Family Day brings fun for parents, staff, students and kids on campus

By Hayley Burgess

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Games, food and fun were offered during Family Day April 4 at UNCP. The event began at 10 a.m. on the University Center Lawn and ended at 2 p.m.

The day was open and free for all UNCP students, faculty, staff and their families. The event is put on annually once a year during the spring semester.

“It really like having a day for the family to come down here,” said Franklin Zach Suderhiedt.

A dunk tank was added to Family Day, which allowed any one the chance to dunk a well-known person from UNCP.

Director of Greek Life Chris Blackburn was one of the first people to take a turn at the dunk tank at 10 a.m.

“Don’t [the water] was invigorating and it woke me up at 10 on a Saturday morning,” R. Feld said. “It’s negative 10 degrees in that water.”

A Cookie-A-Thon was also on cam- pus and allowed people to pet and hold live reptiles and amphibians. There were various types of snakes, lizards, frogs, salaman- ders and turtles.

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UNCP will hold its 4th Annual Spring Unity Powwow on April 11. The event will be held on UNCP’s campus and will be open and free to all UNCP students, faculty, staff, and their families. The event is put on annually once a year during the spring semester.

Spectacular entertainment allowed both children and adults to learn about the culture through an obstacle course, boun- cing by a bouncy run and a giant slide.

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Inside

Two children play in the inflatable bouncer run during Family Day on the UC Lawn.

The head staff for the powwow will include Sando Jacobs (MC), Cherokee (Host of the University Center), Constanzo (Head Staff) and Sharon Berrun (Head of the Student Union).

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Book buyback week is just around the corner. April 27 through May 1. The bookstore now has a convenient drive- through service and will have the parking lot of the foot- ball stadium, so students can sell back their books without needing to leave their vehicles.

“We hope this addi- tion to book buyback will enable students that nor- mally wouldn’t stand in line to have the ability to sell their books back with- out having to leave their vehicles or find a parking spot,” said the manager of the university book- store Reggie Lowery said.

Commuters With the convenience of a book drive- through service, commuter students will not to have to worry about where to park. They will allow on-campus resi- dents to drive through the lines quickly.

Two areas

Two buyback areas will be set up con- secutively, allowing a speed-ier process.

Student reactions

Some students were excited about the drive- through buyback idea.

“I think this is a great idea because there will be less people in lines taking up space,” junior Angela Collins said.

“Sounds like it could be easy, just a way for us to save some fuel...” senior John Lerma said.

Some concept

“The concept will be the same. The students will push up to our tent to receive their ticket for our driving and write the last four digits of their ticket in each textbook they plan on selling,” Lowery said.

“Then they will simply push up to the drive- through window, hand the buyer their books, receive their money and drive off, without having to leave the comfort of their vehi- cles,” Lowery added.

The dates

The drive-through will begin on April 27 and run through May 1.

The drive-through service will not be offered on May 1.

Bring your ID

You do not need a receipt or your books at buyback. The only thing you need to bring is your valid UNCP student ID card.