,” Hegge said.

Hegge said the school seemed like a little community. He liked that there were so many things for the students to do while on campus.

“I think it’s really cool how Pembroke puts together this event just to let the community know what is going on at the school,” Hegge said.

Photo by Mindy Hubbard

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By Lourdes Velazquez Consulting Writer

The Latin American Student Organization will start taking in members after being inactive for several years. The organization targets Hispanic students that attend UNCP, but it is open to all students.

The purpose of LASO is to initiate the cultural diversity of Latin American students that has been absent at UNCP,” said sophomore Jocelyn Zeron, who was at the LASO table during Pembroke Day.

There were displays of flags, photography of different countries, a mariachi band and a small statue replica of a Mayan god. LASO will also promote cultural diversity from different Latin American students to campus.

“We had a great out- come,” Zeron said “Many students came over my table and were interested in what LASO had to offer. We got beyond the expected signatures that we wanted.”

“I am more than excited to get LASO started back up at UNCP,” Zeron said.

LASO received 55 signatures from interested students and are planning to apply,” Weaver said.

“Membership requires no belief in a higher power,” Weaver said.

Though Weaver claimed the SSA respects different views, her patience was tested when a woman at Pembroke Day expressed her thoughts on atheism.

“We had a woman that was screaming at us, yelling at our sign, telling us that we were wrong,” Weaver said. “How can you be good without God?”

“We had to celebrate the fact that we’re still here,” she said.

Weaver stressed that just because you don’t believe in God does not make you a bad person, emphasizing the slogan “Millions are good without God!”

“We had people come,” Zeron said “Many students stopped by the table and were interested in attending the next meeting of LAZO.”

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A resident of Ocean Isle Beach, Sage Hegge, heard about the event and hitched a ride over to the festivities. He said that just walking on the campus made him feel welcomed.

While walking around, one booth stuck out to him the most. The Swamp Dog Press booth combined art and ink. They could make any design on shirts or wood of things like an alligator or a beautiful night sky scene.