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Despite the unusually warm temperatures that the area has been experiencing, the holiday season is here. Across the campus, offices and common areas have seen decorations spring up, with the highlight coming inside the James B. Chavis University Center. The UC features a giant Christmas tree outside the Dining Hall as well as wreaths and garland throughout the rest of the building.

The office of Housing and Residence Life also has gotten into the festivities, sponsoring a door decorating contest throughout the six residence halls.

Off campus, the streets of Pembroke are adorned with decorations along the light poles, and the annual Lumberton Christmas Parade was held on Nov. 19. The Lumberton parade featured marching bands, floats and, of course, Santa Claus. Over 160 floats were involved, as everything from holiday cheers to candy moved past the parade watchers.

Back on campus, there are several chances for music lovers to get into the holiday spirit, with the UNCP Music Department offering their Holiday Extravaganza concert on Dec. 1 in GPAC.