On Oct. 20, both the UNCP men’s and women’s basketball teams rang in their new seasons by hosting the first annual Moonlight Madness.

The event got underway with comments from Chancellor Kyle Carter, as he noted the size of the crowd and how he was optimistic that the crowd size would remain the same throughout the seasons.

Both the UNCP cheerleaders and dance teams performed choreographed routines to help get the students, faculty, staff and the community in attendance excited and energetic.

Following the routines, every member of both the Lady Braves and Braves teams were introduced to the large crowd, with the upperclassmen and fan favorites garnering the loudest applause.

After some student contests, an impromptu danceathon broke out on the floor. Originally, the senior players from both the men’s and women’s teams danced to the music, but they were quickly joined by their teammates and a large portion of the crowd.

Both the men’s and women’s teams played 15-minute Black-White scrimmage games and both contests and teams mixed in good play with some hurried and rushed offensive attacks as well.

The capstone of the night was the much-anticipated dunk contest by the men’s team.

Some players went for high-risk, high-reward dunks that would have made the crowd go wild, but they were unable to complete their dunks.

In the end, a pair of freshmen stole the show during the dunk contest. Tyler Kordenbrock’s first dunk of the night was thrown up into the rafters above the gym floor before bouncing perfectly in place for him to jump, grab the ball out of mid-air and slam it home.

Quamain Rose, who eventually won the event, awed the crowd with his ‘ups’ and throw-down dunks as he spun around in mid-air.

Both the men’s team opens its season Oct. 28 with an exhibition contest at UNC, while women begin their season Nov. 15 at Coker.