Chancellor hosts students at annual dinner

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Chancellor Kyle Carter and wife Sarah Carter in-vited students and faculty from the Esther G. Maynor Honors College, Teaching Fellows, the Student Gov-ernment Association and International Student Program to their home on Oct. 28 for dinner and fall festivities. The annual dinner is the only time during the year that students are invited to the Honors College, SGA, Teaching Fellows, and International Program come together at the Chancellor's house to eat and socialize. “It was the first time that International students have ever been invited,” Chancellor Carter said.

Chancellor Carter kept the tradition of making s’mores and had hotdogs and hamburgers for a student BBQ where students who an-swered the call to come to the SGA Dinner were given UNCP mugs, hats, bags and shirts. Chancellor Carter said that he wanted to bring diff-erent students from different or-ganizations together to enjoy the food in a fun, so-cial atmosphere.

“I think it was a lot of fun,” Honors College soph-omore Ashley Peoples said. “I got to meet some new people outside of SGA and Honors College I would have never met, and the cos-tume aspect really lightened the atmosphere.

Dean of the Maynor Honors College Dr. Jesse Peterson, Director of Involvement and Leader-ship Mike Severy, Director of Teaching Fellows Karen Granger and Director of In-ternational Programs Sara Brackin were all present for the dinner.

In the past, the Chan-cellor's Dinner was open only to the Honors students. In 2008, International students were added to the annual invited list in 2009, Teaching Fellows were added. New to this year’s invitation list was SGA.

“This is the first time the SGA has participated in the dinner,” Severy said. “We appreciated the invita-tion, and we can’t wait until next year.”

Severy said that the Chancellor's Dinner was a good opportunity for stu-dents to see the Chancellor and Sarah Carter in a casual setting.

SGA Secretary Serenity Rudy said that about 20 students came out to celebrate at the Chancellor's Dinner.

“It’s great for students to come out, interact and cel-ebrate in a social setting,” Rudy said.

The evening consisted of dinner, making s’mores, a trivia contest, and pumpkin carving. Some students dressed up in Halloween costumes, while other stu-dents dressed casually.

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Avett Brothers hit high notes with albums

By Kayloni Wyatt
Editor

When a band has the ability to innovate them-selves away from the norm, yet still keep the sounds of the music industry, their music takes precedence over all the other bands.

Review

When a band is able to stick to their positive attitudes, their albums have the ratings that most artists are unable to do.

The musical group The Avett Brothers have a unique name for themselves in the blues-folk area. The Com-cord, N.C.-based band has gained recognition in the music industry for staying pure with their sound. The band consists of Scott (vocals, guitar, piano and harmonica) and Seth (vo-cals, piano, acoustic guitar and drum kit) Avett, Bob Crawford (vocals, upright bass and trumpet) and Joe Kwon (cello).

The band formed in 2000.

With their latest album I and Love and You the band received help from producer Rick Rubin. Rubin is widely known for his work with many rock bands, including Linkin Park, Rage Against the Machine and The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

He's known for his way of stripping down songs, which includes lifting back up for vocals and sound. I and Love and You was the major label debut album. It garnered a hit and produced their 17 track live concert album, Live Vol. 3. I and Love and You peaked at number 16 on the Billboard top 200 charts. It was the number one folk album in the country at the time.

The band's sixth studio album, Emotionalism was released in 2007. It debuted at number one on the Billboard Top Heat Seekers Al-bums chart. Later on, it entered the Billboard Top 200 charts at number 134. I and Love and You was truly a gem among other al-bums last year.

The lyrics to the songs seem like the most poetic verses to ever be read. The song “Kick Drum Heart,” is upbeat and brings a lot of drum beats to the earudium, while the song “Jackson Wedding,” is more soulful and heartfelt. The whole album conveys the feeling of love, loneliness and yearning for something more.

The band has been self promoting themselves for years, their five studio al-bums, four EP’s and three live albums.

They also toured to pro-mote each album; most of the shows occurred in North Caroline. The Avett Brothers per-formed at the Bonnaroo Music Festival in June 2010. The harmonies on each of their albums are perfect and they each blend smoothly in with the sound waves escaping through the headphones.

With their indie rock and folk sound, they border the line of sounding like a Mountain Man version of the Beatles.

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“The Chancellor and his wife are very friendly, and I liked seeing other students dressed up in their cos-tumes,” Wang said.

According to Brackin, about 60 International stu-dents were at the dinner.

According to Executive Assistant of the Maynor Honors College Lisa Smith, about 40 honors college stu-dents attended the dinner.

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The menu included hamburgers, hotdogs, chili cornbread, cupcakes and a variety of beverages all catered and provided by Sodexo’s university dining services.

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