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Native American celebration held in Campus Commons

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Native Americans across the country gathered in the campus Commons last Saturday to celebrate a shared sense of community and spirituality.

The pow wow—the third co-sponsored activity by the Native American Student Organization and minority affairs department—included an afternoon of music and dancing events, storytelling, food and crafts.

“Traditional pow wows are a celebration presented by one tribe or band to welcome and honor other,” said Lorrie Smith, NASO’s faculty advisor.

Members of the local Lumbee community, who invited people from tribes throughout the country to participate, organized Saturday’s powwow. The pow wow included Native American tribes such as the Lumbees and Wacamaw Siouan.

“Having the pow wow on the UNCW campus provides students

and the local community with an opportunity to learn about Native American culture and to join Native Americans in their celebration of life, family and community. People who have not experienced a pow wow will be surprised by the variety of music, dances and stories that they will encounter,” Smith said.

Among the experiences for event-goers to take in were a va-



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The UNCW Native American Student Organization sponsored the Fall pow wow, a program to help preserve the traditions of the native American culture.

riety of vendors selling apparel and crafts. Vendors sold authentic Native American items such as handmade bows and arrows.

sears and dream catchers. Other vendors focused on offering au-

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Privatization of bookstore now lacks SGA support

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At last Tuesday’s meeting, SGA passed a resolution that stated it did not “support at this time the privatization of the UNCW bookstore.”

The resolution was in response to the anticipated recommendation of the Bookstore Advisory Committee in support of outsourcing the bookstore to Barnes and Noble.

The objective of the committee, which was made up of students, faculty, and staff, was to explore the idea of privatizing the UNCW bookstore and make a recommendation to the chancellor and his senior officers on whether outsourcing was in the best interest of the university.

Some of the students who were on the committee expressed concern about the move to recommend

outsourcing the bookstore because they said the decision was made too quickly. SGA President Adria Lopez and Representative Kris Clapper, both of whom voted in the minority, said they had too many questions left unanswered for them to make a fair and accurate decision. Therefore, they brought the issue before the SGA body.

“Certain concerns still need to be expressed,” Clapper said. “We’re taking an answer without fully looking at the problem.”

Some of the issues that Lopez and Clapper indicated as being left unanswered were those surrounding scholarships, prices of books and supplies to students in the new establishment and job security for current bookstore employees.

“We need to know what will be the impact on students,” Lopez said.

Also in attendance at the SGA meeting were Dick Scott, associ-

ate vice chancellor of business affairs and Director of Internal Audit Nikki Howard, who was the chair of the advisory committee.

Some SGA members said they felt that if the bookstore was outsourced to Barnes and Noble, the coporation might not match the near \$100,000 yearly contribution the bookstore currently provides for student scholarships. Evidence of this claim was cited in a bookstore memorandum of financial terms that showed Barnes and Noble providing only \$25,000 over a five-year period in scholarship funds, compared to a \$625,000 projected return by the university bookstore.

Scott countered this concern by saying that those financial terms were misinterpreted by students and as part of Barnes and Noble’s agreement with the university, it

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