Preseason game in Fayetteville a treat for students

By Nick Phillips
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On Oct. 6, the Charlotte Bobcats continued their annual tradition of playing pre-season games throughout North and South Carolina by taking over the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville as they took on the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Many UNCP students made the trip up Interstate 95 to check out the matchup, taking advantage of the opportunity to watch a professional game within an hour drive from campus. The game itself featured Bobcats stars, such as Gerald Wallace and Stephen Jackson, while the Thunder countered with Kevin Durant and hometown favorite Eric Maynor.

Durant, barely 22 years old, is regarded as one of the best players in the NBA along with the likes of Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade. He was a member of the 2010 USA Basketball team that won the gold medal at the FIBA World Championships this summer.

Maynor graduated from Fayetteville’s Westover High School and is the Thunder’s backup point guard behind Russell Westbrook, who was also a member of the FIBA World Championship team this summer.

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University players perform at Fright Train

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The University Players at UNCP have been asked to provide the entertainment this year for Parkson’s annual Halloween Fright Train.

The event is to take place Oct. 29-31 from sunset to 11 p.m., with a special midnight run on Oct. 31 at Parkson’s Train Depot.

Last year more than 1,000 people came out for the Fright Train, despite Parkson’s small population of 428 people.

The train will have five stops along the track that the train goes through twice while frightening, and sometimes gruesome, scenes will be performed. Sacred virgins, werewolves and a guillotine are just some of the scenes passengers can expect.

University Players is going to be a more active organization this year, senior Amy Cox said.

“We have group rehearsals once a week for this event and everything looks very promising,” she said.

“I think it’s a good way to stretch our acting muscles at our own events of the year. It’s also going to be a change in style for us, as there aren’t many choices for theater actors in the horror genre,” said sophomore Andrew Aaron, vice president of University Players.

In 2004 the railroad was bought by Red Springs & Northern Foundation with the hopes of revitalizing the railroad and starting a dinner theater. The Halloween Fright Train events are a fundraiser to raise the $1.5 million needed for their plans.