

CAMPUS NEWS

K-9 Posse rappers visit campus to campaign against drug abuse

By Eric Jones

The K-9 Posse, a New York City-based rap group, visited the ECSU campus March 28, to increase students' awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Appearing in Williams Hall, the three-man group spoke on drug and alcohol abuse, answered questions, and performed one of their rap songs, the hit single, "Ain't Nothing To It, But To Do It."

The rappers also presented a performance by their dancers, who accompany them on tours.

Although rap music has been associated with violence, the K-9 group said they believe their music can change the image of rap music.

"Our songs don't have a lot of curse words in them, for one thing," said Wardell Mahone. "And we don't have lyrics in our songs that provoke violence. If anything our lyrics try to prevent violence."

Mahone cited their song "Ain't Nothing To It, But To Do It," as an example of a song which tells people "to push real hard and achieve your

goals."

In answering a reporter's question, Vernon "Vas" Lynch, Jr. said The K-9 Posse's style is special because "We have simplicity, our music is not real complicated, and our album is musical. Also we don't say our names in our records all the time."

Mahone predicted rap music will get the respect it deserves, but admitted, "it will take a while."

Mahone said the group is troubled by rap musician's low profile on television. "We are upset because we feel that some rap artists are selling twice as many records as a lot of pop and rhythm and blues artist, yet still rap does not get on television."

Lynch then explained how the group discovered themselves.

"We got together and started hooking up tracks. We had a lot of demos, and my oldest brother Charlie was letting some of his home boys hear it. Then we came in contact with Desmond Gums, a new agent. After about 7 days, he liked the demo tapes we gave him, so he cut us a record deal," said Lynch

The rap group appeared at ECSU following a performance at Hampton Coliseum March 27, with Kid-in-Play, M.C. Hammer, Sir Mix A Lot, and The Real Roxxane.

The K-9 Posse's ECSU appearance was sponsored by WRVS Radio Station. The appearance was "a promotional deal," said WRVS General Manager Edith Lee. "Arista Records wanted to get the group exposure in Northeastern North Carolina, since they were performing in Hampton," Lee said that former ECSU student Gary Sherrod, who now works with Arista Records, helped bring the group to ECSU, along with WRVS Public Affairs Director Paula Sutton.

Lee said she feels the K-9 Posse presents an effective anti-drug message.

"I talked to them and I saw that they were really sincere in what they were saying. Being that they are from New York and New Jersey, they could understand how drugs are a bad influence."

Lee said that ECSU is the only campus The K-9 Posse visited.



MC VAS and DuBIP, rap artists, in the group K-9 Posse, were interviewed at campus radio station WRVS during their March 28 visit. The group's trip was possible through ECSU alumnus Gary Shearod, who works with ARISTA Records.



Photo by David Joyner

Members of the K-9 Posse answer questions from ECSU students during their March 28 visit to the campus. The group's appeared at ECSU in a campaign against drug and alcohol abuse.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Jenkins visits White House

Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins visited Washington, D.C. on April 28, to witness the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1992.

Jenkins was one of a number of college officials to witness the bill's signing. The university leaders met with President Bush at 1:15 p.m., and

then accompanied him to the signing ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House at two p.m.

Dr. Jenkins is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, an association which represents 114 black institutions in the United States.

Scholarship established

By Becky Overton

ECSU's sophomore class is working to establish a scholarship fund in memory of sophomore Galvin Walker, who died in a car accident March 28 in Currituck County.

"We have \$300 already," said Andre Greene, sophomore class president. "But we need a minimum of \$1,000 to get the fund established."

Greene said the junior class has positioned money from its class funds to contribute to the Galvin Walker Scholarship fund.

"The junior class decided to take the money we usually use for a party at the end of the year, and contribute it to the scholarship fund," said junior Wayne Collins. "Reggie Carson,

junior class President, first suggested the idea."

Greene said scholarship recipients must have at least a 2.5 average, and be an out-of-state student from a low-income family.

"We hope to have enough money to give the first award in the fall," he added.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Galvin Walker Scholarship fund should contact Andre Greene, or Reggie Carson.

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made the Million Dollar Round Table, in 1967, the year he joined Equitable. He later won three national sales campaigns in three successive years at Equitable, and was elected a full vice-president in 1974.

Davis was promoted to Senior Vice President of Equitable in 1987.

Davis graduated from A & M College University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He has a master's degree in Education from Wayne State University.

Two hundred Vikings will receive degrees during Commencement, according to the Registrar's Office. Preliminary senior activities include a cook-out party Sunday, May 7, at Roebuck Stadium, a wine and cheese social Monday, May 8th at the University Center, and a cook out in Virginia Beach, Tuesday, May 9.

Seniors will also celebrate graduation on Thursday, May 11, with a "Free Spirit cruise," a nighttime boat trip in Norfolk.

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Godspell presented at ECSU

By Nicholas Allen

The University Players presented the musical "Godspell" on March 1, 2, 3 and 5 in the Little Theatre.

The musical, based upon the gospel according to St. Matthew, dramatizes the events that lead to the crucifixion of Christ through song, dance and pantomime. The comic scenes, which included slap-stick, old vaudeville and three stooges routines, added pizzazz to the play.

"The play was much more enjoyable with the comic scenes," said Samantha Epps, a freshman. "It was performed in a way for everyone to understand." Songs performed during the play included "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Save the People," "Day by Day," "Light of the World," "Turn Back, O Man," "By My Side."

"The cast sang the songs with so much vigor and versatility," said Yolanda Holmes, a freshman.

Stephen Schwartz wrote the music and lyrics for this musical which first appeared on Broadway in 1972.

James L. Hardy Jr. portrayed Jesus and Stephen while Vincent M. Swift represented David, John the Baptist and Judas. Additional members of the cast included Kimly Blount, Lynne Chapman, Glenda Manning-Davis, Lisa Gregory, Angela Harvey, Carlotta Jordan, Candace Newman, Alex Perry, and Edmund Roush and Vicki Webb-Thomas, Director.



Photo by Richard McIntire

Eighteen-month old Saquan Cordan tried his hand at live radio broadcasting during ECSU Day at the Southgate Mall March 4th. Saquan is the son of WRVS-fm's Public Affairs Director Paula Sutton.

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