

Opinion: Driving is a no-good task

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I hate driving. And I am almost positive that the vast majority of you would agree with me on that statement.

Traffic, the high cost of gas and inane drivers who end up driving you crazy are only the start of my complaints. All these things are enough to make even the shortest commute seem like an eternity.

No matter where I go, I cannot escape it. A friend once said that she thought people were tapping into her phone conversations and listening to them to see what time she was leaving just so that they could go out and cause traffic prob-

lems for her.

While I find that a little far fetched, I still don't understand why there is so much traffic in Raleigh. The traffic gurus are constantly trying to solve the problem by putting up new roads, highways, byways and interstates. All this construction, however, produces what seems to be just more traffic.

I often wonder what is going on in the minds of my fellow commuters.

The gawkers especially irritate me, for I still do not understand what is so interesting about an accident on the other side of I-40 that would make a person brake to the point of stopping, looking and then

finally proceeding.

This cause and effect on the road drives me crazy because when a person slows down on the interstate, he causes the traffic behind him to build up. This build up, in turn, creates minor to major delays for all who are driving in that vicinity.

In addition, the cost of driving is also absolutely ridiculous. Around this time last year I can recall the 89-octane gasoline costing around \$.85 per gallon.

Not anymore. Now it costs about \$1.25 for the cheap stuff. My average weekly cost of driving is now up to \$30. I see no reason for gas to cost this much.

These days, driving pretty much stinks. Between the outrageous prices of gas, the herds of traffic and other drivers who don't think, I cannot stand to be behind the wheel.

Basketball team sports first win before holidays

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After two disappointing losses at the Ferrum College Tournament, the Meredith College basketball team (1-2) earned its first win of the season over St. Andrew's College (0-2) on Tuesday, Nov. 23 with a final score of 57-54. St. Andrew's, an NCAA Division II school, was expected to win the game.

Senior Julie Schramm led the team with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Fellow senior Beth Goodale chipped in 12 points on 6-8 shooting from the field.

Freshman standout Amber Scott recorded her first career double-double with 17 points and 14 rebounds. She also added 3 steals.

After being behind 27-36 at halftime, Meredith rallied in the second half to clinch the

win.

Junior Holly Lowman sank two free throws in the closing seconds of the game to put the Angels ahead for good.

"It was nice to get a win," said Coach Carl Hatchell. "We held St. Andrew's to 18 points in the second half, which was a good defensive effort. We were finally able to cut down on our turnovers."

The team had a game at Averette College on Tuesday, Nov. 30, and the team will finish out the semester with a home game against NC Wesleyan on Thursday, Dec. 2. The Angels hoped to avenge an earlier loss to Averette.

The team will resume play in the new semester on Friday, Jan. 14, 2000 with a home game against Chowan College.

Circle K inducts new members

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The Meredith College chapter of Circle K inducted its new members and officers on Tuesday, Nov. 16. The club met in the Oak Room in Belk Dining Hall for the ceremony. They enjoyed eating and talking together while the ceremony took place.

Steve Henion, president of the Highwoods Kiwanis, was the speaker. He challenged the club members to "stick with this [the club] and get the most out of it. Go past what is required and help provide for others."

Circle K's mission is to

"involve college and university students in campus and community service while developing quality leaders and citizens." The 46 new members of the club promised to uphold the ideals of the club during a candle light pin ceremony.

Each inductee was presented with a Circle K membership pin and choose to recited a membership pledge.

This year's officers are Mary Frances Vassaur, president; Julie Anna Dimcock, vice president; Jessica Landon, secretary; and Ashley Flatt, treasurer.

The evening was brought to a close with Boyd Dimmock, the club's adviser, asking the group to "do good all the time."

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