

By law, the IRS must collect taxes as well as pay its own.

IRS investigates, freezes refunds

Done without informing public

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The IRS has decided to freeze thousands of refunds it believes may be fraudulent.

While the IRS maintains that it is "very comfortable" when it determines that someone committed a fraudulent act, 80 percent of allegedly fraudulent refunds were given either a partial or full refund leading some to believe the IRS Criminal Investigation Office is simply on a witch hunt.

About 75 percent of those who had their refunds frozen were low-income families attempting to claim Earned Income Credit, which is designed to help those families rise from the depths of poverty. This is leading some to think ambiguous rules are the reason for the confusion among low-income families.

Since 1999, the IRS has stopped \$3.1 billion in fraudulent refunds, thereby giving some defense to their argument for increased investigation. However, the issue of how much they communicate with those being investigated appears to be another issue entirely. If one were to look at the suspected fraud like one accused of a crime, then it would raise questions about due process.

"It is a central tenet of American law that the government must notify an accused person of the offense it suspects he committed and must give the accused person an opportunity to present exculpatory evidence to show his innocence," said Nina Olson, tax advocate.

On the other hand, the IRS has \$73 million in unclaimed legitimate refunds owed to some 84,000 taxpayers. Most who have not received this money are unaware of it because of the bureaucratic barrier prevalent within the IRS which creates long hold times on the telephone, ambiguous jargon and simple confusion.

A tax code as complicated as it is in this country seems to provide job security for the IRS employees who understand it because of their day-to-day familiarity with it.

Of note is the increasing number of IRS employees who either do not pay their taxes or file at all. An investigation once found 667 IRS employees who did neither, 115 of whom were fired. Section 1203 of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 requires that IRS personnel be fired for failing to file a tax return.

The apparent disregard for Section 1203 is confusing despite promises from high IRS officials to use the code to have a "chilling" effect on those who violate this code.

This summer, the IRS attempted to slim down its workforce by restructuring. A lot of those plans have yet to be implemented and will cut at least 100 jobs from the IRS IT department. The job cuts are in line for a government agency which has been stricken with additional costs as the number of investigations increase. The National Treasury Employees Union is not taking job cuts lightly, which may lead to interesting posturing in the upcoming months.

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Daughter of anti-apartheid fighter speaks at MLK tribute



Naomi Tutu, the associate director of the Office of International Programs at Tennessee State University, enjoyed visiting ECU.

Naomi Tutu tells of civil rights struggle in South Africa

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Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and editor of "The Words of Desmond Tutu," headlined this year's Martin Luther King Jr. memorial celebrations last night by giving her accounts of civil rights struggles in her home country, South Africa.

David Dennard, associate professor of history, introduced Tutu by explaining her father's involvement in the Apartheid movement and compared his efforts to the non-violent work King did.

"She [Tutu], like you, stands on the shoulders of giants ... her father ... King, Nelson Mandela..." said Dennard.

He said those leaders were all rooted in the church and did what they did without violence. Dennard also added that in 1963, the same year King gave his "I have a dream" speech, ECU

admitted the first African American student, Laura Marie Little.

Tutu opened her speech by declaring that King is not only a source of inspiration in the United States but South Africa as well.

"I am happy to let you know he is someone we all claim," said Tutu. The thesis of Tutu's speech was grounded in the idea of how people, in South Africa and America alike, have to learn history and claim all parts of history, including those that bring shame.

"...Whether they are stories that hurt us, stories that shame

us or stories that we would like to pretend didn't happen," Tutu said.

She illustrated her claim by recalling the way South Africans handled the amnesty hearings during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Tutu said she was surprised at the number of perpetrators who lied during those hearings despite the offer the government gave them. Their incentive was amnesty in exchange for telling the truth and revealing which partisan forces were behind the

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Pennsylvania fire stymies firefighters



Firefighters in a ladder truck are dwarfed by flames at the Adhesives Research Corporation factory, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, in Glen Rock, Pa., that was sparked by a series of explosions. People who lived within three miles of the explosion were asked to remain indoors.

NC man still skating after 71 years



ASHEBORO, NC (AP)—Many 70-somethings stay active, but few lash wheels to their feet and take off rolling every chance they get like Ed Price.

"I love it," said Price, who turned 71 in November.

"I just enjoy it. My heart and soul's here. I could probably come here and skate all day and all night if they'd let me."

Price was taking a breather recently from skating at Roll-A-Bout Skating Rink in Asheboro. The resident of Mount Gilead in Montgomery County makes the 45-mile commute from his home at least three nights a week to the rink.

The folks at Roll-A-Bout let him in free because once he's on the floor, Price becomes an extra hand, helping oversee the mix of beginners and accomplished skaters making laps around the hardwood. He particularly likes mingling with the young people, who comprise the majority of the crowd.

He gives them skating tips if they want, but mostly he moves from person to person, from

group to group, simply chatting, sharing small talk interspersed with words of encouragement.

The youngsters call him "Grandpa."

It does not take a casual rink-side observer who does not know Price long to realize that he could not possibly have that many grandchildren.

"I love to be around young people," he said.

"I guess I'm more oriented to young people than I am to elderly people. Kids want to learn (to skate) but moms and dads don't have the time to do it. I hate to say it, but mothers and fathers are missing out on one of the best parts of their kid's life, when they're out here skating."

Price grew up in Columbia, SC, where his father was a textile worker. The family moved from mill village to mill village as the elder Price changed jobs, finally settling in Charlotte when Ed was just entering his teens.

Long before the move to North Carolina though, Price made his way to a skating rink for the first time. He was five when his parents took him. His father was not much of a skater and his mother was average. For some reason, he said, skating suited him.

"I think I just had a natural pickup in it. It came to me pretty easily," he said.

School did not come quite so easily to Price. He dropped out in the ninth grade and took a job with an errand service. Until he was old enough to get his license and drive a delivery truck, he carried packages on his bicycle. He delivered telegrams, too. He also earned money by selling newspapers on the square in downtown Charlotte.

But he never stopped skating.

He remembers skating in a tent a man periodically set up in Charlotte, but most of his skating

time was spent at the Queen City Roller Rink downtown.

"I went skating every night," he said.

"Every night the building was open, I was there and they only closed on Wednesday night."

He met his future wife, Betty, at a skating rink. For years, they were among a crowd that regularly gathered to skate. In those days, Price said, the music at the rink came from records spun on a phonograph turntable. Couples' skating was popular, with a fellow and his girl practicing to do dances such as the Waltz, the Two-Step and the Collegian.

After he and Betty married, he took a job working in the parts department for a Philco appliance distributor. But they kept skating and when the rink owner wanted to get out of the business, they wound up buying the Queen City rink.

The Prices ran it for 10 years. He worked by day at the parts counter, by night at the rink. The rink still was closed on Wednesday nights, but the Prices would go to their church and bring the church youth in buses and cars to skate for free. During that time, Price played a lot of team hockey on roller skates.

Skating was a mainstream pastime then and business was good. But the popularity of skating ebbs and flows, according to Price, as young people grow up and get away from it, then have children of their own and bring them to the rink.

About 10 years ago, the Prices sold their Charlotte home and property to a developer who later built a business center. They purchased land in a development near Mount Gilead and built a home. For nine years, he was part owner of a store called the Uwharrie Sportsman, but he sold that interest three years ago. Price

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Announcements

Irish Archaeology Lecture

John Bradley of the National University of Ireland-Monmouth will present "Archaeology and the End of Irish History" as part of the Medieval Irish History and Archaeology Lecture Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 in Flanagan 265.

Book Signing

Foreign language professor Steven Cerutti will hold a book signing for his book *Word of the Day: The Unlikely Evolution of College English* Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. The book was inspired by Cerutti's popular class on Greek and Latin Vocabulary Building (CLAS 1300). For more information, contact Steven Cerutti at 328-6031 or rutils@mail.ecu.edu

RHA Winter Trip

The Residence Hall Association is sponsoring a Winter Trip to the Jan. 27 Charlotte Bobcats vs. Miami Heat basketball game. Attendance is open to all students. The cost to attend is \$27 for students who live on campus and \$40 for commuting students. The price includes the cost of the basketball ticket and transportation. If interested, contact the RHA office at rha@mail.ecu.edu or 328-1679.

Communication Fraternity

Interested in communication? If so, Pi Kappa Delta, ECU's communication fraternity will be holding an information session Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multipurpose Room. Please visit pkd.com for more information.

Great Decisions Kicks Off

The Great Decisions program begins Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in 105A Rivers West. The topic is U.S.-Brazil Relations. The speaker is Dr. Thomas Da Costa, professor of national security affairs at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. The program is open to the public. There will be special food and a cultural display on Brazil. The cost for attending this and any individual session is \$15. The full eight-week program cost is \$69, which includes the Great Decisions book. Any full time student or teacher may attend free of charge. For more information, call 328-2349 or visit the Web site at ecu.edu/cs-acad/cpe/greatdecisions.cfm.

MLK Vigil and March

ECU will hold a candlelight vigil and march on College Hill at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A musical performance by professors Louise Toppin and Gerald Knight with Gregory Thompson of Johnson University, followed by selections from the Gospel Choir, the choir from the Immanuel Baptist Church and the choral students will follow at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact David Denard at 328-4363 or the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-6495.

Student Volunteer Projects

Students will be encouraged to participate in the MLK Day Volunteer Challenge Monday, Jan. 16. Volunteers will contribute to a daylong effort organized by ECU's Volunteer and Service Learning Center. Volunteer Venues include the Boys and Girls Club, Creating Cheer, Hope Lodge and the Marley Fund. Students will sign in at 8 a.m. in Mendenhall Student Center, attend a memorial at 9 a.m. and begin their volunteer projects at 9:45 a.m.

News Briefs

State

Report says state universities illegally limit free speech

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - Some public universities in the North Carolina system impose unconstitutional limits on freedom of speech, according to a report issued Tuesday. The report was issued by the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. "It's a public school system," Greg Lukianoff, interim president of the foundation, said at a news conference in the Legislative Building. "It's bound by the First Amendment." One example cited in the report was a prohibition by Fayetteville State University on vulgar language. Another example was the prohibition on "disrespect for persons" at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Elizabeth City State University would be the only school in the UNC system not criticized in the report.

The report called on the system to review the campus policies. Leslie Winner, vice president and general counsel for the university system, said the report would be examined carefully. "Open debate and free dialogue are hallmark values of the university system and we very, very rarely get any complaints that anyone feels their free speech rights are being infringed," said Winner. "We do have time, place and manner restrictions that say you can't have your protest on the classroom steps when people are trying to get in, but it never means you can't have your protest."

She questioned the need for the report and called it "a clear case of smoke with no fire."

NC rejects lone offer to operate State Fair midway

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - On Tuesday, North Carolina agriculture

department officials rejected the lone offer to operate the State Fair midway for the next three years, saying the unexpectedly low bid was unacceptable.

"The State Fair has several options, and we're confident that the solution we choose will result in a successful fair," state Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler said in a statement. Earlier in the day, Wade Shows of Spring Hill, Fla., the operator of last year's fair, offered to pay the state \$3 for each paid admission to the 2006 State Fair - about half of the \$5.915 it paid last year. About 643,000 people paid to attend last year's fair and overall attendance was about 796,000.

The state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services had requested bids for a three-year contract instead of the one-year deals it offered from 2003 to 2005. Officials believed that midway operators would be more likely to bid on a three-year contract because it offered more stability.

Ron Weber, the Wade Shows spokesman who entered the bid, said before the rejection that he believed the bid was fair and that previous offers for the state's business were unusually high. He did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment after the state rejected the bid.

National

Air Force, rockers use same earplug technology

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - The same kind of earplugs sold to Def Leppard, the Moody Blues, Nine Inch Nails and other rock bands are starting to be used by U.S. military pilots to protect hearing, muffle cockpit noise and ease communications.

Unlike commercial aircraft, military planes usually have no insulation in the cockpit to help muffle engine and wind noise. And the fans that cool cockpit equipment can be loud.

The new earplugs originally were developed for aircraft maintenance workers who often had to stand next to deafening jet engines.

"The pilots got jealous," said John Hall, audio engineer in the Air Force Research Lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The lab has been working on the plugs with two private contractors: Manufactured Assemblies Corp. of Dayton and Westone Laboratories Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The earplugs are similar to ones Westone sells to rock bands, said Karl Cartwright, head of new product development for the company. Musicians use the plugs not only to protect their hearing, but also to hear the sounds of the individual instruments and voices more clearly. The new plugs are made of silicon, with speakers implanted inside. Each plug is designed to fit the ears of individual pilots and have small vents that relieve pressure created with changes in altitude that can rupture eardrums.

About 300 pilots and maintenance workers are using the new plugs, he said. They cost more than \$200 a pair, while the old foam plugs cost a tiny fraction of that and are thrown away after use.

Schwarzenegger vows to update driver's license after police determine he was riding illegally

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vowed to update his driver's license after police determined he had been riding his Harley Davidson illegally when he got into a minor accident over the weekend.

Schwarzenegger "will move forward to get the appropriate endorsement," the governor's spokeswoman, Margita Thompson, said Tuesday, two days after the accident that left him with 15 stitches in his upper lip. Police did not cite the governor because they arrived after the

accident. Officers referred their findings to the city attorney's office, which will determine whether Schwarzenegger should be cited for an infraction.

Schwarzenegger's 12-year-old son, Patrick, was riding in the sidecar during the accident but was not injured. Both Schwarzenegger and his son were wearing helmets.

Schwarzenegger said he had a motorcycle license when he lived in Europe but never considered obtaining another one after he immigrated to the United States in 1988. "I just never really applied for it," he said.

World

U.S., Australia says businesses will cut greenhouse gas emissions voluntarily

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The United States and Australia insisted Wednesday at the opening of a two-day climate change conference that industry leaders can be relied upon to voluntarily slash emissions blamed for heating the earth's atmosphere. The Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate brought together senior ministers from the United States, Australia, Japan, China, South Korea and India, along with executives from energy and resource firms.

The countries with 45 percent of the world's population account for nearly half of the world's gross domestic product, energy consumption and global greenhouse gas emissions, the Australian government said.

Environmentalists have branded the meeting a stunt to divert attention from the U.S. and Australian governments' refusal to sign the Kyoto Protocol, which legally binds countries to targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 2012.

The United States is the world's biggest greenhouse-gas emitter by volume. Australia is the top producer of greenhouse gases per capita, according to the Australia Institute.

an environmental think tank. Canberra and Washington say industry will regulate itself without specific targets or taxes on the amount of carbon they pump into the atmosphere.

Global warming has been blamed for rising sea levels and increasingly frequent extreme weather, like the hurricanes that lashed the United States last year.

Three Chechens charged with killing U.S. journalist plead not guilty

MOSCOW (AP) - Three ethnic Chechens charged in connection with the 2004 slaying of an American journalist pleaded not guilty Tuesday as their secret trial began in Moscow City Court.

Paul Klebnikov, the editor of *Forbes* magazine's Russian edition, was gunned down outside the magazine's Moscow offices in July 2004 in one of the highest-profile slayings in the country in recent years.

Prosecutors say Khatz-Akhmed Nukhbayev ordered a former separatist minister in Russia's conflict-torn Chechnya, who was the subject of a critical book by Klebnikov titled *Conversations with a Barbarian*. The killer Nukhbayev remains at large.

"Not one of the accused pleaded guilty - all declared their innocence of all charges," said defense lawyer Ruslan Khasanov, who represents suspect Kazbek Dukuzov. Dukuzov and Musa Vakhaev are charged with the shooting.

A third suspect, Fai Sadretdinov, faces charges of attempted murder and organizing the criminal group alleged to have killed Klebnikov. Lawyers suggested that prosecutors mainly have accused Sadretdinov, a notary, of making introductions.

Many observers have cast skepticism on the official account of the motives, suggesting that anger over Klebnikov's work for *Forbes* was most likely the motive for the killing. They say the U.S. journalist may have made enemies while investigating corruption and the murky post-Soviet business world.

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Apartheid brutalities. "I was amazed at how people would lie," Tutu said.

However, Tutu eventually realized that Apartheid criminals were becoming dehumanized. She told a story of Eugene De Kock, former Apartheid death squad leader, who confessed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. De Kock was nicknamed "prime evil" because of how brutally he tortured people. De Kock told the commission he had to "split himself." He was a churchgoer, a father and a husband but he was also a callous torturer.

She considered the dilemma racists and torturers had to be a problem with a duality of persons and that by the time the TRC hearings came about, people had to integrate those two sides and realize they were one in the

same. "It was the same person who went to church on Sunday and on the same mission, went to burn bodies," Tutu said.

The exposure of the Apartheid crimes led to shame and apologies.

"They realized to reclaim their humanity, it was not enough to tell the truth," Tutu said.

Tutu finished her lecture by providing assertions on how history should be understood by people.

"History is not something you learn to be proud," Tutu said.

While teaching at the University of Hartford, Tutu could not believe the number of students who expressed interest in learning about slavery in depth for the first time. She criticized high school history books for trying

to merely be "proud of history" and that people are ashamed of the slavery too much to learn about it.

"Why is it that slavery is only a paragraph long?" Tutu said.

Tutu described how she first learned of King when her parents made her go to church during the middle of the night when King was killed. She originally wondered why someone in South Africa should care about a man who died in another country. At that point, her parents spoke with her about King's legacy.

Her speech was part of this year's MLK memorial observances and will be complemented by a candlelight vigil Monday, Jan. 16 at the top of College Hill at 6 p.m.

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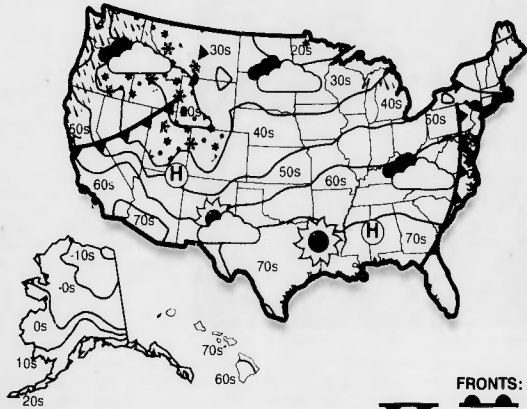
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National weather

The Wunderground.com forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 12

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



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Eastern Storm Departs, Pacific Storm Arrives Northwest

The eastern storm will lift northeast, departing the New England Thursday morning. This will bring the wet weather to an end across the Northeast. A storm system will slam into the Pacific Northwest in the afternoon, bringing another round of rain and mountain snow.

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used to travel to Albemarle to skate, but for about a year and a half he has called Roll-A-Bout his skating home.

On the floor, he glides gracefully, as if floating on air. Occasionally, he lifts one skate off the floor and skates on the other with the ease of one who's done it thousands of times.

He can skate backward with similar style, but doesn't care for it, and says that he's used inline skates, those new-fangled skates featuring several wheels in a single row, but does not care for them either, preferring traditional quad skates with four wheels, two behind two.

When he is skating, Price appears as fit as the young people he enjoys working with.

"I stay that way, I guess, because I keep doing it," he said.

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GM plans to lower prices on 57 of 76 N. American models



A GM dealer is placing a new price tag on a car for sale.

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp., which has been losing market share in the United States to Asian automakers, said Tuesday that it will lower the prices on 57 of its 76 models in North America in an effort to boost its sliding market share and wean buyers off expensive incentives.

Mark LaNeve, vice president of sales and marketing for the world's biggest automaker, told reporters that the program will lower the manufacturer's suggested retail price by as much as \$2,500 on some vehicles, but the average decrease will be \$1,300.

"We want it to be crystal clear that with or without incentives you're getting a great price," said LaNeve, who planned to announce the deal later Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show.

GM will lower prices on all

Chevrolet, Buick and GMC vehicles and most Pontiac vehicles starting Wednesday, LaNeve said. Saab, Saturn and Hummer will be excluded because GM feels they are already priced appropriately, he said.

LaNeve said GM believes it will make money despite the markdowns because it has new products coming to market, and it will be spending less per vehicle on incentives, which have sometimes topped \$4,000 per vehicle.

"Bottom line, we think this is the right thing to do for our business," LaNeve said. GM's sales dropped five percent in 2005 despite popular employee-pricing discounts last summer.

GM shares edged up a penny to \$22.57 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Under the new pricing plan, a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe will have

an MSRP of \$33,990 for a model with a 5.8-liter, V-8 engine. That is \$2,000 below the 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe even though the new Tahoe offers better fuel economy, Chevrolet General Manager Ed Peper said.

GM said the new pricing will make it easier for consumers to compare GM vehicles with their competitors on the Internet, where two-thirds of car shoppers are now doing research. High incentive spending had made it more difficult for consumers to figure out the price of a vehicle.

Peper said the 2007 Chevrolet Impala LS will sell for \$20,990, or \$1,000 less than the previous model. A comparable Toyota Camry sells for \$23,320, while a comparable Honda Accord sells for \$25,650, Peper said.

GM has been struggling for years to overcome negative perceptions about the quality of its vehicles. LaNeve said the company would be introducing aggressive new ads that invite buyers to compare their vehicles to any others on the market.

GM also has struggled trying to get away from expensive incentives that it launched after the Sept. 11 attacks. Incentives like last summer's employee-discount plan have led to big short-term sales gains, but they have hurt the company's image because they can cheapen the brand image and hurt resale values.

LaNeve said incentives won't go away entirely, but the company plans to use them sparingly.

"That's just part of the automotive landscape," LaNeve said.

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Our View

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day more than a day off from school

Our first full week of the spring semester is almost over and everyone is remembering all of the fun they had and the relaxation they deserved over their holiday breaks. A gaze into the not too distant future reveals that next week is not another full week of school. We all have Monday, Jan. 16 off from school to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While this means only two editions of *TEC* next week and another day off from school, many students seem to forget the true reasons we honor Dr. King every year.

It is difficult to reflect on the reasons for a holiday if you do not know much about the person it is honoring, so here is a brief history lesson. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. As a child, King attended segregated Georgia schools and graduated from high school at the age of 15, going on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morehouse College, an African-American institution in Atlanta. He then went on to act as a co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He then went on to earn his doctorate from Boston University, and was later offered a pastoral position at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Throughout his time in Alabama, King continued to progress with the civil rights movement, not only to help African-American people, but also for the advancement of other minorities and women. He made many famous speeches, wrote many famous books and campaigned for many great political leaders.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have earned the Nobel Peace Prize. Rather than keep the money for himself, King donated his \$54,123 to civil rights efforts around the country.

On April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., King was assassinated at the age of 39. The Internet can be a great resource for more information about his accomplishments, a way to listen to some of his speeches or to just find out a little more about his life. A simple "Google" search of his name will bring thousands of Web sites to the surface, ranging from why he should be celebrated in a more appropriate way to why the day in his honor should no longer exist. The fact remains, however, that African Americans, women and other minorities in this country would not be where they are today without his non-violent efforts.

On Monday, Jan. 16, don't just enjoy the day off from school - look around you and think about how much different this country could be if King had not sacrificed himself for the good of others. Think about how you, at the beginning of this New Year, could dedicate a part of yourself and your time to make our University, community, state, country or world a better place. It is quite evident that one person truly can make a difference. Why not be the next person to have a national holiday dedicated to them?

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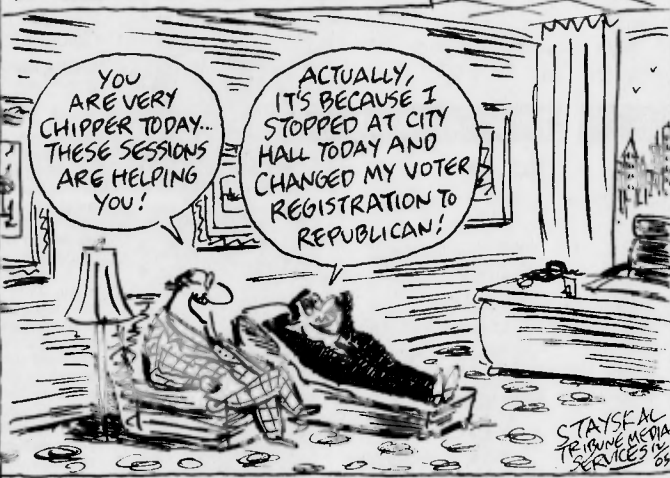
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Opinion Columnist

Birds of a feather, are you an omen?

I had my head in the cloud, and I saw birds

BENJAMIN CORMACK
CASUAL OBSERVER

For those of you who made it past your first fall semester to your first spring semester, congratulations - from here on it should be a little bit easier. At least, that's how it has been for me. Unfortunately, I don't always feel that way at the beginning. However, I can say two things that I would consider to be fortunate: (1) out of the eight semesters I've spent here at ECU, I've only had one that I would consider a bad one, and (2) I had an omen of good will on Monday.

If you saw a guy in a black Harley Davidson shirt staring up at the sky near Mendenhall student center, that was me. I was too enthralled in what I saw in the sky to really care what others were thinking. As I was walking to lunch Monday at about 10 minutes to noon, I saw this huge bird soaring at least 30 feet in the air. I've seen big birds flying over campus before, but only a few times - so some of you can probably imagine why I wanted to appreciate the moment. Then I saw two more up even higher in the air, then later two more off in the distance over downtown. I stood there for at least 20 minutes, watching one swoop over my head while the others were flying around central campus and downtown.

Come to think of it, I had another weird bird experience while I was at home over the holidays. I was at my dentist's office for a checkup. It

was around lunch time, so the doors were locked. Instead of waiting inside the exterior waiting room, which is about the size of a closet or armoire here on campus, I decided to wait outside. I remember I was wishing that I had brought my mp3 player when I noticed a rather large bird perched on a tree across the street from where I was. Suddenly, he took off from the branch flew straight toward me. I could have sworn that he was looking at me dead on, and his eyes felt like they were piercing right through me. I was so surprised that I couldn't move. It flew right past me, coming within at least three feet of me and over the roof of the building.

Have you ever heard of augurs? In ancient Rome, augurs were priests or officials who read the flight patterns of birds and interpreted them as omens or messages from the gods. In fact, the very origin of Rome is slightly based in augury. According to the story, Romulus and Remus, twin sons of the war god Mars/Ares, were trying to decide where to build their city. They decided to settle this by testing each other's ability as an augur. Each took a seat where they wanted to found their city. Remus saw six vultures, while Romulus saw 12. This meant they would build their city where Romulus wanted. Angered by his loss to Romulus, Remus began ridiculing and obstructing his brother's work. Finally, Remus leapt across the trench Romulus had dug, an omen of bad luck which implied a city that was easily breached. This angered Romulus, and he immediately

slew his brother. Romulus named the city Rome, after himself, and became its first king.

I'm not planning to build a city any time soon, and even if I was I don't think I'd be willing to slay anybody to do it. For me, I guess these experiences are just about appreciating the world around me. What I don't understand is how no one else seemed to care or notice what was going on in both of my situations. The only time I've seen any of those kinds of birds is out a car window while driving down the highway or at the zoo. It's one of those things that you don't see every day, and it bugs the heck out of me when no one else notices these kinds of things. I mean, when I was out there Monday, it seemed like no one else even noticed what was going on. When I was at my dentist's office, no one else saw the bird. I guess what this is really about is that I wish people could have felt the same thing I did when I saw those birds.

This whole experience was capped-off on my way back from lunch. I noticed a feather on the ground as I was walking. When I looked at it closer, it appeared to be from one of the birds I had seen. While I don't want to go into specific details, seeing these birds has given me a sense of confidence to pursue something. They also make me feel like this is going to be an interesting semester. I guess that's kind of what omens do. For those of you who may have not have seen the birds, I hope that I have in some way passed my own feelings of this experience that give you hope for a great semester.

In My Opinion

(KRT) — You can do a lot of things when December rolls around and temperatures plunge. But would you hold an international conference on global warming?

The United Nations did. It recently hosted a gathering of all the countries that have signed on to the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty aimed at preventing global warming. Some 10,000 people traveled to Montreal for the conference. It was predictably cold outside, but there was plenty of hot rhetoric indoors. Unfortunately for the delegates, the speakers could never quite agree what we're up against.

While most Kyoto enthusiasts have long argued the planet is getting warmer, a recent report in the journal *Nature* hints that a new ice age may be on the way. The report says the ocean current that keeps Europe warm may be shifting, which could make the continent cooler. But no matter what, the worrywarts have the future covered. Steven Guilbeault of Greenpeace explained, "Global warming can mean colder. It can mean drier, it can mean wetter, that's what we're dealing with." No wonder humanity is having trouble addressing the problems - we can't even decide what the problems are.

However, activists can agree on who's to blame: The United States, of course.

Another Greenpeace spokesman, Bill Hare, told reporters, "When you walk around the conference hall here, delegates are saying there are lots of issues

on the agenda, but there's only one real problem, and that's the United States."

It makes a nice soundbite and certainly plays to the anti-American crowd, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, the United States refused to ratify Kyoto. President Clinton never even submitted the treaty to the Senate, perhaps because senators had already voted 95-0 to reject any pact that would reduce economic growth - something Kyoto certainly would do. President Bush eventually put the treaty out of his misery in 2001.

But that hasn't kept Washington from leading a serious international effort to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions. Just last summer, the United States announced the Asia-Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate Change. This group includes Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and the United States. The State Department says the group will "cooperate on the development, diffusion, deployment and transfer of longer-term transformational energy technologies that will promote economic growth while enabling significant reductions in greenhouse gas intensities."

That's critical for two reasons. First, because China and India are among the world's biggest polluters, any treaty that aims to reduce pollution is going to have to include them. Yet both were exempt from Kyoto.

Second, any attempt to control global warming will fail unless it also encourages global

economic growth. As British Prime Minister Tony Blair put it in September, "the blunt truth about the politics of climate change is that no country will want to sacrifice its economy in order to meet this challenge."

Most European Union countries that signed the treaty are seeing carbon-dioxide emissions increase and realize they have no way to meet their obligations under Kyoto. Some, including host nation Canada, have seen emissions climb more quickly than they are in the United States.

That doesn't seem to bother some participants. "We need much deeper cuts beyond 2012," the European Union Commission's director general for the environment said after the conference wrapped up. But that ignores the fact that most European countries are already failing to live up to Kyoto. How could they make deeper cuts than the ones they're not making now? Blair's approach, and the one the U.S. advocates, is the correct one. We can do good by doing well.

A certain amount of humility is in order here. With all our scientific advances, we can barely predict what the weather will be tomorrow, let alone forecast what will happen 50 years from now.

What we do know is that as a country becomes more affluent, it becomes cleaner. So the best way to protect the earth is to skip the big U.N. conferences, which certainly do produce a concentrated mass of hot air, and focus on keeping the global economy hot.

Pirate Rant

To whoever made the comment about leaving parties because of "loud, annoying, drunk freshmen girls" - not all of them are freshmen, and not all freshmen girls do that, just the ones that think it's the cool thing to do to act totally plastered and for an excuse to get all over some guy. Don't stereotype all freshmen girls like that.

To the girl who is complaining about parking and is comparing it to 2000 when she was here... graduate! If you would, maybe I could use your vacated spot... honestly, who doesn't graduate in six years?!

Just wanted to inform some of the students looking for jobs in the rants section that we have some student jobs available at the Laupus Health Sciences Library on the Brody campus. Apply online at hsl.ecu.edu.

Just wanted to say thanks to the guy who stood with me in line in the bookstore yesterday. Even though you called me a Yankee ... the wait wasn't as bad!

Thanks to whoever it was who was throwing the frozen fruit at Tyler Hall last night and broke a window ... pretty sweet! Way to make Tyler even dirtier than it already is!

Just because the football team had two down years doesn't mean people still didn't come to our games. You have probably never been to a soccer game because the only people who go are the parents and friends of the players. The soccer team did not bring in any revenue and had a terrible season. The football team at least brought money to the school that you are currently attending!

With the wind blowing through my hair, I feel like such a supermodel walking through Wright Plaza.

Here's an opinion for Daniel Brock: Take a grammar class.

Guess what? WZMB isn't coming back as cool as before. It is going to suck now. They need someone better to run that station!

The soccer team got cut because they didn't win and didn't make any money. The football team brings in millions for the university, has a great tradition and was much improved this year.

If Marcus Vick cannot act professional in college football, how can he act professional in the NFL? Get some class.

When is *TEC* going to understand the area it should be covering? Wednesday's paper had a front page with no ECU-related news and much less inside. It is not your job to cover the world - there are other free papers on campus to cover that! Cover ECU!

Just so you know, just because a guy kisses a girl it doesn't mean that he necessarily likes her. It's a little more complicated than that. Why don't you write your own funny pirate rants instead of replying to other people? No one asked for your opinion.

How are we supposed to know if we want to drop a class or not after going to it twice?

So, it's January, and weather.com just informed me that it will be in the 70s for the next two days! Ah, this is just madness ... but I love it!

It's one thing if a man gets out of a car and pulls an umbrella from behind the driver seat because it's pouring and uses it outside or if a man leaves a building or classroom and notices it's raining and retrieves a black umbrella from his book sack. But it is quite another, on a sunny day, with a 30 percent chance of rain, for a man to be holding a three foot long purple umbrella "just in case" it sprinkles.

I hate people who say they are going to graduate this semester when they know that there is no way it will happen.

I went to the same high school as both Marcus and Michael Vick and they are rude and selfish. The school never made it past the first play-off game and they went once in the years they were there. Why do people like them?

The celebrity profile of Heath Ledger in Wednesday's *TEC* failed to mention that if you want to see *Brokeback Mountain*, you have to take a two hour road trip to Durham and its independent theater because Carmike sucks!

Don't take the elevator to the second floor, walk your lazy self up there. In most cases, it takes less time to walk to the second floor than wait for the elevator, anyway.

Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

Campus Confessions:

My boyfriend and I got caught fooling around in the Wright Place fountain.

Whenever my roommate leaves the room, I go through all of her stuff. What can I say? I don't want her doing anything I don't know about.

When I take the elevator at my dorm if the door closes to go up or down and I hear someone coming, I hit the door closed button rather than door open. I don't want to be crowded.

I love picking up girls while I'm at the library. I also love making out with them in the central stacks.

I have a crush on my roommate's boyfriend.

I wore one of my roommate's shirts downtown Friday. I then proceeded to spill beer all over it. Oops. My bad.

I've "recycled" the same paper for five different classes. So much for hard work.

I ate bird poop one time on a dare.

I have a crush on my neighbor.

I never told anyone, but I love Britney Spears' music.

I know that my best friend's boyfriend is cheating on her and I know who it is with... me.

To submit your campus confessions, either send an e-mail to features@theeastcarolinian.com or visit theeastcarolinian.com and click on "Features Fold." All submissions will be anonymous when sent through our Web site.

Top 5s:

Movies

1. *Hostel*
2. *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
3. *King Kong*
4. *Fun With Dick and Jane*
5. *Cheaper by the Dozen 2*

Music

1. Eminem
2. Carrie Underwood
3. Various Artists
4. Bo Diddley
5. Kenny Chesney

TV

1. "CSI"
2. "NFL Monday Night Football"
3. "NFL Monday Night Showcase"
4. "CSI: Miami"
5. "The OC"

Random Reminders:

Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the RBC Center, the Carolina Hurricanes played an incredible game against the Detroit Red Wings. To make it better, before the Ottawa Senators won their Tuesday night game, the Carolina Hurricanes were first in the NHL. What can spoil a great night of hockey? Rude and inconsiderate fans. Everyone knows that sporting event parking lots are tough to deal with. Everyone is anxious to get out of there to go celebrate their team winning, but it is physically impossible for there to be no waiting. Because ECU has many large sporting events of its own, the Features staff thought it was important to remind students about a few manners that their parents may or may not have taught them.

1. The rule in parking lots is one for one. If someone is nice enough to let you out in front of them, you should wave to thank them and then do the same for the next person who needs to get out. This is not only polite, but it helps the traffic flow and makes getting out of the parking lot much less stressful.

2. If someone is pulled over on the side of the road because their car is broken down or they are getting some kind of ticket, move over a lane if possible. Not only is it rude, it is against the law to hit a law enforcement officer on the side of the road. If you were the one trying to change your tire or attempting to convince the State Trooper that you were not going 110 in a 55, then you would appreciate it if people didn't come so close, wouldn't you?

3. When a lane is ending and there are people who have to merge, it is rude to purposely cut them off. Everyone has been there. You are in a new town and you didn't know the right lane ends. You check your blind spot to see if you can get over and there is a car that just will not let you merge.

Those are just a few of the things that Features thinks ECU students and faculty need to remember at any and all sporting events. Not only should you be polite at sporting events, but also in your every day life.

And the Golden Globe nominees are...

Nominations in major movie categories; awards to be presented Jan. 16, 2006:

Drama

Best movie

- "Brokeback Mountain"
- "The Constant Gardener"
- "Good Night, and Good Luck"
- "A History of Violence"
- "Match Point"

Best actress

- Maria Bello
"A History of Violence"
- Felicity Huffman
"Transamerica"
- Gwyneth Paltrow
"Proof"
- Charlize Theron
"North Country"
- Ziyi Zhang
"Memoirs of a Geisha"

Best actor

- Russell Crowe
"Cinderella Man"
- Philip Seymour Hoffman
"Capote"
- Terrence Howard
"Hustle & Flow"
- Heath Ledger
"Brokeback Mountain"
- David Strathairn
"Good Night, and Good Luck"

Musical or comedy

Best movie

- "Mrs. Henderson Presents"
- "Pride & Prejudice"
- "The Producers"
- "The Squid and the Whale"
- "Walk the Line"

Best actress

- Judi Dench
"Mrs. Henderson Presents"
- Keira Knightley
"Pride & Prejudice"
- Laura Linney
"The Squid and the Whale"
- Sarah Jessica Parker
"The Family Stone"
- Reese Witherspoon
"Walk the Line"

Best actor

- Pierce Brosnan
"The Matador"
- Jeff Daniels
"The Squid and the Whale"
- Johnny Depp
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
- Nathan Lane
"The Producers"
- Cillian Murphy
"Breakfast on Pluto"
- Joaquin Phoenix



What are the Golden Globes?

■ Awarded by a group of about 90 foreign magazine and newspaper journalists

■ Give an early indication of leaders for the Academy Awards

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Golden Globe Awards

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

The 63rd Golden Globe Awards are just around the corner and many of you are probably wondering not only who is going to win but who is even nominated. The telecast of the awards will come to viewers live from the Beverly Hilton Monday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.

Best Motion Picture-Drama nominations include *Brokeback Mountain*, *The Constant Gardener*, *Good Night and Good Luck*, *A History of Violence*, and *Matchpoint*. The clear winner will be *Brokeback Mountain* if you consider the fact that it has more nominations than any other film, with seven. However, there could be a surprise win from one of the other less-publicized films.

Maria Bello (*A History of Violence*), Felicity Huffman (*Transamerica*), Gwyneth Paltrow (*Proof*), Charlize Theron (*North Country*) and Ziyi Zhang (*Memoirs of a Geisha*) are the ladies nominated for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama. Zhang is the only newcomer of the bunch - all of the other women have been nominated in the past.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama nominees are Russell Crowe (*Cinderella Man*), Philip Seymour Hoffman (*Capote*), Terrance Howard (*Hustle and Flow*), Heath Ledger (*Brokeback Mountain*) and David Strathairn (*Good Night, Good Luck*). Crowe is the only man of this group who has been previously nominated.

Mrs. Henderson Presents, *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Producers*, *The Squid and the Whale*, and *Walk the Line* are the nominees for Best Motion Picture-Musical or Comedy. There isn't a clear preference in this category. However, I have to hold out hope that one of my favorite movies of the year, *Pride and Prejudice*, will win.

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture-Musical or Comedy nominees are Judi Dench (*Mrs. Henderson Presents*), Keira Knightley (*Pride*

and *Prejudice*), Laura Linney (*The Squid and the Whale*), Sarah Jessica Parker (*The Family Stone*) and Reese Witherspoon (*Walk the Line*). Parker is a clear favorite considering she's won four out of seven nominations. However, they were for her role on the television series "Sex in the City" rather than a movie.

Pierce Brosnan (*The Matador*), Jeff Daniels (*The Squid and the Whale*), Johnny Depp (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*), Cillian Murphy (*Breakfast on Pluto*) and Joaquin Phoenix (*Walk the Line*) are the men nominated for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Musical or Comedy. Depp has won four out of five nominations - Murphy is the only one of the group to receive his first nomination.

Receiving nominations for Best Director are Woody Allen (*Matchpoint*), George Clooney (*Good Night and Good Luck*), Peter Jackson (*King Kong*), Ang Lee (*Brokeback Mountain*), Fernando Meirelles (*The Constant Gardener*) and Steven Spielberg (*Munich*). Spielberg has won only two out of 10 nominations, leaving this category open to all nominees.

The Cecil B. DeMille Award is the show's most prestigious award, honoring one person each year who has had a major impact on the world of entertainment. This year Anthony Hopkins, a six-time Golden Globe nominee, is set to receive the award.

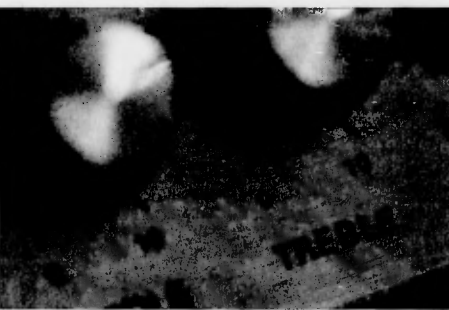
This year the Golden Globe Awards will air in more than 150 countries. One of the things that makes these awards different from the Academy Awards is that it includes both movies and television shows. Don't forget to tune in to NBC next Monday to see if your favorites win.

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Golden Globes

Awards will be presented on NBC at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16

For more information, visit: thegoldenglobes.com



No matter how you tune it, music from 1976 is far superior to today's hits.

Musical spirit of 1976

Those were the good 'ole days

DANIEL BROCK
STAFF WRITER

I continually bemoan the state of modern music. I despise rap music, Green Day is a bunch of hacks and emo kids just bring me down. The incoherent mumbling of Fifty Cent, the grating screams of Thursday and the rudimentary chords of Gavin Rossdale leave me wondering what happened to eight minute guitar solos and strutting front men. Give me Bad Company ahead of Bad Religion and Led Zeppelin instead of Lloyd Banks. I don't know why music is terrible and why people's musical taste is terrible, but it certainly wasn't that way in 1976.

There weren't just a few good albums in 1976 - there was a plethora. And while 1976 wasn't the monster that some years earlier in the decade were, it still held its own. Let's take a look back at some of 1976's biggest hits. Peter Frampton - *Frampton Comes Alive*. Hands down the greatest live album ever, this record epitomizes 1970s rock. Rock, ballads and pop are all crafted perfectly, and the three big hits "Baby, I Love Your Way," "Show Me the Way" and "Do You Feel Like We Do?" were a perfect soundtrack to the centennial summer.

AC/DC - *High Voltage*. As the mellow sounds of Frampton wafted across parks and parades, Bon Scott and crew

came thunderin' from down under. With Malcolm and Angus Young shredding guitars and a drummer pounding his kit with tree trunks, the Australian quintet was indeed electric. This record is TNT, dynamite.

Stevie Wonder *Songs in the Key of Life*. Stevie Wonder's high water mark was a breathtaking effort in scope. The double LP's range of style and mood shows a vision that makes up for his lack of sight. Hit's like "Isn't She Lovely" were weighted by cold tunes like "Village Ghetto Land." Coolio even based his song "Gangsta's Paradise" on "Past Time Paradise."

Tom Petty and the Heart Breakers - *Tom Petty and the Heart Breakers*. This record continues to be a classic. Upon its release, this record was well received by... well, everyone. "Breakdown" and "American Girl" are poetic garage-rock music. Using different guitar styles of the day and a rocking attitude, Tom Petty and Co. established themselves as a band of the future.

Fleetwood Mac - *Fleetwood Mac*. When the remaining members of Fleetwood Mac joined forces with Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks, few knew the fireworks that would ensue. With three tremendous songwriters, a searing guitarist and a solid rhythm section, not to mention the sultry Nicks, the Mac lit the fuse on an explosive career to come.

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Top 10 albums of 2005 that you probably haven't heard

DJ White Fang weighs in on the best releases of last year on WZMB

JOHN BOSCO
STAFF WRITER

As a disc jockey (you may know me as DJ White Fang) at ECU's student radio station, WZMB 91.3, the most important thing to me is exposing listeners to something new they maybe would have never found otherwise. As a collaboration between TEC and WZMB, that's the trend I'll be following with this column throughout the semester - exposing you to artists outside the mainstream and giving you an idea of what we're up to at WZMB.

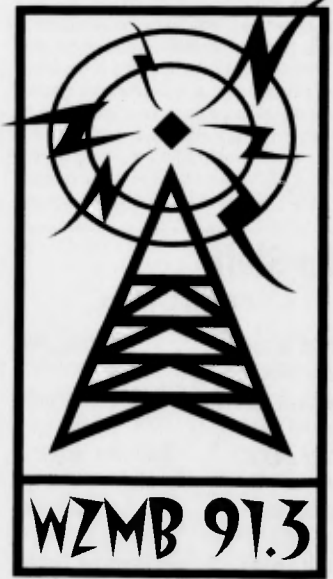
Since this is the first column, I figure the best place to start is with last year, so I've rounded up my personal favorite top 10 albums from 2005 that might have missed your radar but deserve a good listen.

1. Sufjan Stevens - *Illinois*. As a part of his goal to create an album for each state, Sufjan Stevens released *Illinois* last year and awed the critics. The release places an emphasis on Stevens' amazing falsetto, and the musical arrangements perfectly embody the lyrics that eerily look into the mind of John Wayne Gacy, Jr., solemnly stand at someone's hospital bed, and celebrate the invention of the Ferris wheel.

2. The Mars Volta - *Frances the Mute*. Hailed by many as the second coming of prog-rock and drawing comparisons to Led Zeppelin and Rush, *Frances the Mute* caught a lot of flack for its five tracks divided into strange movements that clock in at more than 70 minutes total. But with a good listen, you'll uncover some amazing solos, tight drumming, excellent vocal range and a sound that really brings music back to a place where it needs to head - somewhere different.

3. The Decemberists - *Picaresque*. This album is the Decemberists' most accomplished album to date, and front man Colin Meloy's amazing storytelling ability shines through on nearly every track. Not only are the lyrics and stories created easy to appreciate, the music will have you dancing in your seat and the vocal harmonies leave you humming the tunes even before you know any of the lyrics.

4. The Fiery Furnaces - *EP*. A personal favorite band of mine, the Fiery Furnaces showcase their musical abilities here. Brother and sister combo Eleanor and Matt Friedberger compose amazing pop tunes chock full of keyboards, synthesizers and creative guitar riffs. The lyrics are creative and flow like poetry while the music makes you want to get up and move.



5. Antony and the Johnsons - *I am a Bird Now*. Antony's voice is the focal point of this album, and his multi-octave range and heavy vibrato are a refreshing sound for the mellow tone this album achieves. The melancholy yet beautiful songs feature appearances from Culture Club member Boy George, Rufus Wainwright and Devendra Banhart.

6. Spoon - *Gimme Fiction*. Listen to (and enjoy) "I Turn My Camera On." I don't think I have to say more than that. This entire album is fun and energetic, yet reserved and mysterious.

7. Every Time I Die - *Gutter Phenomenon*. If hardcore music is your thing, this is the best release of the year. *Gutter Phenomenon* expands on the band's previous masterpiece of an album, *Hot Damn!*, but puts more emphasis on rocking and not caring and less on being a part of "the scene." From the guitar riffs to the vocal screeches to the rhythms the percussion section achieve, this album brings a fresh sound to typical hardcore.

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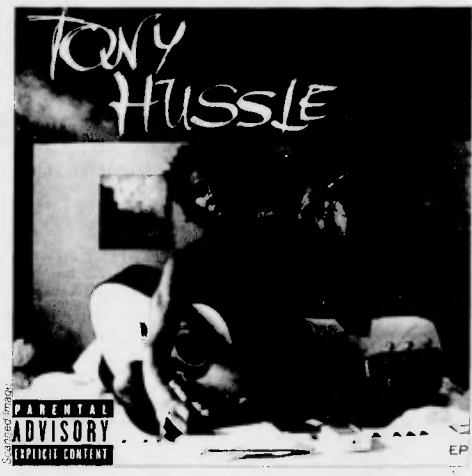


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Tony Hussle's 'divinely inspired' sexy, freaky, electric tanks album



Hussle's full-length album preview fails to impress

JOHN BOSCO
STAFF WRITER

If the Warner Brothers Records press release about Tony Hussle is to be taken seriously, then everyone needs to stop buying Warner Brothers music. The opening sentence of the press release reads, "It wouldn't be much of a stretch to suggest that Tony Hussle was the second coming of the funk."

For anyone who can actually hear, it would be too much of a stretch.

Some have hailed Tony Hussle as a modern blend of Jimi Hendrix, Prince and DeVante Swing, but it's in this description that Hussle fails to live up to.

The seven song EP *Sexy, Freaky, Electric* is a sample of tracks from his upcoming full-length release of the same title in March. The biggest problem with the release is that it fails to deliver anything exciting and the brief sections of impressive musical arrangements are overshadowed by goofy lyrics that don't deliver.

The opening track is a spoken word introduction featuring his mother, who describes Hussle's beginnings in music as a young kid involved with the church choir director and persistent on

playing (she humorously mentions that his feet couldn't reach the pedals on the organ, so he played piano). This track lasts for a little over a minute and leads you to believe maybe the album won't be so bad.

It isn't until you dive into the second track, "Come Again," and its trite lyrics that make it hard to take the music seriously. From this track on, the only subject tackled on the EP is sex, sex and more sex. Lines like, "Hold up girl, I gotta go to the bathroom," are confusingly placed in his first person account of making a girl well ... you heard the title.

The lyrics from the second track only become more and more difficult to take seriously. They flow more like a pubescent boy's private diary about his first crush than anything substantial or inspired. The big problem is this so-called "revolution-

ary funk" isn't challenging or interesting, but the music wouldn't be so bad if it weren't for the lyrics.

"In This House," the album's third track, is about making love in his house with his girl before work. "Special" continues the trend of ridiculousness with lines like, "You're so special/special like a baby's first steps/special like the first time you have sex."

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8. Thunderbirds are Now! - *Justamustache*. Without a doubt, one of the best all around albums this year. An energetic release led by vocalist Ryan Allen's amazing range (sounds like a girl) and guitar that hits hard and similar to Le Tigre and Les Savy Fav, this album features amazing basslines that punch and synth parts that wail.

9. Sleater-Kinney - *The Woods*. Sleater-Kinney has been releasing good music for a while now, and *The Woods* is no exception. Amazing fem rock with vocal shrieks that will pierce your eardrums and leave you awestruck, this album seems like it looks to the past for inspiration, to a time when the Pretenders ruled and before the indie music scene became so

exclusive. Try the tracks "Wilderness" or "The Fox" for some intro to what this album is about.

10. Medications - *Your Favorite People all in One Place*. DC natives Medications expand on their last EP with this release and for a three piece band, they've got the fullest sound around. Melodically intense and rhythmically spot-on, the guitar riffs hold this album together and show a possibility for this young DC band.

As always, keep listening to WZMB for some of this year's amazing music that you may not hear on all of the other cookie-cutter radio stations around Greenville.

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Those were the top five of 1976, but that was merely the tip of the iceberg. The following list is mind blowing and makes me wonder why I couldn't have been living then.

All of these albums were released in 1976: AC/DC - *High Voltage*, Aerosmith - *Rocks*, Blondie - *Blondie*, Boston - *Boston*, David Bowie - *Station to Station*, Chicago - *Chicago X*, Alice Cooper - *Alice*

Cooper Goes to Hell, Kiss - *Destroyer*, Bob Dylan - *Desire*, The Eagles - *Greatest Hits*, The Eagles - *Hotel California*, Foreigner - *Foreigner*, Jennings/Nelson - *Wanted! The Outlaws*, Journey - *Look into the Future*, Led Zeppelin - *Presence*, Lynyrd Skynyrd - *One More from the Road*, Bob Marley - *Rastaman Vibration*, Wings - *Wings at the Speed of Sound*, Steve Miller Band - *Fly*

Like an Eagle, The Ramones - *The Ramones*, The Rolling Stones - *Black & Blue*, Rush - *2112*.

With albums like those, no wonder 1976 is, and will forever be known as, the greatest year in music history. If you think about it, anything is better than now.

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- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
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But it doesn't stop there. "Wait" describes his frustration with a girl who fails to give it up to him after three months of dating. In "Your Girl" he tackles the theme of stealing someone's girlfriend (what a surprise!), and in the EP's closer, "She's a Virgin, Too," he gives accounts of every time he's taken someone's virginity. What makes this so much worse is that Hussle claims that his inspiration comes from God. "I honestly feel that God touched me to do music," says Hussle.

Maybe so, but it seems more lazy than inspired.

Tony Hussle needs to stick to writing music, not lyrics. Looking past the lyrics, these tracks do have some very impressive beats and musical arrangements. "In This House" features some excellent guitar solos that could drive blues guitarists wild.

His musical blend of soul, funk, blues, rock and hip-hop does bring promise of something better in the future, but it's in his lyrics that Tony Hussle loses all credit. You can only sing so much

about sex and there are some things that you just shouldn't sing seriously about.

Unfortunately, all seven songs blend together into a giant pile of nonsense and by the time you get half way through the EP, even the music seems like it's all a little too similar. Unless it's laughs you're looking for, Tony Hussle's *Sexy, Freaky, Electric* probably just isn't worth the time and wasted brain cells.

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ECU falls 77-67 to No. 5 Memphis



Sam Hinnant (top) is helped up during the second half while Japhel McNeil (right) clutches his injured hand in the final moment of the Pirates' 77-67 loss to Memphis. Also banged up near the end of the game was Jeremy Ingram (below).



Tigers close game with 13-6 run over last

ERIC GILMORE
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The Pirates duelled with one of the best teams in the nation for 39 minutes, but in the end, the seasoned armor of Memphis deflected a potential ECU upset bid as the Tigers defeated the Pirates 77-67.

"We made a couple of shots and a couple of plays because we were a little bit longer," said Memphis Head coach John Calipari.

"The reality of it is... [ECU] could have easily won the game."

"As a coach, you want your team to play hard and I thought they did," said first year ECU Head coach Ricky Stokes.

"Any time, when you lay it on the line like that and you lose, you're disappointed. But if we can continue to happen the effort, good things will happen to this team."

Stokes received gritty efforts from his Kinston combo of Corey Rouse and Jeremy Ingram. Rouse paced ECU with 20 points and 12 rebounds despite fighting foul trouble for much of the first half. Ingram's 12 point, 11 rebound performance was impressive con-

sidering the Memphis decisive height advantage.

Junior forward Tyronne Beale added 13 points. The Pirates shot just 22-of-59 (37 percent) from the field. But late in the game, free throw shooting became another bugaboo going 17-of-25 (68 percent).

Rodney Carney, a potential NBA lottery pick, led Memphis with a game high 27 points on 8-of-23 shooting. Insiders consider the 6-foot-7-inch swing man to be among the best athletes in college basketball. The senior leader struggled early, but connected on 6-of-11 from behind-the-arc. As a team, Memphis shot 10-of-35 (28.6 percent) from 3 point range.

"If they're wide open, they have to shoot them," Calipari said.

"If they're contested, they're bad shots. I think they were open."

Memphis point guard Darius Washington, Jr., scored eight points in the last eight minutes, 20 seconds. But the sophomore's pivotal play was when he dove on his own miss and was granted a timeout with 1:20 remaining.

Memphis hit 9-of-10 free throws over the last 1:09 to seal the win. The Tigers finished the

game on a 13-6 spurt.

Behind a season high 7,535 partisan fans, ECU rushed out early on with seven consecutive points capped by Ingram's first three-pointer. Ingram notched another jumper to push ECU to their biggest lead at 21-13 with 9:36 remaining in the first half.

Memphis countered with a 14-2 run to reassume the lead. ECU didn't score for over two minutes during the Tiger run. The teams were deadlocked at the intermission after trading baskets for the rest of the frame.

"Don't think we didn't play well," Calipari said.

"We're not much better than that. If ECU plays like that every night out, their fine."

"[Memphis] is big, tall, athletic and can shoot," Stokes said.

"They are a really good basketball team. They'll go far."

"This is what Conference USA should be every game we play in every building," Calipari said.

"We were lucky to leave here with a W."

"I don't think we backed down," Stokes said.

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Paterno, Chaney share an unseemly ability to embarrass

(KRT) — One guy is 79 years old. The other is 73. Before going any further, think of the people you know who fit that age description.

Now, see if you can build a list of things they have done recently to make you wince.

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OK, you can stop now. You get the point, which is this: Whether it's your father, your grandfather, an uncle whose underwear always seems to be hanging out, we all have people we love and admire who can, at any time, embarrass the hell out of us with their words and actions.

In Joe Paterno and John Chaney, we now have two coaches like that, two old curmudgeons who can make us laugh one minute and curse the next, who can make us proud to know them or of them one day and make us run for cover the next.

After again losing to Saint Joseph's Sunday, Chaney held a pity party for himself. He complained that he was being policed by his own con-

ference because of last year's "Googate" episode, and he chastised reporters for not letting go of the incident, as though it would have been just another A-10 game without the coverage. He called himself "a lightning rod" as if that was an accident, and not the result of a career of flying kites in hurricanes.

Paterno, of course, made himself fodder for the National Organization for Women, down at the Orange Bowl by doing something he has spent his career avoiding: sharing his thoughts on something he knows or cares little about. Asked to comment on a Florida State linebacker accused of sexual assault, Paterno sounded like Joe Pesci in *My Cousin Vinny*. He babbled on about the kid not knowing what he was getting into, about "a cute girl" knocking on your door.

"What do you do?" he asked, sounding genuinely perplexed.

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A state divided by blue blood

Art Chansky tells the tale of hard-court hate

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You know a sports rivalry has gone monumental and historical whenever you base relationship decisions on which side your potential mate is on. It's got to be bad when you come to blows with your own family on game night. Some sports rivalries are on the lighter side of true animosity while the big ones — Auburn/Alabama, Ohio State/Michigan or Texas/Oklahoma, to name a few — could really change the course of people's years. Yet the biggest rivalry of them all is here in North Carolina and it's been raging on for decades upon decades.

Royal Blue or Baby Blue?

Duke and the University of North Carolina have had basketball bad blood since before Dean Smith and Mike Krzyzewski (yep, that's how you spell it, from memory no less) played prepball. The roots of this angry rivalry go down into the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and anyone who has ever called Coach K a little rat or prayed to God to wipe the Four Corners from the face of existence's play-book needs to know about it.

Enter Art Chansky's *Blue*

Blood: Duke/Carolina: Inside the Most Storied Rivalry in College Hoops, a holy text for both sides of the rivalry. This book goes through the history of the rivals and introduces you to key players from back in the day as well taking you through the landscape of college basketball.

You'll meet Frank McGuire, the Irish hothead coach who won North Carolina's first national championship but also brought the school NCAA sanctions for questionable recruiting practices. You'll meet Vic Bubas, McGuire's counterpart of the time at Duke. You'll learn some facts and things that may shock you a little. For instance:

Among Dean Smith's venerable accomplishments, he has one dubious distinction — he's the only coach ever to be ejected from an NCAA Final Four game.

Duke very nearly brought in Adolph Rupp, the Barron of the Bluegrass and the owner of the third-most wins in college basketball ever, to coach the Blue Devils. (Pat Summitt is number one and Dean Smith is number two. Yes, women's basketball does count in my book. Feel free to dispute.)

Art Heyman had committed to North Carolina before reversing and signing with Duke. This animosity was part of the reason he and Larry Brown got into their famous fight that you'll read about if you don't know it.

The book doesn't just cover the rivalry, though. It also goes

into the deeper things of college basketball. Chansky comments on coaches as advertising icons and how recruitment and game-fixing got out of control. You'll read about how Bubas' Blue Devils lost to Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats in the NCAA semifinal, and that team could have gone on to change history by playing the Texas Western Miners in 1966. There is also a lot of insider information — you may have never known about Roy Williams' return to the homeland after his job at Kansas, or the rampage that Krzyzewski went on after he left Duke and it was run into the ground for a season.

This book is a coffee table necessity for anyone who claims to have a background in college basketball and especially anyone who would die for a ticket to see the Tar Heels in Cameron or the Blue Devils in the Dean Dome. It's a history of Duke, Carolina, and college basketball the way people would like to have it told, well-written, passionate and unbiased. Whether you think Grant Hill is an icon or Rasheed Wallace has a heart of gold, you need to read this book cover to cover as many times as possible until you can recite from it.

Then you can paint your face one color and wipe your nose with the other.

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Will Tom Brady and the Patriots be smiling after their matchup against the Broncos this weekend?

NFL weekend playoff predictions

New England back in the hunt for yet another Super Bowl title

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Am I getting old when I catch myself watching ESPN Classic? Or when I get nostalgic for those ESPN anchors who accompanied my mornings as often as my cereal? Is it right that cheesy TV graphics and old school Starter jackets put me in a mood too giddy for my own liking?

Recently while feeding an addiction to my newly discovered digital cable sports tier, I again found myself locked on ESPN Classic. Steve Sabol, the ageless face of NFL Films, was gracefully narrating a piece on the NFL's greatest playoff games. To my surprise, my grandfather's generation of quarterbacks in Paul Hornung or Bart Starr didn't handuff the airwaves. And even more surprising was that the games didn't feature Terry Bradshaw or Roger Staubach from my dad's generation.

The games were from the 1990s, an era I can claim as my own. The images reinvigorated memories of Natrone Means bulldozing through defenses. Suddenly, I recalled gasping when Jim Harbaugh's pass was batted around in Pittsburgh and conjured up names like Jay Novacek and Alvin Harper, two players that complemented the Dallas already potent three-pronged attack? I remembered when kickers Chip Lohmiller and Steve Christie were household names for the right reasons and Scott Norwood wasn't as fortunate.

Now as we head into the depths of January, the fuzzy playoff picture is becoming clearer. Wild card pretenders were displaced leaving only eight premier teams. And now upon the nitty gritty, any mistake can cause players and their teams to head home dejected. But if history is any lesson, heroes will rise, legacies will be centered and the best team will become champion.

New England at Denver

Save a Vladimir Putin swipe, Mike Shanahan and Bill Belichick could stock a hopeful hand full of Super Bowl rings. Shanahan has two as a head coach while Belichick, a rare visitor during January, has three of his own. Rings aside, the team touting a better record and higher seed, Denver, isn't expected to advance.

A severe underdog four years ago, New England was crowned a dynasty in the preseason. To the contrary with Denver, who struggled in a hapless 2004 Wild Card exit to Indianapolis. Through the midpoint in 2005, Denver stood tall at 6-2 with a revamped Jake Plummer. And the so-called dynasty was experiencing a rare form of mediocrity at 4-4 after numerous injuries at key positions.

Ten weeks later, Jake Plummer has a chance to solidify his recent Pro Bowl selection. And the Broncos can quell the nauseating Tom Brady to Joe Montana references. But the Patriots have playoff extensive experience and Brady is 10-0 as a starter in the postseason. Plus, wouldn't an AFC championship showdown with Indianapolis be more intriguing?

Prediction: New England 26, Denver 10

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis

After winning 13 consecutive games, the Colts lost their last meaningful game to San Diego 26-17 in the RCA Dome. A month of rest or not, momentum in football can't be turned on like a faucet. Though, the zeal of Head Coach Tony Dungy will displace any media concerns about distractions.

Pittsburg was a Kimba von Oelhoffen cheap shot away from getting run ragged by the Bengals. The Palmer injury ripped the color from the Cincinnati TV sets. Instead, the defensive Steelers rode an aged Bus for 52 yards into the second round. Ben

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Roethlisberger didn't impress passing for 205 yards in the 31-17 win.

The Colts beat an injury riddled current Steelers team 26-7 on November 28. However, Peyton Manning's ease in passing for 245 yards coupled with Edgerin James' 145 yards on the ground are areas of concern for Bill Cowher's staff.

The Steelers are not athletic enough in the secondary to compete with the Colts' staple of receivers. Look for Manning, Dunny and the no-name defense to make their first stand toward Detroit.

Prediction: Indianapolis 39, Pittsburgh 13

Washington at Seattle

Joe Gibbs has won three Super Bowl rings with different quarterbacks in Joe Theismann, Doug Williams and Mark Rypien. But Washington quarterback Mark Brunell, experiencing a minor renaissance, is far from his prime. Behind the less than fleet-footed Brunell, the visiting Redskins are blooming with confidence having won six straight.

Seattle is the class of the NFC. Evidence is their supreme 13-3 regular season record and NFL MVP Shaun Alexander. The former Alabama great surpassed Priest Holmes' regular season touchdown record with 27. If Washington defensive coordinator Gregg Williams is worth his newly signed \$8 million contract, he will steal a page from John Fox's notebook and attempt

to stop the run.

The Redskin plan will force Matt Hasselbeck will make good on his past playoff coin-toss guarantee. He will need to spread the ball to wideouts Bobby Engram and Joe Jurevicius. If he does so, Mike Holmgren could be back in the Super Bowl for the first time in 10 years.

Prediction: Seattle 18, Washington 9

Carolina at Chicago

The erratic Panthers shocked the nation with their 23-0 blow-out of the Giants. John Fox came up with an artistic game plan of stopping Tiki Barber, who gained only 41 yards. Again, the Panther defense will be charged with stopping the run.

Comparing the Giants to the Bears, Chicago isn't as diverse offensively. Rex Grossman in his two starts has thrown for a measly 259 yards and one touchdown. But defensively, the Bears are downright scary. Lovie Smith's team has only allowed 12.6 points per game.

Remember the 13-3 embarrassment the Bears handed to Carolina earlier? Steve Smith caught 14 balls for 169 yards, but the sparkplug couldn't find the end zone. Carolina will need some "explosion plays" to win. Unfortunately for the home team, their offense has none.

Prediction: Carolina 24, Chicago 20

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TALK ABOUT YOUR OWN TEAM ONLY. OR DON'T TALK AT ALL.

I can think of only one reason Joe didn't heed the advice he has given his players for decades: his age. One day, I am convinced, they are going to discover that the part of the brain that blocks the path of foolish and harmful thoughts disintegrates as we get older. This would not completely explain Pat Robertson, of course, but it could be a contributing factor.

For years, Paterno has shielded his players from the media. As recently as December, he pulled the old bait and switch on us, inviting reporters out to State College for a day of interviews with players.

Only when everyone got there, all they got was Joe.

Here's some advice for when Joe invites everyone out next year: Put the players in front of us and you go hide.

No one will be upset. Promise. This would not be a bad idea for lightning rod, either. As Chaney himself said after the St. Joe's rematch, "Kids handle situations of this kind better than adults." Agreed. Let his players put into context the rematch with St. Joe's, the way Nehemiah Ingram did so well after Sunday's close loss. You? Go take a nap or something, so when you wake up you're not so cranky, yelling at everybody because you didn't get foul calls.

One thing I find awfully interesting amid all this is how often coaches - not just JoePa and Chaney - paint themselves as victims or how often their trusted aides do. Remember, these are the same people who accept no excuses from the people who play for them, who preach accountability and

responsibility. Yet no sooner had NOW's Pennsylvania leader said she was "appalled" by Paterno's comments than a spokesman at the school was claiming he was taken out of context.

It was on television, people. You get cable out there in Pleasantville, don't you? The context was clear for everyone to see.

Let anyone think I am treating either man harshly, nothing could be farther from the truth. On the contrary, I am empathetic to the plights of each, dealing with a world from which most of their peers have retired to Florida. It's no accident that JoePa sometimes sounds like George Costanza's dad. My parents are slightly younger than Joe and slightly older than John, and the greatest challenge they face these days is navigating their way to the supermarket.

They often look confused, sometimes become cantankerous and occasionally say things they don't really mean and haven't really thought out. I'm not the first one to point out that if they live long enough, your parents may become like your children just as your children are becoming parents.

The difference is you can't make your parents apologize the way you can make your kids apologize. You can't make your parents see the error of their ways the way you can your kids, because they are so set in them. You can't send them to their room to make them think about it, and you can't embarrassingly dismiss it to others with the claim that they do not know any better.

Instead, you can only encourage them to relax, take things slower, maybe even retire.

Before they get into real trouble.

East Carolina University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS - DECEMBER 17, 2005

Delivered by: Mr. Phillip R. Dixon

Mr. Dixon is a former chair of the ECU Board of Trustees and noted Greenville attorney (Dixon, Doub, Conner & Foster, PLLC) and civic leader.

Good morning! What a GREAT day! On behalf of outgoing system President Molly Broad, incoming system President Erskine Bowles, and the 32 members of the UNC system Board of Governors, I bring you all greetings, our congratulations, and best wishes to you and your families for a happy and meaningful holiday season.

The UNC system consists of sixteen different campuses extending from Wilmington to Cullowhee. It has approximately 39,000 employees, and helps educate nearly 200,000 students each year. Without doubt, it is the finest University system in the nation. California appears second, and Michigan appears third. It benefited greatly from a \$3.1 billion higher education bond issue in 1998, which is the largest such bond issue ever passed by any state in the entire nation. You can see the impact of these bonds on this and every other campus within the system. In spite of recent increases in tuition and fees, the North Carolina system remains one of the most affordable systems of higher education in the nation. When I state that the UNC system is the finest University system in the entire country, I am not bragging, and I am not overstating the very high regard in which our system is held. We can all take great pride in being a part of this campus and this University system.

Our own ECU is the third largest campus and the fastest growing campus in this wonderful system. As the Chancellor often notes, students are voting with their feet, and our enrollment continues to grow at an impressive rate. ECU is very proud to be one of only two medical schools in the system, and perhaps the finest young medical school in the nation. It is recognized as a leader in family medicine, rural medicine, primary care, tele-medicine, and robotic surgery. Hopefully, Chancellor, in the near future we will be adding a dental school which will better serve our citizens, especially those in under-served areas of Eastern North Carolina. You should also know that ECU is the leading producer of teachers and nurses and other allied health professionals in the system, and by far is clearly the system's leader in distance education. No other campus currently comes close to accomplishing what we are accomplishing today in higher education with technology.

But I digress. On to the task at hand. You will each have many birthdays, attend many dinner parties, celebrate many Fourth of July, but you will have only one college graduation. It is a rich and special event that you typically experience but only once in a lifetime. This is also indeed a celebration. It is both an ending and a beginning. To the graduates - congratulations on your academic achievements, and on the friendships you have built while here at the University. They both will continue to enrich your lives through the years. Congratulations also to the parents, spouses and families. You too should feel a sense of great accomplishment and pride in your graduate's completion of his or her formal schooling. Perhaps now you can expect some payback for all those sacrifices you made financially and otherwise for these past 4, 5, 6 or more years. Perhaps most importantly, congratulations to the faculty and staff. You should pat yourselves on the back for a job well done. Only after some passage of time will we really know and appreciate the impact that you have had on the lives of these young people.

It becomes the responsibility of anyone asked to address a group such as yours to try and impart some wisdom from their years of experience. I do not have as many years of experience as some speakers might. I, therefore, turned to the partners and associates in my law firm for advice and counsel. We meet regularly for a firm meeting on Tuesday of each week, and this week I asked each of them what advice they might give to each of you. I should add that every one of the attorneys in my office, and most of the paralegals, are proud graduates of East Carolina University. You see, only in this way can we insure quality control in our hiring. We take great pride in this campus. Our youngest attorney, the one who may best remember his graduation, gives this simple advice to you and anyone going out in the world today. Don't go. That may not be bad advice. But, assuming that you do not have that as a realistic option, or perhaps more likely that you have already relied upon that advice for several years of schooling beyond the normal four years, I will turn my attention to what advice I should give you concerning what my father used to call the "cold cruel world." As I recall, my parents had a great deal of advice for me when I was finishing school. Other than the most obvious "get a job," I recall most of it sounded terribly boring, and you may have heard some of this advice before. "Life isn't fair," "there is no such thing as a free lunch," "some good deals aren't," "money won't buy happiness," "no pain, no gain," "talk is cheap," "pride goes before the fall," and "no man is an island." Even though those expressions are tired, they are probably still true. But let's be more practical. What are life's dos and don'ts? You have probably already heard many times how to dress for an interview, and what to say in response when they ask you what kind of salary you want, but what are the things you really need to know? What are the things we people in the business world look for in people who we will hire and promote? Our world is changing. Education remains a key to success. As my youngest partner Jeff suggests, you really should get as much education as you possibly can. Get a Masters or professional degree, or seek a doctorate. With our distance education offerings on the internet, it should be easier, less expensive, and much more convenient than ever for you to do so. Remember, there are many much less fortunate. In my practice, I see this daily - one in five people I see in my practice cannot read and write; one in five is functionally illiterate. Accordingly, you are already far ahead of the average, but as time passes, more will be required and expected of you.

Here is my list of Rules to Live By:

RULE 1. BE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

My wife is a very talented violinist. Her favorite virtuoso is Isaac Stern. Someone once approached Mr. Stern and offered this praise after a concert, "Mr. Stern, I'd give my life to play as beautifully as you do." Mr. Stern responded, "I did." You graduates have already invested four or more years as a down payment, while some of your former high school classmates decided to spend these past four or more years elsewhere beginning their careers. Today most of them are already earning what they can expect to earn for the rest of their lives. Don't throw that down payment you have made away. If you want to be successful in a chosen field, find out what it takes to be the very best. This is going to include time, practice, commitment, and some sacrifice. There is a price that must be paid. Be willing to pay the price.

RULE 2. BE SELF-DISCIPLINED

Emerson said that our primary need in life is to have somebody who will make us do what we can do. We all have had that somebody who has gently prodded us along - a parent, friend or teacher. From now on, you will have to rely more upon yourself to motivate and inspire you to make you do what you are capable of doing. Discipline is necessary to put in the necessary hours, to stay up to date in your chosen field, to read, to use your time well, to eat right, to stay healthy to maintain balance in your life, and to stay with the tasks that you are given. Remember also that it is "follow-through" that marks success. Discipline is simply control. If you don't control yourself, someone else will, or no one else will. Either case will be less desirable than self-control.

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RULE 3. SET SOME GOALS

This is not the same as being disciplined. Discipline is setting your alarm clock at 5:00 a.m. and making yourself get up when it goes off. Goal setting is knowing why you set the alarm at 5:00 a.m. in the first place. Think about what you hope to achieve, and chart out what you plan to achieve. If you have ever been sailing on a boat, you know that finding the wind is not always easy. If you have no plans to go any place special, then any wind is the right wind; but if you have a certain waterside restaurant that you want to make by noon, then you need to pick a specific direction and find the right wind. "Winners" in this world expect to win in advance. Life for them becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Choice, not chance, determines destiny. Make some choices and set some goals.

RULE 4. LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

Studies confirm over and over again that people do not lose their jobs because they don't have the technical know-how and the requisite skills. Most frequently, they simply cannot get along with other people. You may not please all the people all the time, but you can please most of the people most of the time - even if it is no other way than being open to their criticism. This is particularly true with spouses and roommates. If your employer tells you that you lose your temper too easily, and your parents and spouse tell you the same thing, it stands to reason that you probably lose your temper too easily. When you hear such feedback, listen before you deny it. Don't be so defensive. Evaluate it, ponder it, and make any changes in your life that are in order.

RULE 5. BE A DREAMER

We have all heard the quote from George Bernard Shaw that says, "Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream things that never were and say why not?" We need more people in the workplace saying "why not?" We have many problems, and we need solutions to them. Keep your head in the clouds - Dare to Dream.

RULE 6. TAKE RISKS

Don't be afraid to fail. We need people in the business world who strike out where there is no path, and leave a trail of their own - not people who simply follow where the path leads.

RULE 7. STAY INFORMED

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions." I hope that is true, and I hope that you will never be satisfied to stop learning what is going on around you. Wealth was once measured in gold. Now it is measured in what we know. Stay alert. Keep informed.

RULE 8. BE ETHICAL

Know when to compromise and when to stick to your convictions. What you once knew to be right and wrong is still right and wrong. Unfortunately, the corporate world is having to learn all over again that being ethical is what is best for business, and best for the bottom line in the long run. Compromise can come in many forms, whether it be decisions on insurance coverage, or how to handle hazardous waste disposal. Right has been, and always will be, right.

RULE 9. HAVE SOME FUN

Choose a job you love, and you will never work a day in your life. Coach Little League. Get involved in your church or a worthwhile community project. Do something to make the world in which we live a better place.

RULE 10. DEFINE SUCCESS IN YOUR OWN TERMS

This is perhaps the most important rule. Some people spend their lives climbing the ladder of success only to find that when they get to the top, the ladder is leaning against the wrong building. Decide what you want. Ask yourself whether you want a job traveling most of the time. Do you want adventure and learning about the world around you? or do you want to be at home at night with your family? Your personal definition of success makes many seemingly difficult decisions much easier through the years.

By way of summary, do the following:

- Be willing to pay the price
- Be self-disciplined
- Set some goals
- Learn to get along well with others
- Be a dreamer
- Take risks
- Don't be afraid to fail
- Stay informed
- Be ethical
- Have some fun
- Define success in your own terms

Some final observations:

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthiest people.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married to each other, you are very rare even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face, or are truly thankful, you are blessed because a majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

If you can read, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

I conclude with one more final observation. One of the greatest achievements of graduation is actually being able to sit through the commencement exercises and a speech such as this one. My personal congratulations to each of you. Thank you.

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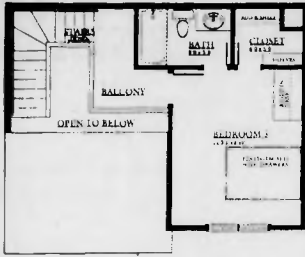


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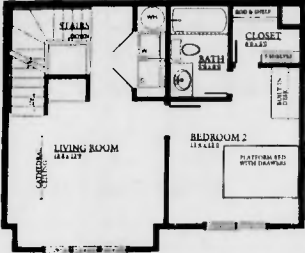
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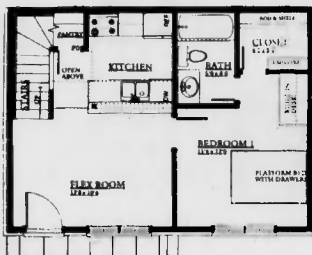
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- BOULEVARD BAGEL BW'3 - CAFÉ CARIBE - CHANELLO'S
- CHICO'S - CHINA 10 - CHOP CHOP
- CHRISTY'S EURO PUB - COURTYARD TAVERN - DOMINO'S
- DR. UNKS - HAM'S BREWHOUSE - HUDDLE HOUSE
- JERSEY MIKE'S - MCALISTER'S DELI - MIAMI SUBS
- MIKE'S DELI - MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRIL
- O' CHARLEY'S - OMARS - PAPA JOHN'S - PITA PIT
- PIZZA HUT DELIVERY - PIZZA HUT ITALIAN BISTRO
- PIZZA INN - PROFESSOR O'COOLS - QUIZNO'S
- RAGAZZI'S - RESTAURANT RUNNERS - RIO GRANDE
- SCHLOTZSKY'S - THE HAM STORE - THE MET DELI
- THE UPPER CRUST - WINGS OVER GREENVILLE

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