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Roy Cooper delivers keynote address at Campus Safety Symposium

Institutions work together to improve safety

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NEWS EDITOR

Representatives from various institutions in the region met for the second annual Campus Safety Symposium last week.

The event was held at the Greenville Hilton from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 31 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Feb. 1.

The purpose of the symposium was to allow individuals to exchange ideas about ways to make their campuses safer.

"The main goal of the symposium was to share the best practices in campus safety with representatives of public and private universities and community colleges," said Peter Romary, director of student legal services.

"The symposium will try to make campuses even safer and provide information in threat assessment," Romary said.

The symposium attracted a large amount of people with an array of ideas to bring to the table.

"We had over 250 attendees from 56 institutions," Romary said.

A \$100 charge was required of participants to pay for

meals, the rental of the Hilton, printed materials, promotional materials for the event and expenses for speakers.

Many panelists were chosen based on their expertise in different areas of safety and the law.

Included on the panel was Willie Gilchrist, chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, Kevin Foust of the FBI, David Robey of the Secret Service Assessment Team, Dave Rainer, associate vice chancellor for ECU's Environmental Health and Public Safety at N.C. State, among many others.

The keynote speaker for the two-day event was Attorney Roy Cooper. He was able to provide insight on how to improve in the

areas of safety.

Cooper's background in the area of crime prevention range from law enforcement and teacher training to stopping consumer scams and frauds, according to the official Roy Cooper Web site.

Topics that were addressed by the panelist covered issues that were brought up by recent tragedies and preexisting questions.

"While a number of subjects covered dealt with issues raised by Virginia Tech, we also focused on other issues and other threats to safety," Romary said.

By the conclusion of the event, the goals that the organizers set to network with one another about safety procedures

were fulfilled.

"It was incredibly successful and reviews were all positive," Romary said.

Another symposium will be held next year to further expand on ideas of safety at different college campuses.

Romary and a companion thought of the idea to bring everyone together to discuss these issues two years ago.

"The idea for a symposium was initially the brainchild of myself and Tony Campione, Major Gifts Officer for Student Life, back in 2006."

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Transmission glitches impede Super Bowl XLII

Weather conditions contributed to poor signal

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Transmission outages during Sunday's broadcast of Super Bowl XLII angered local football fans as well as restaurant and bar owners who say they lost business.

"This issue was impacting Greenville, Kinston and Washington," said Phil Ahlschlager, regional vice president of Suddenlink Communications.

"Fox affiliate, WYDO, had some transmission issues with their microwave transmission from their studios in Morehead City to their transmitter. It failed last night, so we had no signal to distribute to our customers."

The glitches persisted throughout the first half and during halftime froze for over 15 minutes before going to black. The signal was re-established late in the third quarter.

WITN reported that WYDO general manager, Don Fisher, acknowledged that atmospheric conditions contributed to the transmission failure and apologized to viewers.

WITN also noted that one bar in Beaufort County showed Animal Planet's "Puppy Bowl IV" on one of their televisions after becoming discouraged with the bad signal.

Greenville bars and res-

taurants received complaints from customers. Tie Breakers, a Greenville sports bar, collected signatures for a petition to express customers' disapproval.

"We probably lost half our crowd, which resulted in about \$1,500 lost in revenue," said Brayom Anderson of Tie Breakers.

"I think it really changed the mood from being a fun Super Bowl crowd to being an angry Super Bowl crowd," Anderson said.

"Anytime Fox gets a big event I just shake my head because I know we're going to have problems."

"It is the thing we all look forward to and talk about the next day and the only thing we could talk about was that the cable was out for the whole third quarter," said Jessica Rossway, design and production major.

"I had to call my dad in Raleigh to get play-by-plays. It makes me mad that we pay for cable and the one night of the year when all of us want to watch a show, it does not come through for a whole quarter."

Suddenlink Communications received a heavy flow of phone calls from customers during and after the broadcast failure.

"We have been able to deal with those calls effectively," Ahlschlager said.

"I'm a customer too and I'm just as upset and concerned as any of our customers."

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Local Suddenlink customers and bar and restaurant owners lost key plays and money on Sunday night.

Local children find an artistic home at HOUSE



ECU students came out to help with the efforts to get local children to showcase their talents in the HOUSE program.

Philanthropy group aims to help youth

YAZID FINN
NEWS WRITER

For three days, teenagers of all ages and walks of life were given a chance to

pursue a common dream. The non-profit organization known as HOUSE (Helping Our Underserved Skills & Education) in conjunction with Passion for Kingdom Productions (PKP) auditioned over 50 residents of Greenville and the surrounding area for talent ranging from music to dance.

Students from ECU were there to assist the two organizations with helping

the children get engaged in this program.

During the three days of tryouts, teenagers turned out eager and full of life in hopes of receiving a lucky break while showcasing their abilities, supported by their friends and family. Brianna Taylor, an 8th grader from Winterville, NC, arrived with her mother on Saturday, singing a rendition of "Silent Night."

"I love to sing, it's really my passion and if I don't make it, there is always next year," Taylor said.

"I found out about it through fliers posted in my church and wanted to come out."

Like an episode of *American Idol*, Mr. House and members of PKP critiqued performances, noting individual's energy, style and their overall presentation.

While many auditioned for a spot to perform in February 16th's showcase at the Greenville Convention Center, the preliminary judges knew they would only be able to select 12 contestants.

"When a city asks me to come out and establish a HOUSE program, they do not even know when I am there," House said.

"I walk around the streets and I talk to the kids. I sit on their front steps and I ask their parents what they would think about having an organization like mine for their children."

HOUSE programs are six-week long courses that encourage the arts for children who would likely never have the opportunity to engage in these classes any other way.

There is an annual \$15 fee to register the child, and a \$45 fee per class. Mr. House added, most families receive a means of aid and normally only end up paying

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PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monterrey Jazz Festival 50th Anniversary Tour
Wednesday, Feb. 6
 Featuring Terence Blanchard, trumpet; James Moody, tenor saxophone/flute; Benny Green, piano/musical director; Derrick Hodge, bass; Kendrick Scott, drums; and special guest violinist Nnenna Freelon.

Beating the Cold
Wednesday, Feb. 6
6-7:30 p.m.
Student Recreation Center
 Feb. 6, 6 p.m.: Beating the Cold. This seminar will cover cold related conditions, dressing for cold weather, sheltering and planning for a winter adventure. Tom Burkiewicz, assistant director of adventure, will share some experiences from high altitude and cold weather paddling to demonstrate how we get cold and how to protect ourselves.

Sustainable Tourism Lecture
Wednesday, Feb. 6
3:30 p.m.
Science and Technology Building, C-307
 Brian Mullis, co-founder and president of Sustainable Travel International, will present a lecture about sustainable tourism trends in business practices, public policies and personal travel. Mullis is an outspoken supporter of responsible travel and is working to facilitate the travel and tourism industry's move toward sustainability. Free. Open to the public.

Dance 2008
Thursday, Feb. 7- Tuesday, Feb. 12
8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m.
McGinnis Theatre
 Highlighting ballet, modern, jazz, and tap dance - it's sometimes serious, sometimes funny, sometimes lyrical and sometimes eccentric. This annual dance showcase is sure to have something for dance aficionados and newcomers alike.

Pirate Playtime
Friday, Feb. 8
2-5 p.m.
 Volunteers needed to assist with this roving afternoon of play. Must love kids! Come play with us!! Contact: Scott Councilman, scc0817@ecu.edu

Parent's Night Out
Saturday, Feb. 9
5-10 p.m.
 Volunteers needed to set-up/break-down events, supervise activities at stations, assist with registration, and management of children. Contact: David Gaskins, gaskinsd@ecu.edu

ECU Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, Feb. 10
3-5 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
 Georges Bizet - L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2
 Winner of the 2007-2008 ECU Concerto Competition
 Sergei Prokofiev - Lieutenant Kije Symphonic Suite, Opus 60

Super Spiders Wall Climbers
Sunday, Feb. 10
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Student Recreation Center
 Volunteers will perform set-up/break-down and check-in duties, assist SRC staff with participants (children 7-14), and assist with supervision. Contact: David Gaskins, gaskinsd@ecu.edu

5 Tue

Live Music:
Arielle Bryant
 10 p.m.
 Spazzatorium
 Galleria

6 Wed

Sustainable Tourism Lecture
 3:30 p.m.
 Science and Technology Building, C-307

Beating the Cold
 6-7:30 p.m.
 Student Recreation Center

Women's Tennis
 Liberty
 Noon

Men's Tennis
 Liberty
 2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
 Rice
 8 p.m.
 Minges

7 Thu

Women's Basketball
 Tulane
 7 p.m.
 Minges

8 Fri

Jazz at Night
 8 p.m.
 MSC
 Great Rooms

9 Sat

Women's Tennis
 Charleston Southern
 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
 Charleston Southern
 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis
 North Carolina A&T
 4 p.m.

10 Sun

ECU Symphony Orchestra
 3-5 p.m.
 Wright Auditorium

11 Mon

Faculty Recital
 Mary Burroughs-Horn
 8-10 p.m.
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Soulful Exposition: A Celebration of the Arts
 6-8 p.m.
 LWCC



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the minimal registration fee while their children still attends.

Corliss Cook, the founder of PKP noted the importance of collaborative efforts between organizations such as their own and House's.

"We share the same heart-beat and passion for the youth

as Mr. House," Cook said.

"I cannot stress enough that groups need to come together to further promote interventions like this."

House highlighted these words following a performance of three rapping teenagers, one of whom was a minor.

"This is what we are here for, for children like that one," House said solemnly in regards to the youngest performer after their group had left the room.

"The two older ones are convinced, set in their ways, because that is all they know. The younger one, however, still

has a chance and hopefully we can stop him before he follows in their footsteps."

For more information concerning HOUSE, you can visit housetag.org.

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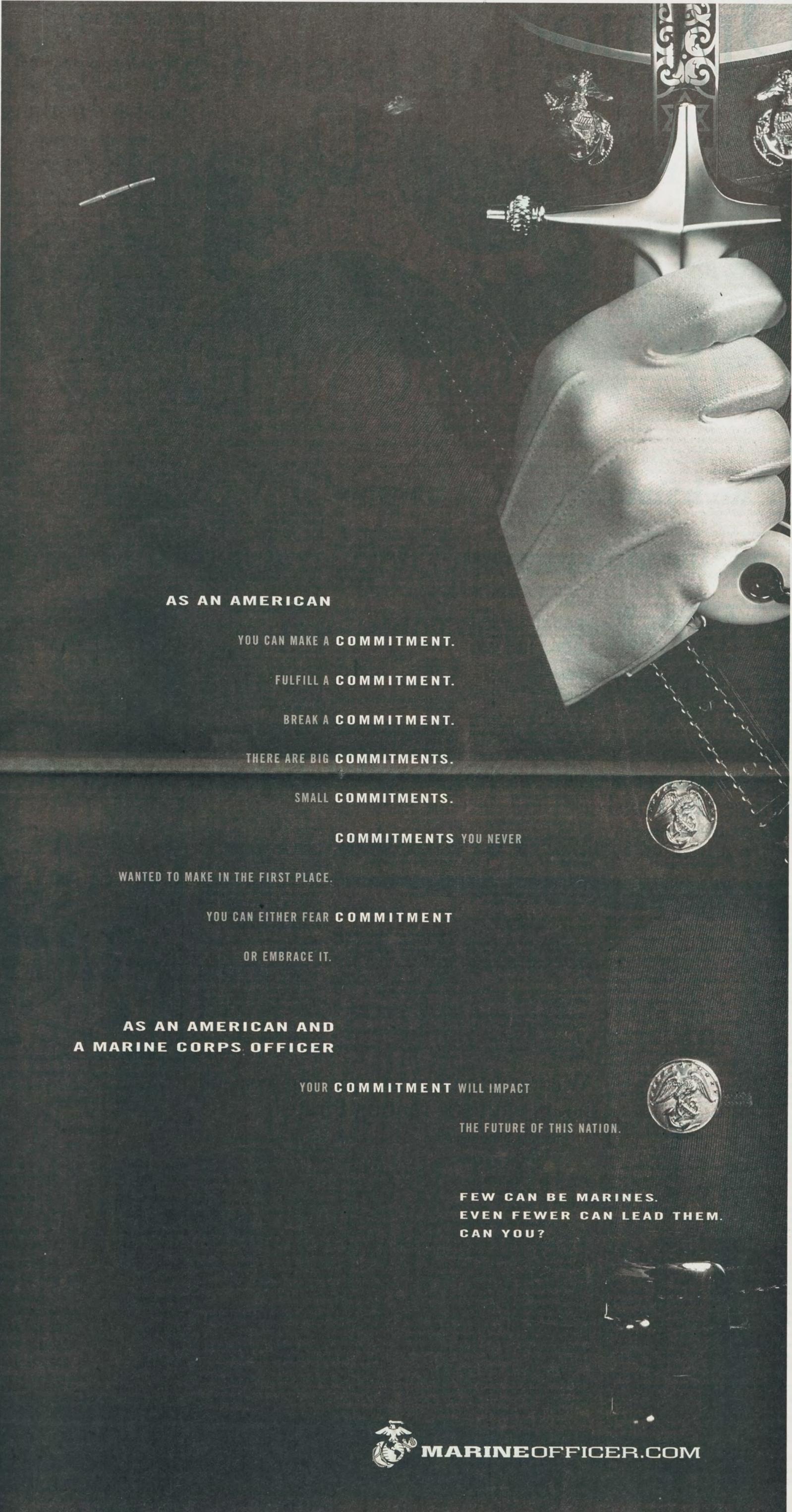
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Apathy epidemic or perpetuated myth?

Let us take a look

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OPINION WRITER

This week's premise is a topic brought up in a recent conversation I had with another SGA-involved individual. Does this school really have a problem with apathy or is it just an additional generalization similar to our "party school" reputation? Sure we throw double-keg parties in what once was a Church of Scientology, but really, now, this is hardly different from any campus with creative students.

So the question remains: are students apathetic in regards to what happens here at ECU, or is it that they know they cannot make a difference and simply stand down?

Sure every person may have a bout of indifference towards events in their life from time to time, but the myth is that ECU is blanketed in this state of uncaring. Evidence for this concept is lacking in my mind, as heated interest towards the recent subject of hard waiver insurance should show what student outcry can accomplish.

Many will admit they were skeptical at first with the idea of student forums to discuss the insurance plan. They, like I, believed the process would be quick and painless and that the system would be implemented over night, while most lay passed out comfortably in their beds or as close to their beds as drunkenly possible.

As fate would have it, the insurance plan was tabled and will continue to be discussed and investigated until an unaddressed future date. Score one for students, no? If apathy is not the issue then it must be the latter; as previously mentioned, which I am much more inclined to believe.

Students may look at the SGA and shake their heads, knowing their odds are something even Christopher Walken in *The Deer Hunter* would not wager on. However, while a shot at the top is out of the question for most, there are other ways to work the system. At least start by getting your foot in the door, and you would be surprised at how quickly options present themselves for you to make a difference.

I will be frank with you guys when I say I am sometimes scared of what goes on around this school. When it comes to SGA politics at times, I begin to wonder if Richard Nixon was buried beneath Mendenhall. Take the spring elections. Just the other day, I was speculating who would be running the tickets in creation, only to find out, like an episode of *24*, that the supposed antagonist of this act was merely a puppet.

Can you guess who the real mastermind may be? Sorry, but you will have to tune in next week for the next exciting episode. 12:59:57 ... 12:59:58 ... 12:59:59 ... 1:00:00.

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Share the road

Not "Ten points for students"

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I drive my car very rarely, usually just to take a trip to Raleigh or across town to get groceries that I can't get nearby. So it's no surprise that I usually get around town on the bus, riding my bike or, my personal favorite, walking. What is surprising is how difficult it is to remain alive and uninjured in this town if you're someone who doesn't enjoy driving that much. At every stop sign — at which pedestrians have the right of way — I have to either jog quickly across or wait until there are no cars. I have to take those precautions because if I don't, I might find myself squashed under the Jeep of a girl on her cell phone, or the Civic of a boy trying to get wherever he's heading so quickly that pedestrians become an inconvenience.

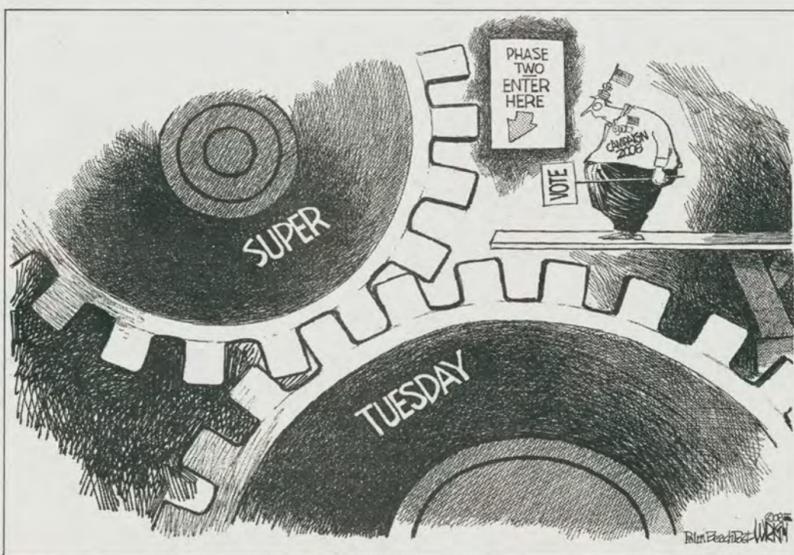
Riding my bike isn't much easier. I've almost been clipped in my own neighborhood by numerous cars going about 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. Downtown, I usually have to end up stopping when I have the right of way, so I don't get hit by a car that's "California stopping" at a stop sign. By the time I get home, my nerves are so rattled by near-death experiences that the idea of taking my dog for a "relaxing" walk scares the crap out of me.

When I heard about the supposed terrorist who tried to take out a group of students on the UNC-CH campus, I was surprised most of them weren't accustomed to having to dodge cars in college life, but apparently most campuses aren't like ours. When visiting Boston, I was amazed at how slowly cars went in pedestrian areas, and they stopped and let people pass by! They didn't even shout at them; it was amazing. On Hillsborough Street (next to NCSU), I found the act of crossing the street very enjoyable. Not only was I not the only pedestrian, but I also didn't have to worry about cars turning right on the red light and hitting me.

So why is it that our campus is so pedestrian un-friendly? My sister warned me when I got here about how many students are hit either while walking across Fifth or Tenth Street, or riding their bikes. The "walk" sign at many intersections is a joke since cars can still turn right on red, often without checking to see if people are walking across the street. I always thought that college campuses were designed with walking or riding your bike in mind, but it seems most of the students here would rather commit vehicular homicide than deign to travel on the bus or (gasp!) walk to class.

How about instead of driving to class and then spending an hour running on a treadmill at the gym, more students just walk to class? It's a great way to save time and money — maybe even the environment, if you care about that kind of thing — and it helps you clear your head before class. We all know how stressful it is trying to find a parking spot near campus, so why not take a bus? We have one of the best transit systems of any school in NC, so let's take advantage of it. Plus, you can't get a speeding ticket, or a DWI if you're not driving.

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PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to J.D. Lewis, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

To the dark-haired male who drives a Toyota Forerunner with 20's on it through College Hill: Your mom is so hot.

Why do you always have your poop face on?

My best friend and I are living together again next year. I can't wait. She was the best roommate anyone could ask for.

To guy who thinks he is so big and bad and tries to fight people at parties: Grow up or get big.

I'm pretty sure you are going to have a burn on your face when you take that cell phone away from your ear. Is your bill sky high?

I hate you people who feel that your way of life is the only way to live life. Open up your eyes and realize that you and your beliefs are not the center of the universe.

You're such a Salty Sally.

Why is everyone at the student health center so incompetent? If I actually had something serious, I'd be dead by the time they were able to see me!

It's never too late for coffee.

Does anyone else wonder why Uncle Jesse's last name changed from Cochran to Katsopolis?

I would just like to thank Pirate Rants for being my source of therapy, but I do think they should come out daily because I have A LOT to say.

What possesses people to put disgusting exhausts on already sexy cars?

SRC employees are pretty much the only people you need to know on campus.

Girls that smoke gross me out to the max.

Stop trying to act innocent. Everyone knows you are full of crap.

I had to run away from the Black & Mild smoke smell outside of Chick-fil-a today because I was too afraid to tell them about the 25 foot rule. Someone find a way to enforce these rules!

Seven words: Don't throw up on my couch again!!!

"Somebody to Love" is the best Queen song ever. Period.

I love you, Baby Boo.

How long will liberals listen to the Democrats lie? Good question. How long did it take you Republicans to give up on Bush?

The other day I was walking through West Campus and this squirrel came running toward Destination 360 with half a piece of pizza in its mouth! Then it ran up a tree with it!! We don't have to watch out for getting beamed with acorns anymore, now we have to watch out for leftovers!!

To the girl who breathes obnoxiously loud in my ethics class: Please breathe through your mouth. It does nothing but distract me to hear your heaving.

I sure hope you're not driving on the left side of the road...

Mustangs are overrated. Stop thinking you're the only car on the road because you have one.

Neither I, nor your new girlfriend thinks that it's classy for you to call me to verify that you have in fact had sex with me.

To my girlfriend's roommate's boyfriend: Next time you threaten me and all my friends, keep in mind that we are all ninjas with abnormal abilities to inflict severe bodily injury.

I heart naps.

I don't mind being a redhead, but it's a real blow to my self-confidence when guys look at my blonde friends before they even think of looking at me.

The other night I dreamed that I choked my mom to death. I called her to check and see if she was okay, and she told me she also had a dream that she shot me in the head. I love my mom!

If you hate my away messages so much, then I'll block you so you're unable to read them. Would that make you happy?

My best friends screwed me over and now I have a four bedroom lease with no one to live with! Help me please!!!

I think I like you a whole, whole lot, but you had your chance and you went back to your ex. I hope you two have a great life together.

You're just jealous that you don't have an amazing love life to share via away messages.

I love the Pirate Rants when a girl is trying to get a guy, or vice versa. In my own twisted way, it makes me happy to know others are lonely like me.

Dear boy in my English class on Monday nights: You are really cute. Let's be friends.

Has anybody even considered the fact that the visitation policy was made for a reason OTHER than keeping people from having their significant other of the opposite sex over late at night? It was made because of cohabitation reasoning and giving both roommates equal rights as to who they want in their room and for how long. Shocker ... it's not always about sex.

The only reason I go to the Rec. Center is to look at the guys.

Why do so many people insist on using the Pirate Rants section for spilling out their romantic guts? "I love you; do you love me?" "I think about you; do you think about me?" NEWSFLASH: For the most part, it is deeply disturbing for everybody else reading the Rants!

I bought a brand new apple the other day and I ate it.

My roommate complains about money when she spends it all on Pot and then calls daddy for more. Please forgive me for not pitying you.

Why do gay boys like girly men and lesbians like really butch girls?

To the guy who sits next to me in philosophy class: Just because people have different styles and preferences than you doesn't mean that people won't like them because of it. Quit being so judgmental! Nobody's perfect, and neither are you.

I should be studying biochemistry instead of writing Pirate Rants.

I can't wait to go to Ohio in April!

I got five Rants posted! Chicka chicka ya!

Is it really too much to ask for a decent-looking, sweet Southern gentleman?

Does anyone else collect Breyer horses?

Waking up on Sunday morning to spend hours with 200 ranting Pirates

Choosing Pirate Rants can become a chore

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION EDITOR

I woke up early Sunday morning with the sun streaming directly into my eyes through a tiny crack in the blinds, and to the sound of my wife sawing logs in her sleep. A narcoleptic would have trouble going back to sleep under those conditions, so I decided to get up and start editing the Pirate Rants for today's edition.

Pirate Rants are one of the most fun things about my job, but also the most difficult. From one issue to the next, we receive anywhere from 150 to 200 rants, and sometimes more. Obviously, they can't all make it into the paper. The hard part is to decide which ones to keep because there are a lot of real gems in the inbox.

I always have 10 or 20 I'll share with my wife if she's in the room, and she'll often ask me what I'm laughing at. I sure wish there was room in the paper to print all of the rants ... well, most of them.

For all the wonderful, hilarious rants, there are a few that just don't cut the mustard. Every once in a while, a personal attack on a member of the newspaper staff is snuck into the rants by someone who doesn't agree with something that person wrote. Such rants are a waste of the writer's time and, more importantly, my own because they won't see the light of day. Legitimate concerns should be addressed in a letter to the editor with your name and contact information. A good rule

of thumb is to never say or write anything that you don't have the cajones to back up.

Personal attacks that name ECU faculty, staff and fellow students also fail to make the cut. However, in the case of a particularly good rant, such as the one last week about the professor refusing to allow the class to record lectures, I just omit the name. Go, thou, and do likewise, and you can rant all you want!

Profanity, unfortunately, disqualifies a lot of perfectly funny rants. An occasional damn or hell is one thing, but "S" and "F" bombs, for obvious reasons, are generally brushed aside. Sometimes the offending word can be substituted with something else, but let's face it, "crap" and "freakin'" somehow lack the necessary punch that the writer was going for.

Sunday, as I sifted through the Pirate Rants, I decided to use some of the rants submitted last week that didn't make it into the paper. I know a lot of rants were submitted after Thursday's edition, but in the spirit of fairness, I felt I owed it to some of the overlooked writers who were disappointed last week. You might say that's not fair to the ones who submitted rants after Thursday, and you'd be right. But life isn't always fair, and I only have so much space to work with. So many rants, so little space. You folks are too witty for your own good sometimes!

By and large Pirate Rants are a lot of fun and I know they are the first thing most people read when they pick up this newspaper. Again, I am sorry that we cannot print them all; no matter how much I'd love to, but keep 'em coming. You never know when yours may be the Rant of the Day!

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First and nothing

A Super Bowl disaster

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All week, or actually for the past two weeks, considering there was a bye week after the conference championships, I have been looking forward to the biggest sporting event in American culture — the Super Bowl.

Parties were planned, food was bought, beer was refrigerated (if, of course, your age allows you to participate in this typically fun Super Bowl tradition) and it seemed like it was going to be a perfect Sunday. I actually planned to spend my day with some friends at Tie Breakers, where the number of TVs makes it impossible not to have a clear view of the action, no matter in which direction your head is turned.

With the first round of drinks on the table, and appetizers on their way, the Giants were set to receive the opening kickoff. The first of many problems began here. Coverage cut out and everyone missed the Giants' run back. Not to worry, I thought, FOX has had some technical problems all year.

After the first round of commercials, I was really getting into the Super Bowl spirit. Then problems with coverage got worse. It seemed like every couple of minutes or so, the TVs froze or completely went blank. These moments of silence left plenty of room for people to yell out obscenities or seemingly helpless advice to their teams.

By the end of the first half, my friends and I decided to head home and hope for the best there. Imagine our surprise when we arrived and Tom Petty's face was frozen on the screen. After several minutes, the screen went black. I called my parents in Maryland to see if the technical problems persisted up there. No. They had perfect coverage. Luckily, they filled me in on what we missed.

Almost the entire third quarter went by with nothing but a blank screen. However, in the fourth quarter, things seemed to be looking better. That is, we could actually see the game, and the team I picked led an amazing last minute drive to the end zone to beat the Patriots in the greatest Super Bowl upset to date.

When you think about how much money is spent on the Super Bowl — millions of dollars in commercials alone — it seems absolutely ludicrous that a cable company cannot manage to deliver it in perfection. Were there too many of us tuning in? What caused this mega-sized blunder to take place? Have we gotten too technologically advanced that we cannot control the systems we have? I guess we'll just have to check out the highlights and replays on ESPN and hope they figure it out before Super Bowl XLIII.

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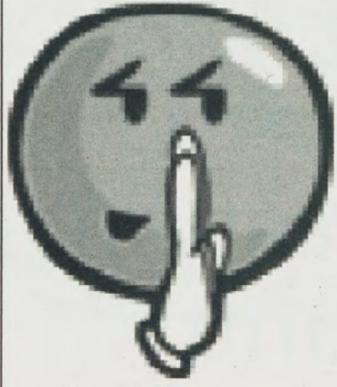
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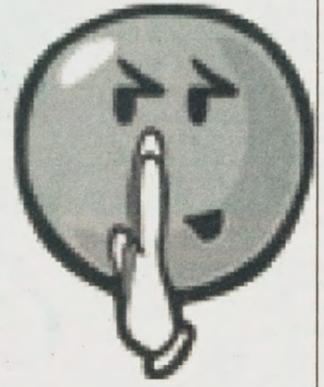
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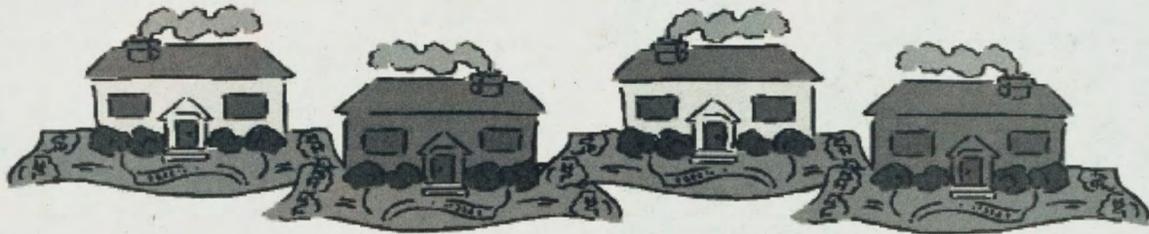
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Taurus
Conditions are good for getting a raise or some kind of bonus. Don't spend it all in one place accidentally. If you must, do it on purpose.

Gemini
Now that you know how much you have, you know how far you can go. Travel conditions are excellent now. Get out and do something fun.

Cancer
A financial discussion with your partner helps you decide what to buy now and what has to wait. You'll find a way to get it all. You're an excellent shopper.

Leo
Take care of the easy stuff first and everything will be easy. Besides, you'll have a helper before this assignment's complete. This could even be fun.

Virgo
You're almost ready to put in a full day's work, and not a moment too soon. It's been building up lately, since you've had your attention elsewhere.

Libra
A very important part of the creative process is knowing when to quit. If you're not sure, step away for a while. Three or four hours should do it.

Scorpio
Give yourself some time to ponder. Run out the possible consequences. You may appear sedentary, but you're thinking a mile a minute.

Sagittarius
Anything you need to know, you can find out. Practice and study are still required, though. Better hurry up. You'll need these skills very soon.

Capricorn
The money's coming in, but there's no need to talk about it. Don't race out and spend it all, either. Only get stuff you've been waiting for.

Aquarius
You're gaining confidence as you continue to check items off your lists. Schedule a romantic evening to celebrate.

Pisces
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Did you know: Black History Month?

A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry was the first Broadway play to be written by a black woman.

James Earl Jones was the voice of Darth Vader in the Star Wars trilogy.

Nat "King" Cole was the first black performer to have a television show.

William T. Shorey, an African American, saved his crew from the 1891 Arctic ice pack.

Scott Joplin was known as the "King of Ragtime."

Billie Holiday's life was depicted in the 1972 film, The Lady Sings the Blues.

Alice Coachman was the first black woman to win the gold in the high jump.

George L. Johnson and David M. Moore, both African Americans, opened "Quality Croutons" in Chicago, Ill.

The Indianapolis Recorder is the oldest surviving African American newspaper.

African American and mathematician Benjamin Banneker helped lay out the blueprint for the development of Washington, D.C.

Langston Hughes was one of the single most influential black poets.

Oprah Winfrey was nominated for an Academy Award for her performance in The Color Purple.

TODAY IN HISTORY...



1934
Henry (Hank) Louis Aaron was born on this day.



1950
Singer Natalie Cole, daughter of legendary singer Nat Cole, was born in Los Angeles, California.



1990
Columbia University graduate and Harvard University law student Barack Obama became the first African American named president of the Harvard Law Review.

Greenville's Intergenerational Center aids the community

Program provides guidance for kids

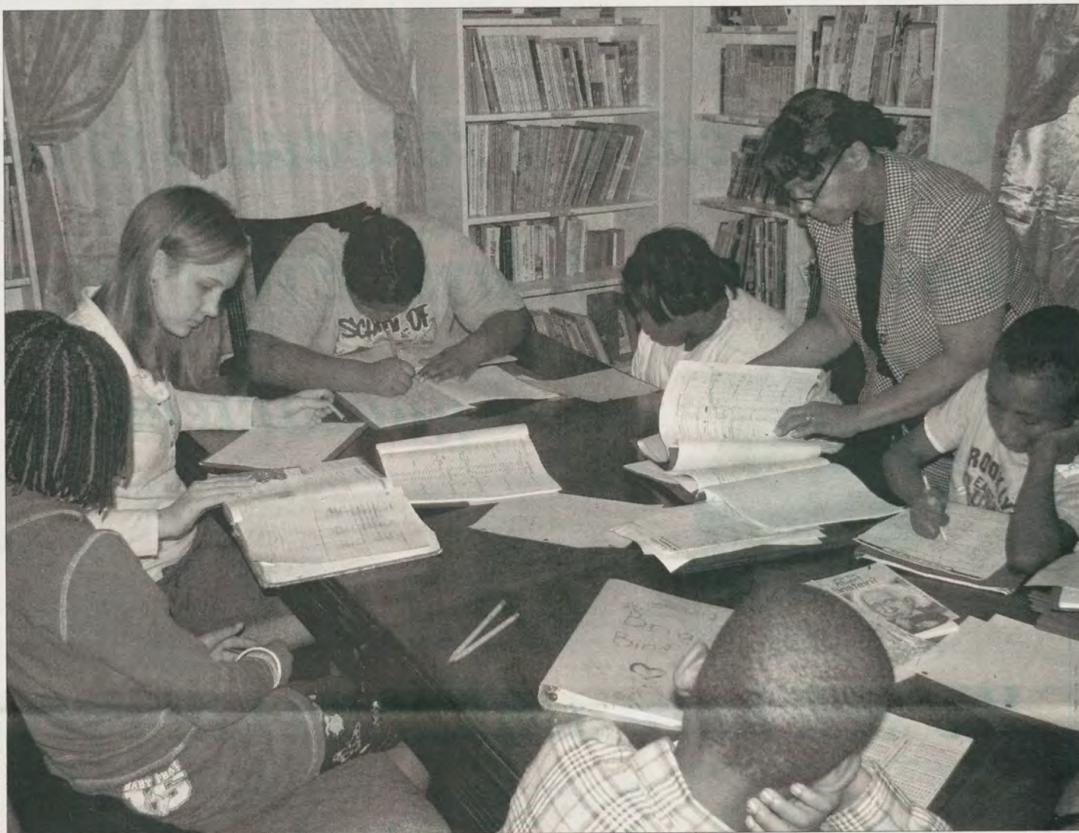
CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

The Intergenerational Center, a non-profit organization and branch of the Little Willie Center, has been providing programs for children for the past 17 years. The center strives to strengthen a sense of community and promising futures through tutoring and mentoring children in the Greenville area.

"This is the first time we have been able to expand services on a permanent basis," said Marvin Nelson Arlington Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the Little Willie Center. "We never would have expected it to grow like this."

The center offers three semesters of programs for school-age children with the aim of seeing them grow physically, mentally and spiritually. "Our main focus is empowering youth and rebuilding the community," Arlington said.

Children ages three to 17 arrive after school, are fed and get help with homework from tutors. They also have Bible study classes. Tutors volunteer



The Intergenerational Center, located on Ward St., offers programs for children ranging in age from 3 to 17, including after-school tutoring.



The Intergenerational Center is a branch of The Little Willie Center.

from Pitt Community College, ECU and Pitt County high schools. Parents and community residents also volunteer at the center, totaling 85 volunteers per semester, some who have been at the center for 17 years.

"I've worked here for over a year. It's a lot of fun and I look forward to tutoring," said Amy Barnhill, a junior majoring in middle grades education at ECU.

"There are some good kids," Barnhill mostly tutors fourth grade and up.

In the summer, the curriculum at the Intergenerational Center combines learning and fun. Children come in the morning, have breakfast, devotionals and classes.

Retired teachers often volunteer during this time of year.

"Sometimes the older children get to help out with the classes in the summer [and] sometimes they can instruct younger children themselves," Arlington said.

The center also takes field trips to see movies or visit the beach. The center's board has rewarded students by sending them on trips to places like Six Flags, Bush Gardens, the Bahamas and Detroit.

"Our greatest challenge has been finances," Arlington said.

"We need people to believe more in this program, they will not be wrong sowing their finances here."

The center is sponsored by churches and local businesses.

Arlington hopes to continue to see the Intergenerational Center expand and is hoping to implement a health program. The center has 42 registered students, with dozens more on a waiting list.

"We still need space, we've already outgrown our capacity," Arlington said.

Although the Little Willie Center has some space limitations and financial challenges, Arlington said he has seen positive results from the programs they offer.

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Marketing moguls battled for top Super Bowl airplay on Sunday

Commercials draw crowds to tube

SARAH CAMPBELL
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On Monday, Nielsen Media Research announced that Super Bowl XLII was the most watched Super Bowl game ever, with 97.5 million viewers. The game comes in as the second most-watched American television broadcast ever, with the "M-A-S-H" series finale taking the number one spot with 106 million viewers. The 1996 Super Bowl showdown when Dallas defeated Pittsburgh had a record 94.08 million viewers.

Some viewers tuned in with hopes of capturing a piece of history as the New England Patriots battled the New York Giants for a chance to become the second team ever to score a perfect season. Some watched with hopes that Giants quarter-

back Eli Manning would pull out the strength of Superman. Some tuned in to catch a classic performance by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. No matter what brought viewers to their televisions, one thing is for sure, it is unlikely that people dashed for the snacks as soon as the game cut to commercial break.

Over the years, viewers have come to expect high-octane commercials, packed with celebrity appearances and hysterical punch lines.

According to Fox, the News Corp., this year the average cost of a 30 second time slot during the game was \$2.7 million, up slightly from \$2.6 million from last year. Nearly ten years ago the price of a similar commercial cost advertisers nearly half, ringing in at \$1.2 million.

Budweiser, Bridgestone, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Doritos and



This Planter's Peanuts commercial aired during Superbowl XLII.

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Issues of race aren't just black and white

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Although the ECU community is racially diverse, some students still feel alienated.

Students speak out about race

MICHAEL MCANDREW
STAFF WRITER

February is Black History Month, a time when Americans of all colors are encouraged to remember the important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is also a time that can be used to seriously re-examine the role that race plays in both the local and national communities. The town of Greenville is, a racially diverse community. According to 2008 census data, Greenville's white community comprises 60.2 percent of the population, while the black

population makes up 32.14 percent of the local community.

Despite the diverse makeup of the city, many people in both ECU and Greenville communities continue to see the areas hindered by barriers of prejudice and ignorance.

"Race is a problem, an issue, not like in the sixties or the seventies, though," said Craig Glisson, senior graphic design major. "I can't point to my problems as being caused by racial discrimination, like my parents or grandparents could have. I don't know what they went through. Race isn't really the problem, stereotyping is."

Glisson also expressed dismay over the month in which Black History is celebrated, reiterating a frequent criticism of the decision to hold Black

History Month during the shortest month of the year.

"I'm angry about Black History Month being in February. Instead of Black History Month, it should just be integrated into American history. As a race, we've put too much into this country to only have one month celebrating our people's achievements," Glisson said.

James Jones III, sophomore history major, agreed.

"It seems like the only famous African-Americans that get mentioned in PSA's this time of year are Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and George Washington Carver. What about Edward Brook, the first African-American senator, or Malcolm X?" said Jones. Freshman Carlton Cabberas

believes that ECU's campus is a homogenous community, where the issues of stereotyping and racism are dealt with sensitively, and that the media has been more sensitive concerning the portrayal of blacks.

"I have [experienced stereotyping] plenty of times," Glisson said.

"Most times it was subconscious. People function more on a subconscious level than anything. But instead of being mad and fighting, you have to get over it and not worry about the little things. It's the big issues, the barriers of ignorance, which need fighting."

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Superbowl commercials have a reputation for producing laughs.

Fed Ex had some of the most memorable advertisements according to a recent poll on AOL.com.

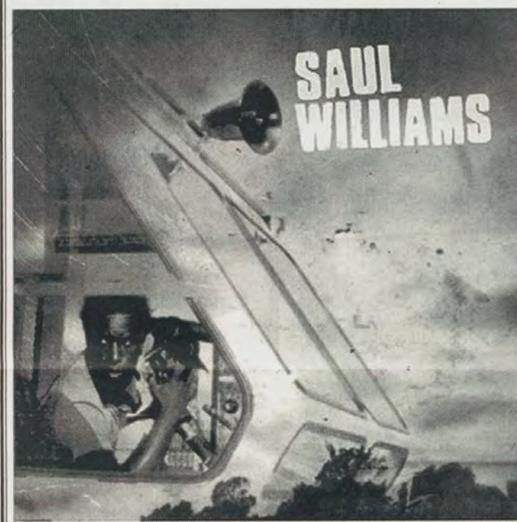
For those who missed the most-watched Super Bowl game of all time or just happened to be taking a bathroom break when the most talked about commercial around the water cooler hit airwaves, don't fret.

Every commercial aired on Sunday can be viewed at a number of Web sites.

Log on to youtube.com/adblitz to watch commercials and vote to decide the victor of a Feb. 12 featured slot on the YouTube homepage.

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Hip-hop takes on a new form



Saul Williams Trent Reznor create revolutionary album

BRIAN MAZUROWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Few musicians and artists can ever achieve the level of credibility and underground enthusiasm that Saul Williams has. On Saul Williams' newest release, *The Inevitable Rise and Liberation of NiggyTardust*, he manages to walk the fine line between true Hip-Hop ingenuity and his own rebellious, poetic personality.

On Nov. 1, Williams released his new album exclusively online. He managed to completely circumvent the use of any major label for distribution by releasing his album online. Anyone can go to the official Saul Williams Web site and download the new album for free, or they can give a possible \$5 donation to the artist.

Saul Williams is a poet, musician and actor from Newburgh, N.Y., who creates poetry and music that can not only move you but perplex you at the same time. Williams graduated from college with both a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's in acting.

He is no stranger to the analytical world. In the mid-nineties, Williams established himself as a prominent poet in open mic cafes and poetry clubs in New York City, and eventually won the title of the Nuyorican Poets Café's Grand Slam Champion. Throughout Williams' career he has been portrayed as one of the few remaining Hip-Hop artists, one with social awareness and an apparent abhorrence for the commercialism of modern mainstream Hip-Hop.

During this time, Williams' intelligent wordplay and creative rhyme scheme style caught the attention of

such Hip-Hop proliferates as KRS-One, De La Soul and the Fugees. Williams went on to release a string of EPs before releasing his first major label full length album produced by Rick Rubin, called *Amethyst Rock Star*.

Since then, Williams has released several other critically acclaimed EPs and full-length albums. Recently, Williams captured the attention of another musical obscurity and brain behind Nine Inch Nails: mastermind Trent Reznor.

Reznor was recently accompanied by Williams as his supporting act on tour in support of both of the new Nine Inch Nail's albums, *With Teeth* and *Year Zero*. It was during this tour that the idea of making music with Williams peaked Reznor's interest. The result was the abstractly serene *The Inevitable Rise and Liberation of NiggyTardust*, with its obvious wordplay on the groundbreaking David Bowie album, *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and Spiders from Mars*.

Unlike Bowie's album, however, there is no true underlying concept or theme to Williams' album; just raw and unadulterated lyricism intertwined with the crunchy, industrial sounding beats of Reznor.

Williams' new album is truly revolutionary in every sense of the word and represents underground Hip-Hop in an extremely entertaining fashion. Every song is decorated with unmatched wordplay and smart, social and political lyrics. If you're on the search for newer and riskier music, this is the album for you. *The Inevitable Rise and Liberation of NiggyTardust* is an album with a serious tinge of experimentation and insurmountable talent, to create an eerie Hip-Hop collaboration to bob your head to.

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Lady Pirates extend winning streak

(SID)--ECU extended its winning streak to four after defeating UCF on Saturday, 80-66. With the win ECU improved to 10-11 overall and 4-4 in Conference USA.

The Lady Pirates took a four-point lead, 38-34, into the half as LaCoya Terry scored on a put back with time expiring. After the Knights went up 7-2 early, five straight points by Gabriela Husarova sparked a 14-0 run by the Lady Pirates, taking the 16-7 lead with 12:5 to play. The Knights battled back, cutting the ECU lead down to three, 26-23 with 6:23 remaining. UCF used a 7-2 run to open the second half to retake the lead, 41-40, with 17:46 to play. The Lady Pirates responded, scoring seven unanswered points to go back on top, 47-41. Three Lauren Cochran layups and a Jasmine Young basket put ECU up nine, 57-48, with 10:53 to play. UCF answered, going on a 9-0 run to tie the game at 57-all with 8:31 on the clock. Husarova's three-pointer with 8:15 put the Lady Pirates up 60-57, a lead they would not give up. Young led all scorers with 22 points, connecting on 4-of-8 shooting from behind the arc. Terry added 16 points, seven rebounds, and six assists, while Husarova pitched in 13 points and six boards. The Lady Pirates hit eight three's on the night and grabbed 50 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, ECU notched another road victory, this time at Southern Miss. The Lady Pirates defeated the Golden Eagles, 86-70, Thursday night.

The game was tied at 6 before the Lady Pirates reeled off seven unanswered points, taking a 13-6 lead. From there, ECU outscored Southern Miss, 17-4, over seven minutes for a 30-10 lead. Southern Miss could not get on track before the half and trailed, 45-21. ECU led by as many as 27 points, 54-27, three and a half minutes into the second half. The Lady Pirates were able to maintain a substantial lead much of the second half on 63.2 percent shooting.

Terry led all scorers with a season-high 27 points on 10-of-14 shooting from the field. Allison Spivey added 17 points, one shy of her career-high, adding eight rebounds. Young had 16 points and Husarova added a personal-best 14 points, adding three assists.

The Lady Pirates return home Thursday, Feb. 7 as they host Tulane in a 7 p.m. tip-off.

ECU will then head to El Paso, Texas for a nationally televised contest against UTEP on Sunday, Feb. 10. The 2 p.m. tip-off will be aired live on ESPN2.

After starting conference play 0-4, the Lady Pirates, who won C-USA last season, won two straight home C-USA games and then two straight away C-USA games.

ECU has moved into a tie for sixth place in the conference after the rough start.

The Lady Pirates have eight more regular season games, with five of them at Minges Coliseum.

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Rugby team takes huge step toward nationals



Photo by Jessi Braxton

The ECU rugby team fell just short of going to nationals last season, but the 15th-ranked Pirates hope to make it this year.

Pirates defeat
NC State

HART HOLLOMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU rugby team defeated archrival NC State on Saturday, 43-32, in a thrilling match that saw a strong second half comeback by State, that came up short, just as the Pirates were able to hold on for the win.

In a match that saw the No. 15 ranked Pirates (1-0) jump out to a 37-10 halftime lead, State managed to put together a second half push, that gave the Pirate faithful a bit of a scare as the match wound down. But the expert kick of former ECU football place-kicker Robert Lee, proved to be the difference between the sides in the end.

The Pirates took the early initiative and within minutes held a 17-0 lead. They seemed unstoppable as they kept sending the ball out to their wing players to capitalize on their speed advantage.

"We did a good job of getting the ball out to our backs," said senior Thomas Francisco. "Our team is smaller but a lot faster than other teams, so we kept swinging it out to our out backs and running trick plays and it worked."

Four different Pirates scored a try in the first half. Nick Maffey, Connor Duke, Justin Bourgeois and

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Young pitchers highlight first baseball weekend

Pitching will be
key in 2008

RONNIE WOODWARD
SPORTS EDITOR

ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin will be trying to simulate game-like situations at Clark-LeClair Stadium as much as possible in the next couple of weeks.

The Pirates opened practice this past weekend and have a little more than two weeks before opening the 2008 season at No. 12 South Carolina.

"They sense that it's [the season] right around the corner and there's a little different smell in the air," Godwin said of his team's current mindset.

"I think that they realize that time is not on our side anymore and they have to go out there and produce, and there's definitely some excitement that comes with that."

ECU, which is ranked 24th in Baseball America's preseason poll, held three intra-squad scrimmages with umpires, attempting to give its pitchers as much live action as possible.

Senior pitcher T.J. Hose, who was named on the 2008 Brooks Wallace national Player-of-the-Year watch list, returns, but some

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Staff photo

T.J. Hose throws in the bullpen during practice. Hose is the leader of a young ECU pitching staff heading into the 2008 season.

Explosive offense returns to softball team

Season set to open
this weekend

SID—In 2007, the ECU softball team put its potent offense on display, outscoring its opponents 271-129 on its way to a 40-20 record. However, it was just two runs that separated the Pirates from their first NCAA regional berth since 1999, as they fell in a tight 1-0 contest against top-seeded Houston in the Conference USA Tournament title game.

With eight starters and 15 letterwinners returning from that squad, East Carolina feels optimistic about earning that coveted bid.

"Our student-athletes have committed themselves this fall to build upon their strength, speed, and softball skills," said ECU coach Tracey Kee. "They are a very driven group, and have met every challenge placed before them head on. With our blend

of youth and experience, we hope our hard work will directly result in success on the field."

After finishing second in both the regular season and tournament a year ago, the Pirates are expected to do as well this season, according to the league's head coaches. The team finished with 14 league wins, the second-most in ECU's seven seasons as a member of C-USA.

A key reason for those expectations is the work of Kee, who enters her 12th season with ECU just three wins away from 500. However, her impact on the program began much earlier than 1996. In December, CSTV listed the Pirates as having 967 wins in just 22 seasons, the eighth-most in NCAA history. Kee has been part of 843 of those wins as a player, assistant and head coach.

Kee has plenty of help in the dugout as associate head coach Natalie Kozlowski returns for her eighth season with the

program and first-year student assistant coach Keli Harrell joins the staff after an illustrious career in the Pirate uniform. Kozlowski is a proven offensive guru as her squads dominate the record books. She is responsible for teams that ranked first or second in 10-of-11 categories. After guiding the Pirates to a record 57 home runs in 2006, her 2007 team did one better, belting 58. Harrell will undoubtedly prove invaluable to East Carolina's pitching staff as she holds the all-time C-USA strikeout record with 943. She also sits first in C-USA appearances while appearing second in wins, saves and innings pitched.

If the Pirates are to contend for their first C-USA title and first conference championship since winning three consecutive Big South titles from 1997-99, they will have to rely on their consistent defensive play. ECU was by far the best defensive club in C-USA last season, compiling a fielding per-

centage of .977. Additionally, that mark was tied for the second-best in the nation along with national champion Arizona.

The Pirates return their entire infield from a year ago, highlighted by C-USA preseason honoree Jessica Johnson. The junior first baseman and C-USA first-team member led ECU and C-USA with 17 home runs in 2007, the second-highest total in school history.

"Jessica Johnson truly established herself as a threat with the bat last season," Kee stated. "She is by far one of the most consistent first basemen in the league. She's a quiet leader, who opts to let her game speak for itself. Our squad will depend heavily on her skill set this season."

East Carolina enters 2008 with depth in the outfield, returning six strong athletes. Sophomore and C-USA preseason selection Charina Sumner, along with junior Sarah Bibee will roam the right side.

Sumner, a Kailua, Hawai'i native, turned in a strong rookie campaign, earning second-team All C-USA honors as well as All-Freshman and All-Tournament accolades. She led the team in numerous categories, including runs, hits, triples, stolen bases, plate appearances, at bats, starts and games played.

While it will likely prove difficult to fill the void in the circle left by Harrell, the Pirates have a stable of pitchers ready to prove themselves among C-USA's best. Sophomore Toni Paisley anchors the staff, having been named C-USA Freshman-of-the-Year in 2007. She racked up a 21-5 record on her way to earning second-team All C-USA honors, All-Freshman and All-Tournament accolades and North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association (NCCSIA) All-State recognition.

"Our staff has spent a lot of

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of ECU's pitching staff will have to be filled by freshmen or transfers.

Hose has been ECU's top starter the past two seasons and was named second-team all-conference in his junior campaign.

The reliable senior knows he will be valuable to some of ECU's newcomers who will be taking the mound this spring.

"I think our young guys are definitely going to step up and they're a huge part of our team," Hose said. "We don't consider them as freshmen, but I try to go out there and show them things."

"If they need anything or have any questions I want them to come to me since I've been here and know what it's like," Hose said.

Among the pitchers com-

peting for a spot in the weekend rotation are freshmen Seth Maness and Brad Mincey.

Both Maness and Mincey pitched in Saturday's scrimmage and pitched well according to Godwin.

"I was pleased," Godwin said of their performances. "I thought they threw strikes and located their off-speed pitches very well."

ECU also has two position players who are expected to fit into pitching rotation in some fashion.

Junior Justin Bristow, who transferred from Auburn, pitched in Sunday's scrimmage and has a chance to be ECU's starting pitcher in Sunday games, while playing third base in the other weekend games.

ECU's second baseman, junior Ryan Wood, could also

see some time on the pitching mound.

Wood shined offensively for the Pirates last year, but could have an extended role as a relief pitcher this spring.

"Physically, he has good stuff and if he could get command of that, he could be a huge boost to us and our pitching staff," said Godwin.

Players like Wood and Bristow have to take different approaches to these intra-squad scrimmages, as they have to work on their defense, pitching and hitting.

"It differs a lot because if you have a 0-4 day at the plate and you have to come in and pitch later in the game, you have to clear that," Wood said.

"It definitely changes things and you have to keep your mind right."

The Pirates will need little motivation in the upcoming practices. As SEC member, South Carolina is one of the best programs in the nation.

"Right now we're not really talking about opponents, but certainly we know that South Carolina has a good program and we'll start to prepare for them about a week before the game," Godwin said.

The Gamecocks are ranked as high as No. 2 in one college baseball publication.

"You have to love playing the best competition out there and that's the only way we can get better," Wood said.

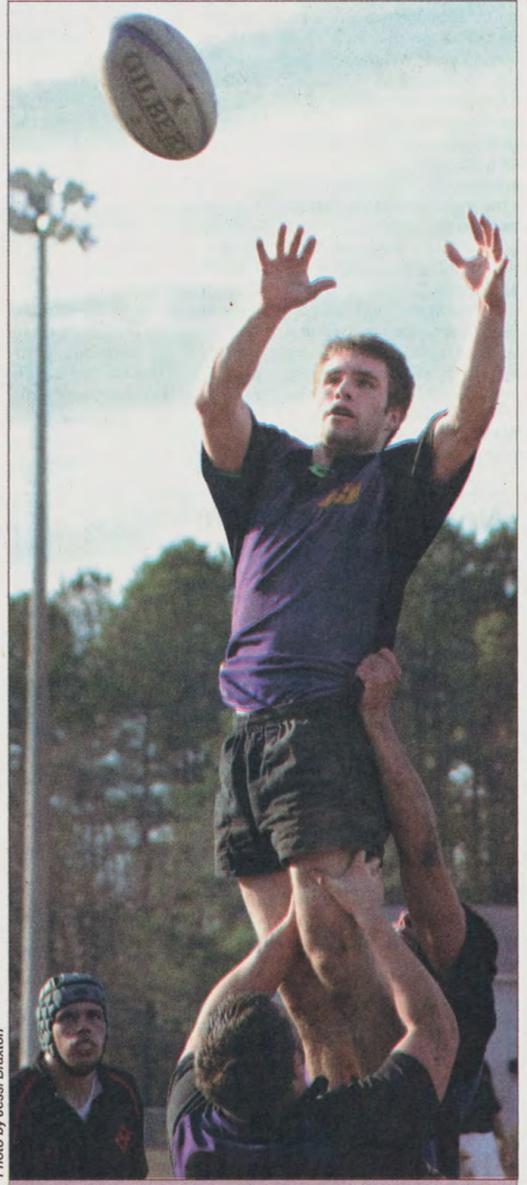
"We love it and we can't wait."

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Senior Corey Kemp will be one of ECU's leading returning hitters. The Pirates return a core of offensive players from last year's squad.

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The rugby team uses a team effort to possess the ball.

Francisco all reached the goal line for the Pirates.

"Every single one of our front four scored in the first half," Francisco said. "So, it was a good all around game and we spread the ball around well."

In the second half, State mounted a comeback. The Wolfpack reeled off 22 unanswered points after a penalty kick by Lee, which pushed the ECU lead to 40-10.

Time was on the Pirates' side and as the clock wound down, a late penalty kick from Lee sealed the game. Lee finished with a perfect day going 4-4 on conversion kicks and 5-5 on penalties.

This weekend's game was a step in the right direction for these Pirates. Their goal of emerging from the south region and competing in the national tournament is never far from their minds. After last year's campaign, in which they fell one match away from a berth in the national tournament, senior Jeff Hughes does not want to settle for that in his last season.

"We want to make it to the regional finals and win so we can go to nationals," he said. "We won our matrix [conference] last year and made it to the regional finals," said Hughes.

"This year we want to go to nationals."

Hughes admits it is not an easy task given the circumstances of being a club sport. With almost no experienced players coming in it is up to

upperclassmen and volunteer coaches to teach the newcomers the game quickly, who make up the bulk of the team's roster.

"We substituted in some of the younger guys in the second half to get them some good match experience," said Hughes. "They made some rookie mistakes but they are still learning and they need to keep getting into games like that so they will have that experience later in the season."

But with a core of experienced upperclassmen who have played together for years, the Pirates seem poised to do some damage on the national scene this season. And with younger players like Bourgeois stepping up and contributing in impact roles, the future looks bright as well.

But the future will have to wait as the entire team is focused on this season and they want results. Bourgeois noted that with this year's senior class, their goals are well within reach.

"We have a big senior class and we want them to go out with a bang," Bourgeois said. "We want to go to nationals and put up a good fight and hopefully win it."

The Pirates will spend the next two weekends on the road, where they will meet matrix foes UNC Wilmington and Wake Forest, respectively.

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time in the bullpen since August, fine tuning their mechanics and building their endurance," Kee said. Paisley will be the anchor of this year's staff. She understands the importance of carrying the majority of the innings and it's something she has prepared herself to do. "Paisley will be the anchor of this year's staff. She understands the importance of carrying the majority of the innings and it's something she has prepared herself to do."

Seven NCAA regional participants from last season and the program's first-ever trip to California constitute the 2008 schedule. The Pirates host three regular-season tournaments at the ECU Softball Field as the squad will play

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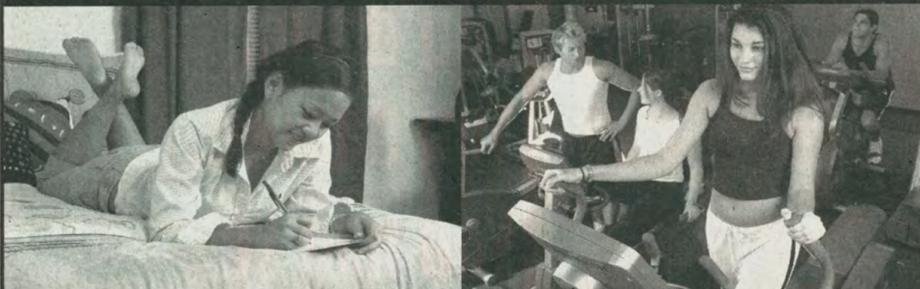
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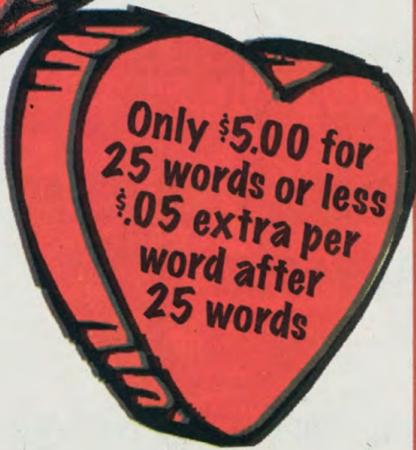
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