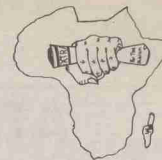


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By Jay Cornish
Editor-in-Chief

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Every now and then, there comes along a person whose drive, dedication and determination makes the impossible seem feasible and the unbelievable credible. That person has the ability to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat by mere perseverance and is able to motivate those around him to levels they never knew they were capable of attaining.

Such is the case with Tony Kent Williamson, Jr., Founding Editor-in-Chief of the Nubian Message, who passed away at 2:20AM on Saturday, March 12th. It is because he was such an extraordinary person makes his passing that much harder to take, for he was only 23 years old.

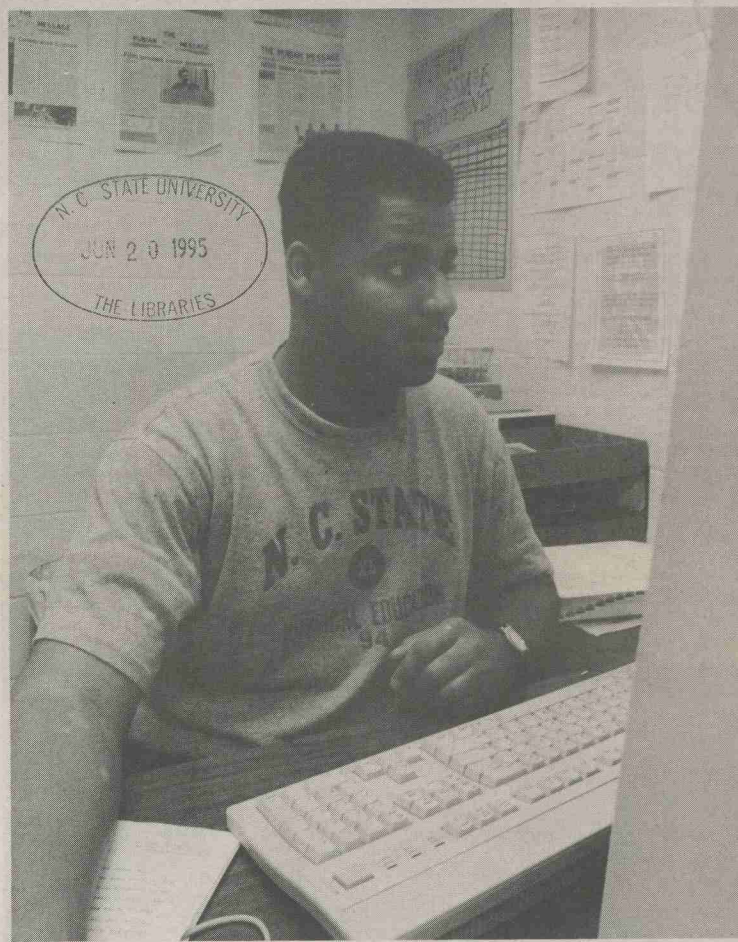
Prior to his death, Tony had ailing because of some kidney problems, which were affecting his school work and his work outside of the classroom. However, it was determined by medical autopsy that it was an unrelated factor which caused his untimely demise.

Tony was born the son of Yvonne Morton and Tony Williamson, Sr. on December 16th, 1971, in Danville, VA. Affectionately known to his family as "Blizzard" (a name which his father bestowed upon him at birth), Tony exhibited as child the things which would later exemplify him as an adult: a love for beauty, music, church, sports, and knowledge.

At an early age, Tony was very active in the church through the teachings of his grandparents, Bishop James and Evangelist Elizabeth Morton. He was faithful in attending Sunday school and church, which is how he received his spiritual grounding. He was active on the Junior Usher Board, in addition to playing the drums during song.

Tony always exemplified a manerable disposition and showed respect for God and man. During his early school years, Tony made many achievements of excellence, including Future Business Leaders of America and Who's Who Among High School Students.

Tony came to NCSU in the Fall of



Jean Bragassa/Technician

Hard at work, as always was his custom, Tony prepares to publish yet another issue of the Nubian Message. He put out 15 issues since its founding in 1992.

1989, intending to pursue a degree in political science. He later also decided to minor in Afrikan-American Studies. As Tony would have been a graduating senior this year, he had planned to pursue graduate studies. His tentative plans were to enter the African-American Studies program at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to the Nubian

Message, Tony was involved in a number of extracurricular activities, including SAAC and a jazz band.

Tony was a very visible and likeable student leader, one very capable of getting things done. He had many friends and colleagues who would be surprised at the news. I myself will miss Tony, or "X" as some of knew him, as I'm sure will many others. He was an inspiration to all of us.

We here at the Nubian Message would like to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

To us, he was more than the editor — he was family.

Always remember him, his deeds, and especially his legacy, for it shall never perish.

And through his legacy, he shall live in our hearts from now on.

Afrikan-Americans Run for Office

By Christina Verleger
News Editor

Once again, the elections for student government officers have arrived. This year, there are many Afrikan-Americans running for key offices in student government that will enable the Afrikan-American voice on campus to be heard even stronger, while promoting the campus and bringing about positive changes to N.C. State University.

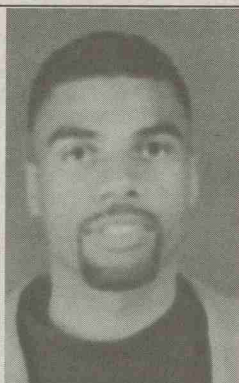
The positions that will be voted on March 28th and 29th are: Student Body President, Student Senate President, Student Body Chief Justice, Student Body Treasurer, Student Center/UAB President, Student Center Board of Directors, Student Media Authority, Student Senate, Senior Class President, and Senior Class Vice-President.

For the majority of these positions, there are Afrikan-American students who are extremely well qualified for the positions for which they are running.

To ensure that the Afrikan-American student population is well represented on the campus it is imperative that everyone votes for these candidates. The voting polls are going to be located near the Tunnel-Inn C-Store, the Atrium, and at the Dining Hall on Monday and Tuesday, March 28th and 29th.



Trina Nixon - Student Media Authority
"I am running for Student Media Authority because I would like to play an active role in voicing the media concerns of students as well as helping to regulate the funds allocated so that each source has fair and equitable representation on campus."



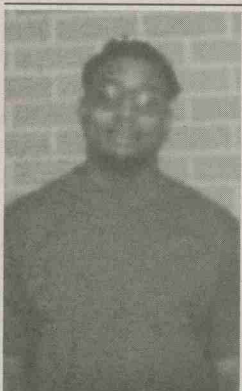
Jermaine Mc Kinley - Student Body Treasurer
"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from experience. Through my experience as Comptroller I can bring about success to the position of Student Body Treasurer."



Christina Verleger - Senior Class President
Through my active leadership roles and participation in organizations here on campus, I feel that I have the experience and know how, to communicate with all of the organizations and administrators on campus to make the activities and functions of next year's senior class as memorable and exciting as they could possibly be."



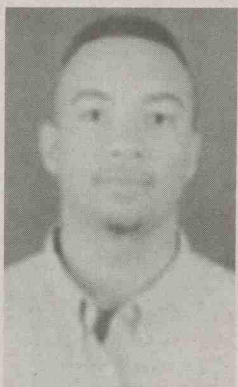
Risha Hamlin - Student Center Board of Directors
"I would like to sit on the Student Center Board of Directors to ensure that the needs of students will not be overlooked. I will accomplish this by making sure sufficient funds are allocated to the proper committees for useful resources and programs that will benefit all students."



Chad Waddell - Student Center/UAB President - "Out with the old, in with the new. The new generation is here and running."



Tracy Avery - Student Center/UAB President - "As Student Center/UAB President, I would like to establish a function of UAB that will benefit the campus community."



Kanton Reynolds - Student Body Chief Justice - "The Judicial Branch is the most important part of Student Government. It is important that we insure that every student has an equal opportunity to succeed."



Tonya McLeod - Student Center Board of Directors - "As a student member of the Student Center Board of Directors, I will strive to make sure the Board continues to improve its services and programs for students."



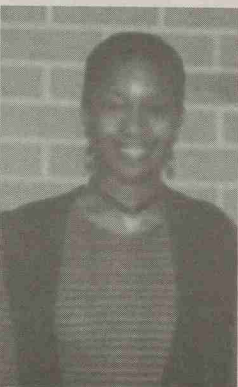
Bobby Johnson - Student Body President - "I feel that the three most important attributes that must go into an effective leader are: vision, strength, and experience. Through my service as Student Body Treasurer and other leadership positions, I have the wealth of experience necessary to become a hardworking and successful Student Body President."



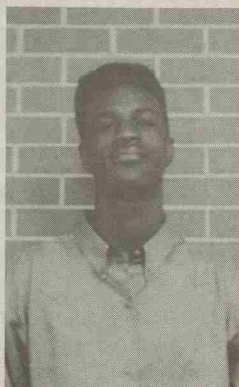
Kevin Hines - Student Media Authority - "As a student at NCSU, I feel I can make a difference in the media on campus. By being a member of the Student Media Authority, I have a voice to make a difference."



Sheila Cunningham - Student Senate - "As a Senator, I will keep Afrikan-Americans aware of issues on campus and be a member of Senate who will look out for the concerns of Afrikan-Americans."



Tasha Youngblood - Student Body Treasurer



Cornell Rogers - Student Senate

Kappa Alpha Psi Celebrates Women's Issues

By Olanda Carr
Staff Writer

On Tuesday March 22, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. presented a program part of Women's Issues Week entitled "Rape Awareness", which was facilitated by Connie Domino from the Center of Health Direction. In addition to Ms. Domino, who is the Sexual Assault Prevention officer, the program also featured Melissa Hancock, a Peer Educator for the Women's Center and a member of the Sista 2 Sistuh Network.

The program commenced with Connie Domino defining the aspects of rape. Domino concentrated on clearing up the misconceptions surrounding gang rape, rape under the influence of alcohol, and violent rape. Domino then proceeded to identify the punishment for rape offense, including life imprisonment. Melissa Hancock continued the program by presenting a historical perspective on rape. She related rape crimes to slavery times and revealed how slave owners raped slaves in the 1800s. Ms. Domino came back by stating the reasons why most women don't report rape,

asserting that they don't speak up because of fear of retaliation, embarrassment or lack of faith in the justice system.

The program was concluded by a presentation of statistical data concerning rape. It was stated that 90% of all rape crimes occur against women, the remaining 10% against men. It was also stated that 1 out of every 4 women are raped in America, and at least 2000 have been raped on N.C. State's campus. Then, Hancock and Domino ended the program by fielding questions the audience.

As a public service announcement for the benefit of our readers, here is a listing of where The Nubian Message can be found on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Because we have had a multitude of people stating that they would like to read the Nubian but couldn't find a copy, we are attempting to increase and redirect our circulation to better serve our readers. Please bear with us until we get it done correctly. Until then, look for the Nubian at the following places (and tell your friends):

Current Circulation Locations

African-American Cultural Center
Dan Allen Drive
Free Expression Tunnel
Harrelson Hall
Poe Hall
Reynolds Coliseum
Student Center Annex Cinema
The Quad

Upcoming Circulation Locations

Caldwell Hall
Daniels Hall
D.H. Hill Library
Dining Hall
North Hall
Student Development
University Student Center
Wood Hall

The remaining publication dates for the Spring Semester are:

April 14th and 28th

Summer publication dates will be announced in the last Spring edition.



AKA sponsors program health and beauty

By Christina Verlerger
News Editor

On Tuesday, the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held a program about health and beauty. The program was facilitated by Ms. Charlene Crisco of Mary Kay. She discussed in depth the facts about skin cancer and proper protection from the sun. Ms. Crisco also showed a tape about skin cancer and the three different types of skin cancer and how important it is to protect your skin.

After the film, Ms. Crisco detailed the proper way to take care of your face as far as cleansing and sun protection. After she finished the proper cleansing techniques, Ms. Crisco brought Shiquisha Ardrey from the audience to give her a make-over to show everyone else the necessary details to give a natural appearance when wearing make-up.

To keep the audience actively participating in the program, Ms. Crisco had drawings for different types of make-up. The students left the program with the knowledge of proper skin care, protection from skin cancer, and natural ways to apply make-up.

Four Reasons for Using "K" in Afrika

- Most vernacular or traditional languages on the continent spell Afrika with a K; therefore the use of K is germane to us.
- Europeans, particularly the Portuguese and British, polluted our languages by substituting C whenever they saw K or heard the K sound—as in Kongo and Congo, Akkra and Accra, Konakri and Conakry—and by substituting Q wherever they saw KW. No European language outside of Dutch and German have the hard C sound. Thus we see the Dutch in Azania calling and spelling themselves Afrikaaners. We are not certain of the origin of the name Afrika, but we are sure the name spelled with the C came into use when Afrikans were dispersed over the world. Therefore the K symbolizes our coming back together again.
- The K symbolizes us to a kind of Lingua Afrikana, coming into use along with such words and phrases as Habari Gani, Osagyfo, Uhuru, Asante, together constituting one political language, although coming from more than one Afrikan language.
- As long as Afrikan languages are translated (written) into English, etc., the European alphabet will be used. This is the problem. The letter K as with the letter C, is part of that alphabet, and at some point must be totally discontinued and the original name of Afrika be used. The fact that Boers (peasants) in Azania also use the K, as in Afrikaan (to represent the hard C sound) demonstrates one of the confinements of the alphabet.

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These next few pages are dedicated to the everlasting memory of Tony Kent Williamson, Jr. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may his life and this paper serve as example to all of us, of what we could do with a vision and a dream.

We've lost a Soldier

By Dr. Victor Okafor
Visiting Asst. Prof. of African-American Studies

The news of the death of Tony Kent Williamson reached me around 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 16th. I was just about to get out of my home to head off to work when I received the message through a phone call. Although I proceeded to my office to my office, I could not really concentrate on anything, for I had been disconcerted by the news. In fact, I spent the rest of the day in sorrow.

I was and still am pained that the death has snatched away this dashing, energetic young soldier of ours. I could not help saying to myself over and over again, that "we've lost a soldier."

Tony loved life. Tony struggled to stay alive. He had great ambitions. He was a community-minded, diligent and articulate student. During the brief period that Tony had been in my "Introduction to African American Studies" course (MDS 295S), he, in class discussions exhibited an apt understanding of the Afrikan situation in America.

His insights were distinctive. Despite Tony's youthful age of 23, he displayed a striking consciousness of his Afrikaness. Unlike some of

our folk, Tony had no ambivalence about his Afrikaness.

A week before the Spring Break, I called Tony's home to find out why he had been absent from class for a period of more than three weeks. He told me that due to his need for close medical attention, he had decided to withdraw from all of his classes.

Nevertheless, he sounded cheerful and was hopeful about his life. He thanked me for the concern that I showed. On my part, I promised him that I would help in every way that I could. Barely a week after, I heard that he had died!

The Nubian Message, for which he was founding Editor-in-Chief, stands out of a concrete legacy that Tony left behind. It is of historic for us to recall that this newspaper, which has risen to the stature of a voice of the Afrikan-American community, would not have come into being without Tony's perseverance. He did not allow official foot-dragging to stop the initial effort to launch the newspaper.

As the Nubian Message pointed out in its March 10th edition, at the initial stages, the Establishment was not sympathetic with the idea of setting up The Nubian Message. But true to the conscious soldier that he was, Tony did not allow officialdom to kill the project. He did not give up,

as some lily-livered persons would have done. Instead, he seized the bull by the horns. He acted with the creative courage to make the newspaper a reality. This was an institution-builder in the making!

Tony was one of the first persons to talk when I arrived at NCSU in January, this year. He and I talked for about two hours in my office about sundry subjects, including issues pertaining to the Afrikan world.

He had a great deal of admiration for Temple University's Ph.D.-granting African-American Studies Program, and he said that he would seek admission to the program to the program after his undergraduate studies. From that day's conversation, I could tell that Tony was indeed the right candidate for graduate work in African-American Studies.

I suggest that Tony Williamson's name deserves to be given a special place in our history. For this reason, I propose that the Nubian Message be renamed as The Tony Williamson Journal. This will also serve as an inspiration to other young men and women in our community, for they can, thereby, notice that our community honors its heroes. Tony was one of our heroes. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

When our love one is called away,
our hearts fill with pain.
Although we know that Death is inevitable,
The feeling is always the same.

The thought of not having Tony around,
fills our hearts with sorrow.
But we know that the Lord has taken him to a better
place,
and believing this helps us face tomorrow.

We know now that he is really not gone,
he still lives in our hearts and in our memories.
And slowly we begin to realize,
that the Lord has only called him "Home".

So let us not say good-bye to Tony,
because we will see him again on day.
Instead just say "Rest on my brother,"
may you be in peace as you lay.

You are always in my prayers

Tiffanie Gladden
Junior, Computer Science

A Tribute from Student Affairs

Friends and loved ones, on behalf of the staff and students who participate in the activities of African-American Student Affairs, we pay tribute to the life and spirit and memory of Tony "Golden Bear" Williamson. Our hearts ache—ache because we have lost a friend, brother and to some of us an "adoptive son or godchild". Our minds question—question because here was an outstanding young Afrikan-American male who was not taken away by the system, by the police, by drugs or by the hands of another brother.

Our spirits yearn for consolation from the all Wise Creator, for in times like these, we do not know where else to turn but to the One who gives life. We know that Tony truly made a difference in the lives of every one he touched at NCSU. You all may know Tony as an intelligent, honorable, handsome, talented, spiritual and committed young man who, in everything he set out to do, did it with the conviction of "let's do it, just don't sit here and talk about it".

We in African-American Student Affairs, affectionately knew him as "Golden Bear" with his slow-moving, deliberate walk and yes, he could eat like a bear. He gladly ate any food or snacks we had around the office. We knew him as a student who always could be counted on to sit on a committee to represent the needs and interest of African-American students.

In fact, Tony was on the search committee for the Assistant Coordinator's position. We knew him as the young man who would wander into the office from time to time looking like he just needed a big bear hug before he would sit down to some serious talk about his goals, his family, particularly his dear mother and his desire to make the world a better place. We knew this side of Tony. We loved Tony.... We miss Tony.

A Friend of Mine

Tony Williams and I met as freshman in 1989. At first, I was not sure what to think of him because he was so sarcastic. I thought he did not like me; however, Tony and I became great friends. We worked together in classes and in organizations.

I began to know Tony best when Students For Students was formed in 1992. This group consisted of about twelve Afrikan-American student leaders who were committed to addressing Afrikan-American student concerns. From this group came the Editor-in-Chief of the Nubian Message.

In the first meeting Tony volunteered without any hesitation to establish an Afrikan-American newspaper. He was determined to see this work!

He fought opposition from faculty and took his staff and energy to North Carolina Central University to produce our first Afrikan-American newspaper.

It was then when I began to notice the many different sides of Tony.

Later Tony volunteered to assist me in a program I was presenting. The subject of the program was to display the creativity inherent in Afrikan people.

Tony did a slide presentation discussing hieroglyphics, pyramids, and all of the intelligent and creative ideas that came from our ancestors. The program was a great success.

After this I attended a program during Kwanzaa week for poetry readings. The facilitator called Tony's name. I knew Tony could write, but I did not know he could perform a dramatic interpretation of a poem.

He was excellent and I was shocked. During my conversation with him afterwards I told him how well I thought he did. He simply said "There is many sides to Tony Williamson." This I realized.

This year Tony and I became a bit closer. We often worked as a tag team on committees. Tony was often a sounding board for me to bounce ideas off. We discussed issues and people. We would just simply sit in the Nubian Message office and make a flyer or simply talk.

Losing Tony "X" Williamson taught me a lot about life! Never take anyone or anything for granted. I hope he knew I loved him because I did. It was an honor and privilege to get to know him like I did!

Dawn Gordon

Never would of told ya

By Nicole White
Reflections Editor

never would of told ya
while you were runnin' around
harpin about headlines,
how much i thought
ya had it GOIN' ON!
a POSITIVE brother
with a sharp BLACK mind
who was ACHIEVING
things my dulled senses didn't even realize
needed to be done.
F--- mike,
i wanna be like TONY!

but nah, i never would of told ya,
(Thought Your Head Would Get Too Big)
how grateful i was (am)
to be inspired,
to have the chance to aspire,
in that wonderful thang that makes us all
NUBIAN

and if i had the chance
cause they tell me you're dead (no!!!)
gone, past, free, whatever.
if i had the chance
to thank you,
bless you,
mourn you, (and i refuse to mourn what is still living)
i wouldn't.
some things are far better left unsaid.
cause in my heart, my heart, my soul, my word, my
tears,
i will always carry your
MESSAGE

peace

To The Editor

By Steve Crisp
Guest Columnist

Out of the establishment of every nation comes an issue that threatens to irreparably divide its populous. In the history of the United States, that issue has been racism.

Out of every issue comes a revolution established to eradicate the human injustice brought forth by that issue. Under the specter of racism, that revolution was the formation of Civil Rights Movement.

Out of every revolution emerge leaders. Within the ranks of the Civil Rights Movement, some of those leaders have been, and are, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Jesse Jackson. Some have achieved due; others are struck down before their goals and dreams were fully realized. Among the latter is Tony Williamson.

Tony is a leader of no less significance or influence than the venerated individuals who went before him. He saw, he felt, the injustice of racism, and set forth to change his part of the world so that everyone could have security in the God-given rights to which we all are entitled. He saw a problem and was deter-

mined to rectify it - in fairness and with equity to all parties involved.

Tony took the words "By any means necessary" to heart. He knew there was a time for talk and a time for action. He had a keen sense of the issues facing people of all races and enacted his personal policies to effect change. Through the power of logic, Tony showed his peers that his personal beliefs are fundamentally sound; now administration at N.C. State of their blindness - the blindness that bigotry instills in maintenance of the status quo. He demanded rectification of previous oppression.

Tony was a person who knew what was right and acted upon that knowledge to make his part of the world a better place. Yet, he also knew that there was no rest for the weary. He acknowledged that when circumstances seemed to be at their finest, that was the time to be unrelenting. Ground gained is lost to inactivity. Words have meaning, but words must be imbued with response - response permanent and consistent with justice - or else they become empty. For this he strove.

Tony knew that many people were simply mouthing

words, he knew that there were some in the administrative hierarchy at NCSU who stood firm in their minds on the issues they professed as just, but did not have the fire in their hearts to fight for what is right. Tony had both the firmness and fire.

Above all, Tony was a friend. He was there to smile, to comfort, to convince, to reason, and to chastise, all without pretense. Though he was last to give up his beliefs, he was the first to temporarily put them aside to help those with whom he disagreed. Yet, he never once abrogated the tenets under which he lived. He neither ever forgot why he was here at NCSU - to learn, to teach, and to go forward in to the world with the knowledge of who he was and why God placed him here - to be the role model for others less strong than he.

Out bodies will eventually fail us all, but our ideas remain. Tony is no longer physically among us, but his vision lives on. The Nubian Message is just one of those tangible things he left behind. He expected the torch to be carried far and wide by those who remain. We mustn't let him down.

The Kappa Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. sends their condolences to Tony Williamson's family and friends during their time of mourning. Tony brought great leadership and insight to this campus. His humor and constant smile will be missed so much. Tony will forever be remembered for his dedication to uplifting African-Americans at N. C. State and abroad. Tony is an inspiration to us all. We will miss you Tony.

Our finest memory of Mr. Tony Williamson should be that of a drummajor. Tony was a "drummajor for justice, a drummajor for peace and a drummajor for righteousness." He gave us a sense of community and was the paragon of excellence and achievement. Tony Williamson will always be revered and remembered.

Kanton T. Reynolds

In Memory of

For Tony Kent Williamson

I remember meeting Tony when he was a freshman. I saw him evolve from a restless freshman with not enough to do, to a restless student with not enough to learn, into a restless leader with not enough accomplishments to get done and goals to meet. "Too much" was not a phrase that Tony used.

I'm sorry that I never took the time to say to Tony that I was proud to be his "what he called then" Peer Mentor, so I'm saying it now.

"It's an honor and something to be proud of when a mentor becomes a fellow leader and then someone you look up to."

Rest in Peace, X

Stephanie Codgell

The dream of Tony Kent Williamson, Jr. will live on through the continuation of this paper. Please help us do so by honoring him and supporting his creation,
THE NUBIAN MESSAGE.

First Impressions

By Khaleel A. Faheemud-Deen

Business Manager

When I first met Tony I was not sure if I liked him or not. You see, this guy is a different breed of individual. He is not the type that allows you to throw a lot of facts his way without asking you to support your rhetoric with logical supportive material.

In short, Tony makes me work. If I come at him unprepared, he systematically takes my argument apart.

The question has never been really whether I liked Tony or not, because I never had a reason to dislike him. The issue is and always has been one of envy, or more specifically, my ego.

The all too consuming E-G-O that causes one human being who thinks it is intelligent to prejudge another human being, whom it also thinks is intelligent, in a negative way. Simply on the basis of some unreal competition.

If you ever talked to Tony, touched him with your heart, you would immediately realize his sincerity would never allow him to participate in such immature, time wasting exercises in futility.

In our most in-depth and serious discussions of religions, and the intellectual and social rescue of the Black man (Tony prefers: Afrikan-American), Tony never takes himself too seriously. Always, when things start to get too heated on either side, I can depend on that patented rising of the eyebrows and "grand-canyon" of a smile that Tony is so famous for.

Tony "Blizzard" (secret family nickname) Williamson is a special guy. The last time we saw each other I asked him when would I see him again, he replied, "you'll see me when you see me!" I can't wait for my spiritual "graduation" so that I can hold him to his word.

I love you Tony. Inshallah, see you soon! As-Salaamu-Alaikum.

Inviticus

*Out of the night that covers me
Black as a pit from pole to pole
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloodied but unbowed*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and still finds me unafraid*

*It matters not how straight the gate
How charged the punishment the scroll
I am the Master of my fate
I am the Captain of my soul*

Submitted by Lathan E. Turner, in memory of Tony Kent Williamson, Jr.

Letters to the Editor

"The Nubian Message" welcomes Letters to the Editor. However, some basic guidelines must be followed...

...Letters must be limited to 300 words

...Letters must be signed by the writer, including his/her major (if a student)

...Letters should address campus issues, breaking news, or public-interest topics

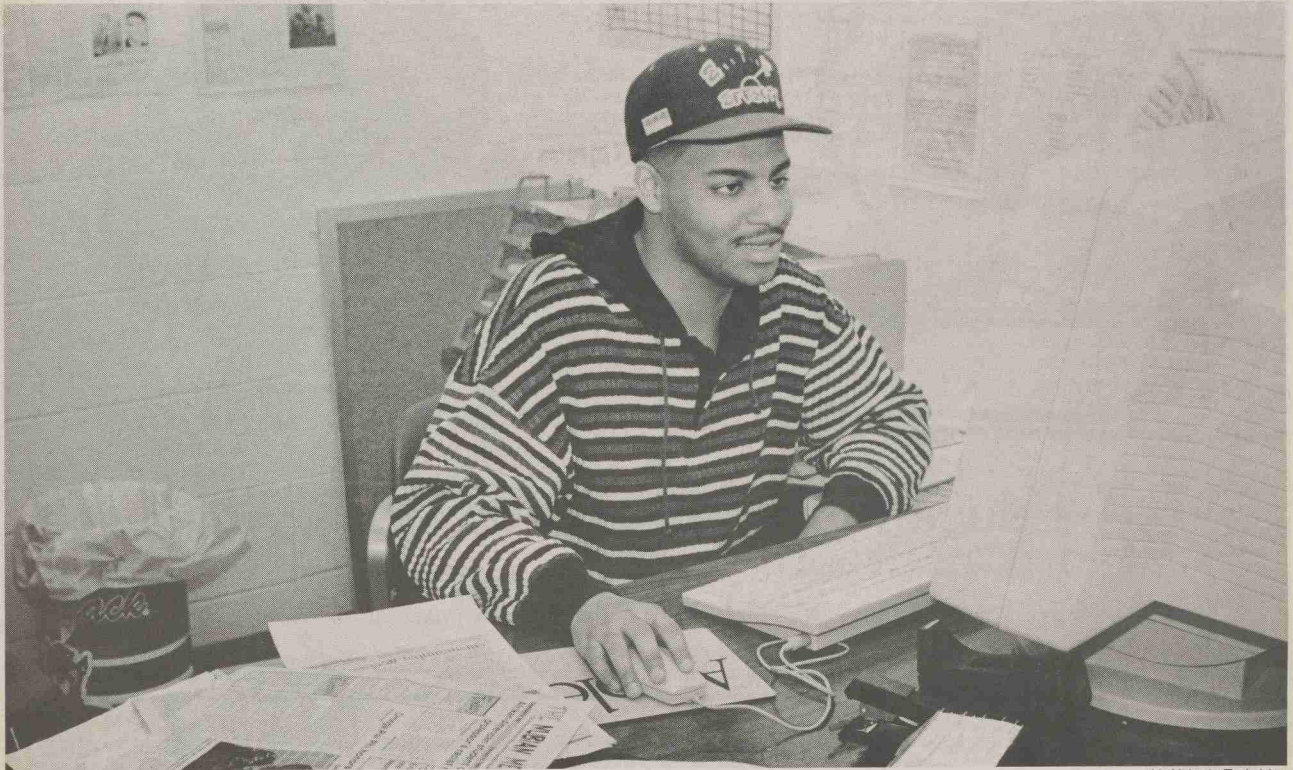
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Box 7318, NCSU
Raleigh, NC 27695-7318

The man and his job... He did it so very well.



Liz Mahncke/Technician

The Flower

By Olanda Carr

Staff Writer

At the first of Spring, a seed is planted.
It is nurtured through rain, wind, and sun.

Alas, the seed begins to grow and leaves appear.
And from these leaves emerge a stalk;
from stalk, a flower.

But, oh, what a beautiful flower has
been born!
...the vivid color of the petals
...the fragrant aroma emitted from the
bulb.

With the change of days, the flowers

blossoms in splendor,
delighting all who witness its beauty.

But, alas, the seasons change, tempera-
tures change.

The flower tries to withstand the
extremity of heat,
the dryness of the ground.
But, soon petals that once were bright
with spirit
are becoming dull and weather beaten.

One,
Two,
Three,
Four,
Petals fall. The appearance of the flower
has now been altered, a shadow of its
former self, yet petals remain.
Five,

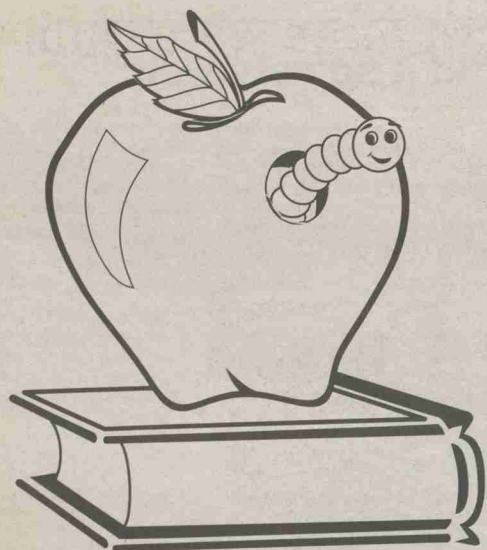
Six,
Seven,
Eight,
Nine petals are gone.

The stalk has fallen over.
The leaves are brittle.
Yet, one petal remains, holding on to
days gone by.

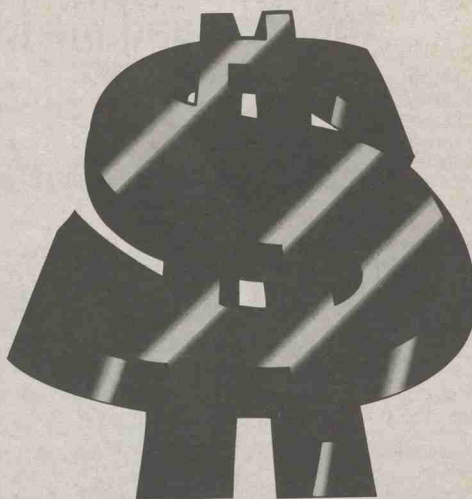
More rain comes, the petal remains.
More wind comes, the petal remains.

But soon, the elements of nature over-
come the petal,
and it is unable to hang on.

Ten.
The petal falls.
The flower dies.
But, its memory lives forever.



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From the staff of
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Opinions

The Original People of the Scriptures were Nubian

By Danny Byers
Staff Writer

This article is dedicated to my man Tony Williamson. Tony put me on the paper around January and I still vividly remember how that day went. Jay, Tony, and I were in the office chilling, because they were interviewing me for the available position.

I remember Tony telling me that I had the go-ahead to write, but before I could start, I had to do ten push-ups for him. Man, I kid you not, I must have did around fifty push-ups that day, but that's all right, he's still my man. I doubt if he was trying to teach me a lesson in humility but I do believe he was telling me in a way that I was going to have to work hard in the future for him.

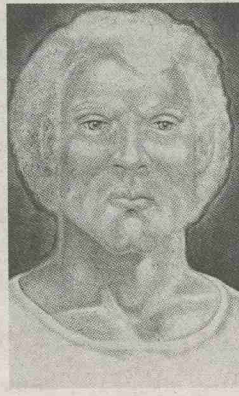
After rejecting my very first story, it took me awhile to be able to get back in touch with him, due to his illness, but eventually I did. The last time I spoke with Tony was after the SMA meeting, in which The Nubian Message was granted its permanent status here at NCSU. He told me the errors of my first article and finally made me understand his perspective of where I should be coming from.

You know, now that I look back on it, I'm glad that I went to that SMA meeting, not because it was instrumental for the Nubian Message, but because I got to see Tony one last time, probably at one of his life's greatest moments, not to mention one of his happiest. Here's to you man, my only regret is that your not here to see how my article would turn out.

To start, I must say that this commentary is long overdue. For the past

two years that I have been at this campus, I have quietly sat and read all of Steve Crisp's Opinion columns in NCSU's main newspaper, the Technician. Many-a-night I steamed in silent outrage after reading one of his columns that somehow managed to downplay anything the Nubian community would do to better advance our people in this society.

The column that hurt the most was



his February 16, 1994 article entitled, "Holy Bible doesn't need a rewrite." The story was an outright attack on a Howard University divinity professor named Rev. Cain Hope Felder. Rev. Felder is out there dispelling the myths of the Bible, in which most of the people in it are falsely portrayed as white and not in their rightful states as proud Nubian male and females.

My first reaction to Steve Crisp's commentary was amazement; amazed on how ignorantly written

was this column. But after the anger died down, I soon felt sorry for Steve Crisp because I actually thought that he genuinely believed his word to be true.

The scary thing about his opinion is that I'm almost certain that he is not alone with his thoughts in the White American community and maybe still the Nubian community. It's time for the truth. Now I can refute this argument many ways, but for this article I will go about explaining from a religion perspective as well as a logical scientific view.

First I will begin with the religious aspect. As long as anyone can remember, the first thing you are taught in church is that Adam and Eve where the very first people on earth. From them came all the many generations of people leading up to present day time.

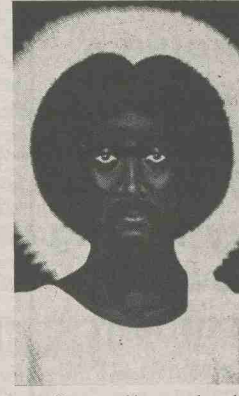
If Mr. Crisp ever even bothered to pick up the Bible and read it, he would have found in Genesis 2:7, that the Creator had formed man of the dust of the ground. In the very beginning, when the Sustainer first created the planet Earth, everything was perfect.

The dirt was pure and rich. Have you ever tried growing something in pale dirt or sand? I'll tell you now that it is impossible. The blacker the dirt, the richer and purer it is, the better it will grow any seed. And remember, the Creator grew all kinds of fruit trees in that dirt. But the most important seed was Adam, a black man.

Unquestionably, the most important figure in the whole Bible was Jesus. He, too, was a Nubian man. The scriptures tell us that the com-

plexion of the flesh of Jesus walked the Earth in, was and is, like brass, after it had burned in the furnace; And his hair was like that of lamb's wool, and eyes like flames of fire (refer to Revelations 1:14-15).

Now, if you can make this description to be that of a palomino, please let me know how you do it. Have you ever burned brass in fire? Try it, and see what color you get, I doubt that



you will get anything near the color of white. And since when is lamb's wool long and straight?

And if red fiery eyes don't describe those of a Nubian man, then there is definitely something wrong.

Now for me to sit here and tell you that everyone in the scriptures were Nubian, would be lying on my part. In fact there were white people in the scriptures. They came in with a man named Canaan. Canaan was the fourth son Ham (Ham or Cham in the

Hebrew language, means "hot or burnt black"; the Arabic word Hamaa'a, in the Qur'aan means "black mud" (Al Qur'aan 54:28). Canaan became the father of the white race because of the sin that his father Ham committed.

The Prophet/Apostle Noah was the very first farmer and the first to plant a vineyard and make wine (Genesis 9:20). Noah did not know the effects that would result from drinking the pressed juice of the grape, therefore he became drunk from this wine and went to sleep in his tent naked. Ham, looked upon his father's nakedness, and was overcome with the thought of sodomy and fornication.

Though Ham was the one who committed the crime (Leviticus 18:7), the curse fell on his fourth son, Canaan (Genesis 9:25-27). This curse was a physical one, of which its description can be found in the Scriptures (Leviticus 13:4, 13:30). This curse that Canaan received was the curse of leprosy (Leviticus 14:34).

Some religions would like to lead you to believe that this curse really fell on Ham, but this is just not true. The law of the Old Testament says that the sins of the father will fall upon their offspring up to the fourth generation (Exodus 20:5, Genesis 9:25).

Just in case there are those out there who are non-Bible-readers, I will gladly prove that the first people and all of the original people of the scriptures were indeed Nubian from a scientific perspective.

Going back to Biology class, you learn that the skin is made up of two layers of tissue: the epidermis or

A Grand Opportunity

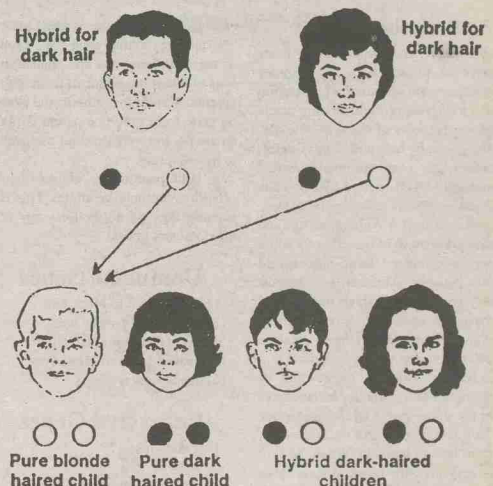
By Sylvia Hall
Guest Columnist

So many great African-American people throughout history have made great contributions to America in several fields, such as writing, sports, or science. Most of our historical Afrikan-American heroes and heroines made such achievements by practicing with their natural born talent and skill.

As I was walking by the collage of some of our most outstanding Afrikan-American leaders on the wall of the Afrikan-American Cultural Center, I gazed up at the picture of Phyllis Wheatly, one of the many historical Afrikan-American females that I consider to be heroines, and I remembered that she was a slave myself, yet she was given the tools to develop her talent which resulted in her becoming the first Black to write a book that was published in America. This was a remarkable achievement for a black woman considering the time period in which she was living. Then, I began to wonder about the countless millions of Afrikan-American and Africans who were not given the opportunity, even denied the chance to educate themselves for fear of what they were going to become. Who knows just how many geniuses

were on that slave ship during the Middle Passage, but passed away due to inhumane treatment? Who knows just how many geniuses were bending over that cotton field, being degraded by the trap of slavery? Who knows how much greater could have been the achievements of our dear Malcom X, Martin Luther King, or Marcus Garvey if they had not been assassinated or exiled? It is a sad thought when considering all the people that, if given the chance, may have helped the human race. Some of the very problems troubling people today might have been prevented or cured by one of these lost minds of the past.

So true are the words stated by the United Negro College fund people on commercials, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." All Afrikan-American college students are encouraged to take full advantage of having the grand opportunity to receive an education at a facility of higher learning. All of us have the potential to become great. Education is the ticket to make the grandest difference in this land we are living in. Education and opportunity are the passports wanted so eagerly and desperately by the ignored Afrikan, Afrikan slave, and Afrikan leader. Let us use our passports wisely as we fulfill our potential to become great.

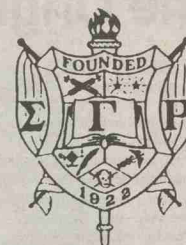


Coming Events

March 24, 1994

Please don't forget to attend the memorial service for Tony Kent Williamson, Jr, tonight at 5:00PM in the Student Center Annex Cinema. In would a great way to pay respect to a great man and his family. Support the community feeling for a well known and well-loved student leader.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc is sponsoring a rap Contest as part of Sigma Week on Friday, March 25, featuring various local acts from the Triangle area.. The cost of admission is \$5 dollars and there is a party following. For more information contact Ursula Ware at 829-1992, Reanee Benton at 512-4070 or Andrea Pittman at 250-9521.



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is sponsoring a program entitled "Saving the Women's Center, tonight, March 24th. Com out and attend.

As part of Human Rights Week, Black Repertory Theatre is sponsoring a dramatic performance on Afrikan-American entitled "Images in Black" rights at 12:00 pm Brickyard (Harrelson "patio" if raining).



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outer layer, and the dermis or inner layer of tissue. The chromosomes determine the spread of pigmentation and the speed of pigmentation determines the color of the skin. The natural color of hair and skin is determined by the pigment called melanin, which is produced by cells in the epidermis called melanocytes.

The skin of a Nubian person and the darker areas of the skin of a white person contained large amounts of this pigment. Albinism is a hereditary condition in which mutation of the genes occur which results in an organism not being able to produce color pigments or this melanin.

Nubian skin is heavy and is strengthened by smaller melanocytes in the upper layers of the epidermis. Thin skin as typical of the white race, from lack of melanin. When the skin is very thin, the blood vessels show through and give the skin a pinkish color.

If you are given two parents and

each parent carries one normal gene "N" and one albino gene "A", each of their offspring has one chance in four of inheriting albinism from both parents. A child that inherits the albino gene from only one parent is not an albino, but may transmit the gene to his offspring.

If both parents are albino, their offspring can only be albino. This is because they do not possess any of the dominant genes.

Dominant Genes

1. Dark brown to black hair
2. Curly hair or wavy hair
3. Normal skin pigmentation:
4. Brown, black or hazel eyes
5. Broad lips

Recessive Genes

1. Blonde hair
2. Straight hair
3. Albinism (absence of brown, caramel or black melanin)
4. Blue or gray eyes

5. Thin Lips

Knowing then these facts, one would find it scientifically and logically impossible to say that all of the different races of the world could have from a white couple, granted that we say that Adam and Eve were indeed Caucasian. The first people had to have been black!

Far too long has the Nubian community been robbed of its rich culture and history. For everyday that our people are withheld vital information about ourselves, it is another day that we are further being held in the advancement of our community as a whole. So Mr. Crisp, to answer your question of who cares that Rev. Felder is trying to set the record straight about the true images of the people in the Bible, I emphatically must say that I do.

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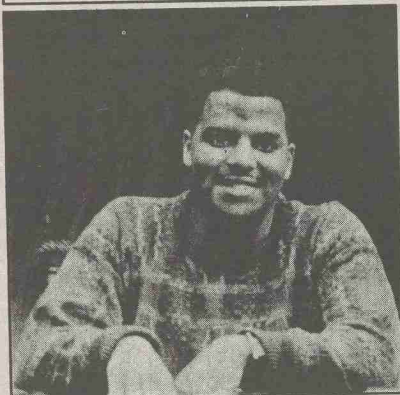
This is a reprint of a portion of the original Nubian Message (November 30, 1992) that was written by Tony. The following article represents the motivation behind start of the Nubian Message and is symbolic of the hard work and dedication he demonstrated in our humble beginnings. Enjoy!

November 30, 1992

The Nubian Message

Editorial 15

A Message From the Editor



Tony Williamson
Editor-In-Chief

To All My Nubian
Brothers and
Sisters-
"WHAT'S UP?!"

I am proud to present to you the first issue of "The Nubian Message," NCSU's first African-American newspaper. It's been a long time coming, but we're finally here and yes, we're here to stay!

Despite the enthusiasm most of us have regarding the publication of this newspaper, there are many people, all from different racial groups, who either do not understand the purpose of this newspaper, or are simply totally against it. Realizing that we can't please everyone (nor will we ever attempt to), I hope that I can reach some of these people

by explaining briefly the reasons for creating and the purposes of "The Nubian Message."

As many people know, African-American students across the country have been speaking out against what we feel to be unfair conditions on our campuses. At N.C. State, one of our main concerns has been unfair and unjust media coverage of the African-American community on this campus. As hard as we have tried, our cries for justice have not been heard and our proposed solutions to our media problems have not been accepted thus far. Rather than sit around and wait for some fair coverage by that other paper on campus, "The

Nubian Message has been created to represent the African-American community at NCSU totally, truthfully and faithfully. In doing so, we shall cover every aspect of African-American life at NCSU.

The vision I have for this newspaper, which is shared by everyone involved with it, is ambitious, but not unrealistic. "The Nubian Message" should and will be the media voice for African-Americans at N.C. State. It will be a publication in which people can learn about different aspects of our culture, as well as find useful information about State's campus. With the concentrated efforts of our people, this vision can become a reality very soon.

Finally, it is important that everyone realize that this newspaper is not a racist publication. We are not seeking superiority nor segregation; all we want is an equal voice on this campus and with "The Nubian Message," the door is open for us to have that voice.

The Nubian Message

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The Editor would like to thank Greg Washington, Thabiti Anyabwile and Xavier Allen (3 old, old school brothers whose hairlines are betraying them) for their advice and guidance in helping to get this newspaper done. Also, to Dawn Gordon for feeding me everyday I was broke--Thanks from the bottom of my stomach! -Tony

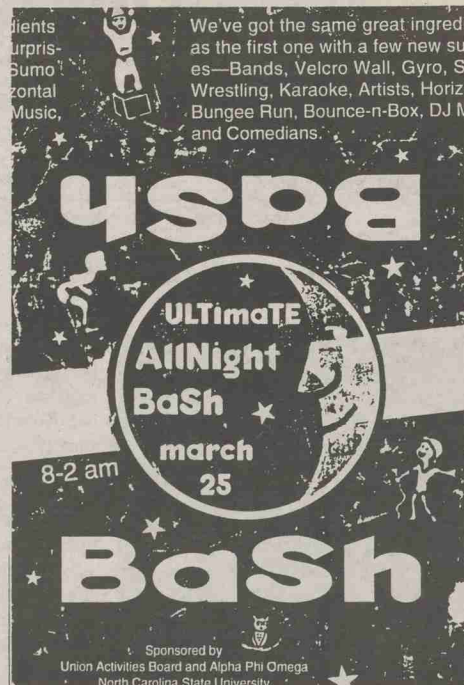
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