The American Scholastic Press Association has awarded The Pine Needle first place in the annual newspaper competition that includes 2,000 entries nationwide.

The ASPA gave The Pine Needle 925 points out of a possible 1,000.

The ASPA also awarded The Pine Needle two awards – a great networking opportunity with employ- ers, who worked very hard," Dr. Bukowy said. "This is where our experience really mat- tered." "Accounting reports were understand- able," DeRuntz said. "So, our event was getting to meet the top 20 companies --University Relations students, who worked for our University and our university's team really won the competition," Wyler said. "I think our presenta- tion was very subsiden-

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UNC-P's team of advanced accounting majors was advised by accounting professor Dr. Stephen Bukowy.

"This is a great honor for our University and our students, who worked very hard," Dr. Bukowy said. "It was great public- ity for our program, and it was a great networking opportunity with employ- ers for the students."

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