By Dustin Porter
Managing Editor

Most 14-year-olds are just entering high school and starting to fit the pieces of the real world puzzle together. However, 14-year-old Ethan Sanford is a college freshman at UNCP and knows all too well how the real world works.

“Having any 14-year-old college student is outstanding for any university, but at the same time we must hold him to the same expectations for all students,” said Dr. Ken Kitts, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Sanford is an environmental science major concentrating in freshwater ecology, and his goal is to be a college professor. “I want to raise awareness about the problems harming the environment,” Sanford said.

Sanford skipped three grades on his way to UNCP and scored high enough on the SAT to skip his senior year and enroll at UNCP.

SGA welcomes new members, new business
By Danielle Harston
Staff Writer

After accepting five new senate members on Sept. 28, the Student Government Association has begun planning a Student of the Month program and a financial aid student forum.

Five freshmen—Jamal Quick, Rebecca Hux, Lourdes Vergara, Tina Campbell and Emmett Oakley—filled five of the seven open seats in freshman elections held on Freshman Week Sept. 21-22.

Daniel Godley and Matthew Powell were selected to take the remaining two positions as write-in candidates.

On Sept. 28, votes were verified and the five candidates were allowed to officially join and be sworn in.

“2011 is a year we have some of the most energetic members. I think they will be proactive and productive in the senate and it is only early to see what they want to see happen,” SGA President Brian McCormick said.

After assigning the five new members to committees and teaching them the parliamentary procedures, official business began.

The Government Operations Committee has planned a student forum scheduled for Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. in the UC Lounge. The Director of Financial Aid will be present to address student’s financial concern and requests.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee has planned a Student of the Month program to honor students who are making a difference. It’s a thank-you to a student who’s made a difference. It’s a thank-you to a student who’s made a difference.

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Sanford added he likes to “unwind and relieve the stress of college life” through video games, and his favorite game of choice right now is Gears of War 3. “You can do anything you want through perseverance and hard work,” Sanford said.

SGA reviving award for Student of the Month
By Kelly Mayo
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UNCP’s Student Government Association continues its Student of the Month award after a five-year absence, according to SGA President Brian McCormick.

McCormick said the award had been on hiatus for five years and the annual election began five years ago. He said he saw plaques of former award winners when he began his tenure as president and decided to continue Student of the Month.

“I thought it was a good program and I wanted to keep it going,” he said.

McCormick said the Academic and Student Affairs Committee will remove the names of all nominees before giving nomination forms to another committee created specifically for choosing the Student of the Month. This committee will review the anonymous forms and decide the winning student once every month.

The committee will include one faculty member, one staff member and student representatives of organizations like SGA, the Association of Campus Entertainment, Greek Life and the Maynor Honors College. McCormick said.

McCormick said applications for the first Student of the Month will be due Nov. 11. The committee will decide the winner during the week of Nov. 14-18 and the award ceremony will be during the SGA forum Nov. 17.

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McCormick said Student of the Month nomination forms are available online at www.uncp.edu/sga.

By Anna Sanford
Staff Writer

“Every college student is out-hustling the family,” said Ethan Sanford, 14-year-old freshman, going to class in the Dial building.

“I’m really independent and I try to do as much as I can on my own,” Sanford said.

Sanford said his mother they chose UNCP because it was cheap and the family was already here so “it made sense to choose UNCP.”

Sanford said his favorite part about UNCP is the dorms and the campus has a variety of activities he can do.

“I love the way students don’t treat me any differently than the other students,” Sanford said.

Sanford is “taking it slow” this semester and taking eight credit hours this semester but does plan on taking 11 hours next semester.

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