Liquor by the drink on ballot for Dec. 9

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One shot, or two shots, the liquor by the drink referendum is going its way back to the people. The ABC store of Pembroke will once again be voting on the liquor by the drink referendum.

Many UNCP students currently serve on the UNCP ABC board that oversees the ABC store closed by the State Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement. The board calls for a vote on the liquor by the drink referendum placed on the ballot in the fall due to the growing local economy.

New growth
If the liquor by the drink referendum is passed in Pembroke, the appeal to businesses relaciong to the area, including restaurants and retail stores, might bring new growth and development to the growing local economy.

Success in student enrollment at the university is at an all time high. The importance of this success to the current and future students has been highlighted by both the Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report, "Best Regional Universities - South".

Many UNCP students now travel to Pembroke, N.C., for entertainment at bars and restaurants that offer liquor by the drink to their patrons. During UNCP homecoming 2008 many students celebrated the week of festivities in Pembroke at businesses that offer the opportunity for students of age to purchase liquor by the drink. The town of Pembroke may find itself divided over the referendum. UNCP students are not the only members of the community who have voiced their opinions on the liquor by the drink referenda.

Enough problems
Speaking as an elder, we have enough social problems that should be concerning for community members, and bringing liquor by the drink should not be a concern of the students who wish to attend Pembroke University 2009.

"The resolution may pass, but we do not think that it would be a decision that would benefit the family, he gathered up his siblings and with their help gave this family a Christmas dinner to remember." It was just the beginning of this push to help others. People who were picked and the project expanded to include not only family dinners, but also personal boxes filled with food items, plastic containers and other necessities for needy families.

Last year the family was able to supply 46 children's gifts. Seniors sociology major Parie Dial-Desez acts as the family Santa Claus. She has been collecting items since the day after Christmas, housing them in a small storage shed behind her home. As Christmas rapidly approached and physically preparing "luggage" by the drink.

So far she has 20 children and three families to prepare for. However, this is far from her goal. "I think we should celbrate our 10 year anniversary with a big number. Maybe we'll get 50," Deese said.

The names of the families and children come through referrals from different places or individuals. They include, but are not limited to, churches, doctors' offices, individuals and schools.

There has to be a financial instability in the home, sickness with child in home or an absent parent due to drugs or prison, some have health issues, and some operate solely through the family, volunteers and donations. The family is in need of monetary donations, toys, tiddlywinks, non-perishable food items, clothing resources and much more employment.

"If we cannot manage the board, how will we enforce underage drinking and balance the value of our institutions," said Dr. Ruth Woods, executive director of Sacred Ministries.

Sacred Ministries offers resources to the community members in crisis management, food for the needy and substance abuse counseling. The organization also provides hot meals for the homeless and community members in need of assistance to get by.

Michael's serves Italian

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Subs and pizza are on the menu at Michael’s Restaurant in Pembroke.

Different types of Italian food are available ranging from small pizza, zones, hot oven subs, Parmigiana and spaghetti also on the menu, including grilled chicken are all bologna, bacon, veggie, roast beef, salami served with a side of fries.

Children that come with guests may order small pizza will allow you to get a pizza of the same price for free as an everyday special. Children that come with guests may order small pizza will allow you to get a pizza of the same price for free as an everyday special.

Parents and caregivers can also order subs and pizza by the drink. Subs and pizza are on the menu at Michael’s Restaurant in Pembroke.

Uncooked student cheese buns $0.80 at El Tecumseh, a Lumberton nightstand as recording artist Hot Stylez take the stage. Lumberton club is the closest locations to Pembroke which liquor by the drink is not allowed.