Beach captivates GPAC audience

By Scott Pachis
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“…not a lot of people who can stand on stage and do what we are as a people,” said Adam Beach as he shared with the audience of 646 on Nov. 29 his life story and teachings.

As part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, Beach was the ending note on Native American heritage month. This year was the first time ever in which the speakers were chosen solely by the students.

Native song

Walking on stage with a single drum, Beach shared a Native song with the audience that he likes to sing every day to clear his mind and speak to spirits. When translated, it means “thank you creator, I am leading bear man.”

Beach is a Saulteaux Indigenous from Manitoba, Canada.

“It’s an interpretation of your being when you don’t have words but just emotions and feelings,” Beach said.

Actor

Beach, an actor for 20 years, used acting because it allowed him to escape his life, which was especially difficult for him throughout his teenage years. At the age of 8, Beach lost his mother to a drunk driver while she was pregnant.

He later lost his father who himself indulged in alcohol while battling with depression.

“Beach took his anger and frustration about his parents death and joined a gang during his teenage years in Canada. He continued on this path until he found acting. He now sees this as a blessing.

“I was the last piece of puzzle. I believe there’s nothing I can’t do because the worst has already happened to me. I said.”

Beach sill finds a way to inject humor into his speech, giving the audience a taste of an Elvis impersonator he is working on for an upcoming movie. His humor and joy is best explained by himself, ‘I still feel like an 8-year-old boy having fun but I’m trapped in a 38-year-old body,’ he said.

While on the set of one of his first movies “Squanto: A Warrior’s Tale,” Beach worked daily for two months due to being away from home. This exemplifies Beach’s connection to his culture and his past.

“I still can’t believe it,” Beach said.

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Candidates for Provost visit campus

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Dr. Kevin Lambert, a candidate for the position of Provost at UNCP, visited the campus Nov. 18. Dr. Lambert was interviewed before an open forum held for students, staff and faculty at the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Kevin Lambert

Dr. Lambert addressed the audience of approximately 50 about what he believes higher education in the year 2020 will be like.

“Dr. Lambert is currently the Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts at Angelo State University in Texas. He was also a committee member for Angelo State’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Quality Enhancement Program Committee.

“Angelo State is almost the same exact size as Pembroke,” he said.

He is also a tenured professor in Music Education. He earned his doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Performance and Literature at the University of Colorado in 1990. He graduated Cum Laude from Northern Arizona University in 1975, where he received his bachelor’s degree in Music Education.

He referred to UNCP as a public regional comprehensive undergraduate education, which means the University is focused more on teaching as opposed to research.

“This also means the University is closely related to the community around it, and students are not only being prepared for a job but also for service to the community. The purpose of an education is to equip you [students] for service,” Dr. Lambert said.

In the year 2020, Dr. Lambert said that tuition for higher education will be more expensive, and he believes that schools will have to find a way to raise money. He also said teachers will be held more accountable for a student getting a better education.

“Dr. Lambert also sees technology as being a big aspect of learning. He said he sees higher education of 2020 being put into a student’s schedule and said students will ‘Td your history class.’

“Dr. Lambert said he would like to see UNCP engage cautiously into looking into the new technology because if the school does not have it, students will go somewhere that does have it.

“If we don’t make an effort to do it, someone else will. Dr. Lambert said.

Dr. Gray-Vickyer

Can you imagine what the campus Nov. 29-Dec. 1 and Dr. Thatcher is on campus Dec. 1 to 3. Dr. Gray-Vickyer is the Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at Florida Gulf Coast University.

She received her bache- lor’s degree in Nursing from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1979. She began as a Nurs- ing instructor at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

Dr. Gray-Vickeyer also has military experience by being a part of the Nursing Corps in the United States Army Reserve from 1983-1989.

Debra Thatcher

Dr. Thatcher graduated magna cum laude with a de- gree in Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo.

She received her doctor- ate degree in Elementary Education with a specializa- tion in Early Childhood from the University of South Carolina in Colum- bia, S.C.

She is currently the Provost and Dean of Fac- ulty at Lees-McRae College in North Carolina.

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Plans in place to reconstruct parking lots

By Hayley Burgess
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Plans are in the works to reconstruct parking lots 1 and 2, which goes over the railroad tracks and serves as a walk- way to go to McDonald’s. It was originally the south en- trance to the University but was closed in 2007.

According to Steve Martin, assistant vice chas- cellor for Business Af- fairs/Facilities Management, there were three main players for the closing of the entrance, the University, Department of Transportation (DOT) and CSX. They all met together to resolve the issue, Martin said.

There were several fac- tores which contributed to the entrance being closed. There were several serious accidents at the south en- trance along with an in- creased volume of traffic on University Road because of the newly built stadium.

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