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Tuition increase proposal to affect community

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Staff Writer

Paying for college can be tough. Some students and families save for years and still never come up with the cash needed for the quality education they may seek. With the need for better education and valued programming, many students will possibly find themselves with yet another unexpected tuition increase.

The UNC System Board of Governors' Tuition Advisory Committee has proposed an increase of four percent on the tuition costs for in-state undergraduate students at UNC System Schools.

Many factors can influence college cost increases such as technology and facility costs, faculty salaries, student aid expenditures, and cuts in state appropriations to name

a few. Colleges, including N.C. State, are trying to do better, searching for new and innovative ways to cut costs and minimize tuition increases.

The proposed increase is in response to rising operating costs and a need for increased faculty salaries. The recommendation of a tuition increase is also related to the passage of a \$3.1 billion bond referendum for UNC system schools and N.C. community colleges.

The increase will amount to an annual increase of \$75 per in-state undergraduate at N.C. State. A flat rate increase was suggested for out-of-state undergraduates. The flat rate is to be equivalent to the amount being paid by in-state undergraduates at each school.

College attendance rates continue to increase on the state and national levels. Enrollment rates are especially increasing for African-Americans and other minorities.

Unfortunately, more and more students are being forced to finance their education through loans. The average student with loans now graduates \$15,000 in debt.

Tuition rises because colleges' costs increase, and in some cases, because of reductions in government funding. At public colleges and universities, studies have shown a direct association between increasing tuition and decreasing state appropriations. Increases in enrollment also can add to rising tuition prices. Colleges, such as N.C. State, that wish to stay competitive must have the latest technology, which is a continuously rising expense and one that was not a factor for schools 15 years ago. In addition, increasing government regulations are very costly for colleges, as they must pay for legal help and the cost of administration to comply. Fortunately, as tuition goes up, financial aid goes up as well.

"It is important for students to realize that there is financial aid out there that can possibly defer the tuition increases that are implemented," says Julia Rice Mallette, director of financial aid. She adds, "it is crucial for students, especially minority students, to file early."

For the fall semester tuition increase, which was voted upon last school year and implemented this fall, funds were set aside as tuition assistance. Many African-American students and those in need of tuition assistance received a \$300 grant within their financial aid packets to offset the increase.

Mallette says African-Americans continuously apply and qualify for financial aid and assistance. She hopes this will carry on, even after the tuition increases.

Wolfpack battalion shines

Shawn Barnes
News Editor

This past Thursday, the Army ROTC held its biannual awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. behind Talley Student Center. Attending the event were proud family and friends of the cadets and also former ROTC graduate and Vice Chancellor of student affairs, Dr. Stafford. The awards ceremony was officiated by Madrian Bryan, a senior in Business Management who has been in the ROTC for 4 years.

Sgt. Quinalin Green a junior in Biological Sciences received numerous awards for her exceptional work in the Wolfpack Battalion including the "Cadets Honors" award, the "ROTC GPA" award for outstanding performance in military and scholastic studies, and the Airborne School Completion Certificate for completing three weeks training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"ROTC has been good to me here at State," asserts Bryan, when asked about her experience in the Wolfpack Battalion. Bryan is a scholarship cadet. The military pays her tuition, book fees and a \$200 per month stipend as spending money.

N.C. State's ROTC is looking to increase minority enrollment. Currently black student enrollment is less than ten percent.

According to Bryan, the army has tried to combat the low number of blacks in the mili-

tary by offering full scholarships at historically black colleges and universities. Bryan notes that a lot of blacks have a bitter taste in their mouths regarding the military because of the lack of recognition that has been given to blacks in the past.

"The military is honestly one of the few institutions that does try and improve diversity and take care of all its people. When you

Michael Parks, recruiting operations officer for State Military Science.

"You cannot find a corporation more diverse than the military, whether or not you're predisposed to it, you're forced to deal with other cultures," Parks adds.

N.C. State's ROTC program offers 2 and 3-year scholarships. The main requirements for scholarship consideration are U.S. citi-

sure how I would like the program when I started in my freshman year; however, I was awarded a scholarship and my parents made it clear that I had nothing to lose by giving it a try. I have been with the program for the last 2 years and I love it," reports Green, who was raised in a military family.

Benefits of the military go beyond scholarship opportunities.

Bryan says, "I also saw the Army as a job after school where the pay would be good, I would get experience, and still get to see the world."

The military has every job found in the civilian world.

"Where else can you join an organization and learn how to jump out of airplanes for free?" Parks asks.

State has a tradition of producing military leaders, including general officers, second only to West Point. The current chairman joint chief of staff, General Henry H. Shelton and Maxwell R. Thurman, the Army's vice chief of staff, graduated from N.C. State's ROTC in 1963 and 1953, respectively.

The cadets involved in N.C. States ROTC are sure about their future. One student, Tricia Jordan, a senior majoring in Political Science and Business Law has been in the program for 3 years and knows that upon graduating she will be commissioned to a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



Cadets stand at parade rest during the awards ceremony

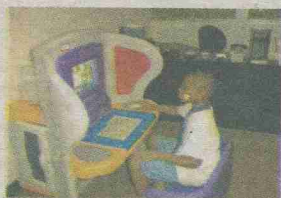
are in that uniform, all most [people] truly see is green on everyone," says Bryan, of the current condition of minorities in the military.

This sentiment is reiterated by Captain

zenship, a GPA of 2.5 or higher, a minimum of 920 on the SATs, and being no older than 27 upon graduation.

Many students have misconceptions about the military and all that it entails. "I was not

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Community Learning Centers great volunteer opportunity

Adedayo A. Banwo
Editor in Chief

"College is more than going to class, parties and studying. It's about the total experience," says Leslie Brown, scholarship and outreach manager for the Community Learning Centers, Inc., a Raleigh organization which seeks to give area students, who live in public housing, help in realizing their educational goals. The organization started just over ten years ago as the Raleigh Housing Authority scholarship fund.

"When we first began, the main focus was to get students in public housing money for college," Brown says. "The board soon realized that there weren't enough students to receive the total money available, so the concept of learning centers was put into action about five years ago."

The learning centers are a great resource for students in Chavis

Heights and Heritage Park, the two communities where the centers are located. Each learning center has computers, a library and an on-site coordinator, who plans activities and tutoring sessions for students ranging from preschool to high

colleges come to the centers to help students do homework, learn computer skills and sometimes just to talk.

"Even an hour a week goes a long way to these kids. Just to know someone comes to see them makes a

director for the Chavis Heights learning center.

Currently the centers are in need of minority volunteers, specifically college students needed to get involved.

"We're very flexible if you want to volunteer. You do not even have to stay the entire tutoring session. You can make a world of difference in a child's life in just a hour," Brown says.

Nowadays, volunteering is becoming extremely important to college students. Many employers are now perusing resumes for community involvement. Having many hours of community service could make or break a job interview. In addition, volunteering can aid the average student keep life in focus.

"It gives you some perspective when you see a young person striving to get where you are, it gives you focus," Brown emphasized.

Of all the families who live in public housing in the Raleigh area, roughly 10 percent have school age

children. Of those school age children, the overwhelming majority, roughly 70 percent drop out of school. Positive messages and mentoring become extremely important.

"For so many young people in this learning center, it's a little bit harder," says Brown. Granted, achieving success is often difficult for most youth, but doing so in a tough environment makes that achievement that much more special.

The learning centers have achieved much success in the past five years. They have sent countless students to college, a few right here to N.C. State. With graduation rates so low in these communities, there is much more to be done. According to Brown, this is why it is important for college students to get involved.

"They [students] need to see that the community cares, that's why it's important, that's why we need some positive folks who look like them to come down here."



Former Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzter celebrates with student and volunteers at the opening of the Chavis Heights Community Learning Center.

school age. Volunteers from local businesses, the YMCA and local whole lot of difference for their self-esteem," says Sally Hutton, site

AASAC holds annual retreat

Brandon Buskey
Head of Staff

The African-American Student Advisory Council (AASAC) held its annual planning retreat for the 2000-2001 school year on September 23-24. This year the retreat was held approximately fifteen miles outside of Danville, Virginia at the Beacon Ridge Retreat Center. Representatives from most of the thirty-seven African-American student organizations comprising AASAC were present for the retreat, including the Society of African American Culture, the "Nubian Message", and the Black Student Board.

Helping to facilitate the retreat were Dr. Lawrence Clark, N.C. State Professor and the man respon-

sible for the construction of Beacon Ridge; Dr. Iyailu Moses, Director of the Witherspoon Student Center; Tracey Ray, Director of African-American Student Affairs; Princess Hicks, Assistant Director of African-American Student Affairs; and Tomecca Slone, advisor for the Black Student Board.

The retreat began in earnest with a presentation by Dr. Clark on the history of African-American students at N.C. State during his tenure at this university. The presentation recounted what Dr. Clark described as the racist treatment of the first groups of African-American students at the university. Dr. Clark also described his efforts to improve the climate for black students upon his arrival at N.C. State as an associ-

ate provost in 1974.

Dr. Moses described the history of the African-American Cultural Center's formation and provided numerous options for student involvement in the future development of the Cultural Center. Among her suggestions were for students to pursue the option of giving the Cultural Center an official name and to attend a greater number of Cultural Center events.

Next, the retreat participants received an explanation of the structure, mission, and purpose of AASAC from Tracey Ray. Ray went on to describe the current state of African-American's on campus in relation to the number of enrolled African-American students, tenure track faculty, and staff members.

The availability of sufficient financial aid programs for African-American students was also discussed.

Once the presentations concluded, AASAC broke into functional groups to begin planning approaches to various campus issues in depth. Some of the major topics of discussion were the potential move of the African-American Cultural Center to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the upcoming Minority Career Fair and next year's Pan-African Festival. Once individual groups were allowed the chance to formulate approaches to their assigned topics, AASAC reconvened to discuss the proposals as a body.

With the planning session con-

cluded, Princess Hicks lead the group in a series of team builders aimed at familiarizing AASAC members with each other. The activities focused on teamwork, creative problem solving, and public speaking. Friendly competitions were held to add excitement to group interactions.

On the last morning of the retreat, AASAC was treated to another rousing presentation by Dr. Lawrence Clark on the importance of African-Americans discovering their leadership potential and using this to effect positive social change. The retreat concluded with a general body meeting in order to discuss proposed changes to the AASAC constitution and further clarify the body's goals for the upcoming year.

Peer Mentoring makes difference

Kelise Taylor
Staff Writer

Being the minority at an institution can be a challenging experience for black students. Therefore, our brothers and sisters need good resources or they "will surely float downstream," states Tracey Ray, peer mentoring coordinator.

Three mentors have been highlighted, and they share their experiences in hopes of spotlighting the importance of establishing a bond with the black newcomers.

Sophomore, Corey Goolsby remembers how his former mentor, Andrea Bethea, was instrumental last year in helping him to maximize his full potential. Because of her efforts Goolsby felt compelled to become a mentor this year.

"Minorities," he begins, "seem to always be a step lower on the balance scale, and I became a mentor to help them rise above this setback."

Goolsby's commitment to this goal is evident as he checks up weekly on his mentees "just to make sure they are having no problems," while also sending them information on important issues. "I enjoy what I do," remarks Goolsby. He finds it satisfying knowing that he has the influential power to directly impact someone else's life.

Junior and psychology major Blaise Harris, says being a mentor is his calling. Harris, who last year was part of a program designed to help incoming freshmen adapt to college life, acknowledges that there were odds against the black newcomers. Due to the help that he provided his mentees through such actions as tutorial services, the students "beat the odds and were able to have a successful academic and social year." Harris considers it the responsibility of all students to help others, particularly blacks, in accomplishing their goal of succeeding against the odds.

"Peer mentoring helps create some type of unity and provides a support structure for the minority freshmen," states mentor Andrea Bethea.

Bethea jumped at the chance of becoming a mentor in order to help others not to make the same mistakes that she did. She lives out this goal by seeing her mentees on a biweekly basis. Bethea states that all too often incoming blacks are bombarded with the criticism that they will not make it past their freshman year. To help rid her mentees of this stereotype, she encourages them to do their best and goes out of her way to provide them with the resources necessary to succeed.

The peer mentor program evidently helps in leveling the playing field for underrepresented groups which have histories of discrimination, while also empowering the black newcomers "in ways that most of them won't realize until years down the road," states coordinator Tracey Ray.

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Name: Marion Jones
Height: 5 feet, 10 inches
Weight: 150 lbs.
Born: October 12, 1975
Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA
Current residence: Raleigh, NC
High School: Rio Mesa HS
Oxnard, CA, 1991
Thousand Oaks HS, CA, 1993
College: North Carolina, 1997
Major: Journalism/Communications
Coach: Trevor Graham
Agent: Charles Wells
Club: Nike

Alexander Sterling Thompson
Staff Writer

With a broken foot and the inspiring accomplishments of Florence Griffith-Joyner, Marion Jones left a successful college basketball career to concentrate on

track and field. She was unbeatable in high school. She won the 100m and 200m dashes four times in a row at the California High School State meet. Jones holds the national high school record in the 200m and the #2 spot on both the 100m and long jump all-time lists. Even though she had dreams of going to Atlanta and showing the world her talents, a broken foot kept her from that dream. Jones came back strong in 1997, winning a gold medal in the 100m, and the 4x100 relay at the World Championships. In 1998, Jones dominated the track.

She won all but one race the whole year. She has looked forward to being a part of the 2000 U. S. Olympic Track & Field Team and bringing home the gold in five events: 100m, 200m, long jump, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay, but that dream was not to be.

Marion Jones would first have to handle the 100-meter dash. She easily won the preliminary races. She would soon face controversy. Her husband and injured shot putter CJ Hunter had been allegedly using illegal drugs for Olympic competition. He had already hurt his leg and would not compete in the shot put.

Hunter denies the allegations and says he loves his kids and wife and would never do anything to harm them. She had to look past this stressful situation to achieve her goal of 5 gold medals in the Sydney games.

The final of the 100-meter dash came and her concentration would be tested, but not by much. Marion pulled away and finished the race with no one else in sight. She had finally won her first Olympic

the race a heavy favorite, but anything was possible with the strong competitors. She destroyed the competition in this race though. By the turn, she had already made up all the ground on her competitors that she needed. She had obtained her second gold medal and was well on her way to her strive for five.

Her worst event and maybe only weakness was the next event, the long jump. She easily jumped straight to the finals. She would

was good for third place. She would receive a bronze medal for her efforts. She was very disappointed but she still could get up to four if everything went perfect.

As she competed in the long jump finals, the American women ran the relays without her to get themselves into the finals. She watched with anticipation as the Americans barely made it into the finals for the 4 x 100 relay. The next race for Marion was the 4 x 100. The Americans came into the anchor leg (Marion) with the Bahamas in the lead. A faulty handoff proved costly for the Americans, and Jones crossed the finish line third for her second bronze medal.

Marion's last race was the 4 x 400 and she was determined to get another gold medal before leaving Sydney. Normally not a 400 runner, Marion ran the fastest split in the relays,

making her the most successful Olympian ever.

Jones' Major Accomplishments

- Two-time World 100m champion (1997, 1999)
- 1998: U.S. 100m, 200m, and long jump champion
- 1998: World Cup 100m and 200m champion
- 1998: Goodwill Games 100m and 200m champion
- 1999: Long jump world bronze medalist
- 2000: Long Jump Bronze Olympic medal
- 2000: 4 x 100 Bronze Olympic medal
- 2000: 4 x 400 Gold Olympic medal
- 2000: 100 meter dash Gold Olympic medal
- 2000: 200 meter dash Gold Olympic medal

medal. She smiled enough for the whole world to see.

The next medal on her mind was the 200-meter dash. She went into

face Olympic medalist Germany's Heike Drechsler in the final. She faulted on her first jump and finally jumped 22 feet and 8 inches, which

Drug Charges Soil Olympics

Chris Sanders
Staff Writer

Another Olympics has gone by with many similarities to those past. The USA won the most medals and was dominant in track in field once again. Marion Jones won 5 medals as expected although she had to overcome some obstacles. The biggest one was the accusation that her husband, who is a world champion shot putter, was accused of using illegal performance-enhancing substances. Hunter, who denied these allegations, is said to have failed a drug test on July 28th in Norway.

"I'm going to defend myself vigorously," Hunter said as attorney Johnnie Cochran watched from the wings. "We've put together a great team and I'm quite positive that when everything is said and done, I'll be exonerated." Hunter, along with his nutritionalist, blames the results on an iron supplement that may have been contaminated.

Hunter is not the first black athlete to be accused of illegal drug abuse in the Olympics. Ben Johnson, who set a world record in the 100 meters in 1988, was found to have extremely high levels of testosterone when tested, and he lost his gold medal and was banned for 4 years. He was banned for life when he failed another test in 1993.

There are numerous cases in which athletes feel they need something to get ahead; however, Hunter stated that winning is not that important to him

and this should be the case for all athletes. This issue of drugs in sports has been around longer than it has been widely publicized, and it has proven to be an issue not only in the Olympics and professional leagues, but in college and as early as high school and middle school. Only four years ago, the drug called Erythropoietin, which is used to increase the blood's ability to carry oxygen, and thus boost endurance, was not screened at the



Olympics. Last year, after there was so much controversy among the athletes and substance testers, authorities finally decided to start testing the drug. Soon after the announcement, there were athletes that decided not to participate in the 2000 Sydney Olympics for various reasons.

Jamaican sprinter, Merlene Ottey is one of the many athletes that have been accused of using performance-enhancing drugs. The accusations led

to Ottey being banned from international competition for a one-year period. She withdrew from the World Championships in Seville, Spain after an initial test revealed traces of Nandrolone in her system. Like many of the accused, Ottey was finally able to clear herself of the charges. Many of the athletes hire lawyers who spend their time trying to convince the world that the drugs are results of other legal supplements as C.J. Hunter is currently doing. Ottey was initially cleared by the Jamaican Amateur Athletic Association, but the International

Amateur Athletic Association overturned the decision for further investigation. She was then cleared totally in July after it was decided that the Swiss laboratory had not tested her urine sample correctly.

Taking performance-enhancing drugs comes with serious risks for males including reduced sperm count, impotence, development of breasts, shrinking of the testicles, and difficulty or pain while urinating. Athletes take these drugs to gain an edge on their opponents even if it means risking their manhood or integrity. As long as an emphasis is placed on win-

N.C. State gets four straight wins

Chris Sanders
Staff Writer

The N.C. State football team has opened the season with four straight victories. After getting off to a rocky start in their first game against one of the worst teams in the country (Arkansas State), N.C. State has come up with three impressive wins. The first one came on the road against Indiana, where the Wolfpack came back from a large deficit in the fourth quarter, followed by back to back wins at home against SMU and conference rival Georgia Tech. The winning record has N.C. State sitting atop the ACC Standings.

Some of the top early season performers include Koren Robinson, Ray

Robinson, Levar Fisher, Adrian Wilson and Phillip Rivers. Koren has caught 27 passes for 498 yards and seven touchdowns. He leads the nation in receiving yards per game and kickoff returns, ranks fourth in all-purpose yards, and he recently tied a school record against Georgia Tech with his fifth consecutive 100-yard receiving game. Ray Robinson ranks fifth in the ACC in rushing with 293 yards. The team is lead by freshman quarterback Phillip Rivers who ranks among the nations top passers. On defense, Levar Fisher is one of the best linebackers in the country. He leads the team and is second in the ACC with 50 tackles. Adrian Wilson is one of the team's best hitters along with Fisher and is third on the team in tackles with 43.

With many tough games remaining

against the likes of Clemson, Carolina, Florida State, and Virginia, the Wolfpack must have the same contribution from these players as well with others to be successful. The defense will face its biggest test of the year Saturday when they travel to Clemson. Woodrow Dantzler, who is one of the premier black quarterbacks in the country, can devastate a defense with the run or the pass.

Although Clemson is ranked number 5 in the nation and has blown out all of its opponents, do not underestimate N.C. State. They have won the last two against Clemson and have proven this year that anything can happen. If N.C. State can win two out of their four huge conference games, the chances of them advancing to a top tier bowl game are favorable.

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You are going to love "Mama's Girl"

Michelle Reed

Culture Editor

At some point in our lives, we may find out that the most complex relationships we will have to deal with are the relationships with our mothers. Sometimes this relationship may be on the ups, sometimes on the downs, sometimes in between. Still other times, you may not know how to describe the relationship. There may be times when you want to laugh, cry, scream in frustration, or sit back and thank God for the beautiful relationship you have with your mother. If you feel the need to relate to a book for inspiration or just for a way to understand your mother, you have to read, "Mama's Girl." Veronica Chambers' compelling drama touches on the complex relationship between her and her mother.

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Veronica (the author and main character of the book) has to face a life full of challenges. Born to Caribbean parents, and raised in America, Veronica is raised with both the values of her parents and American values. Throughout the book, Veronica yearns for the attention she feels her mother is neglecting to show her, despite her good grades and her good behavior. While on the other hand, her younger brother, Malcolm, who earns bad grades and has bad behavior has most of the attention from their mother.

Veronica also faces conflict with her father, whom she sees repeatedly abuse her mother, both physically and verbally. She sees weakness in her mother because she feels her mother is not standing up for herself.

Eventually, her parents separate, and her mother is left to raise two children alone. The family experiences financial problems, but the mother provides her family with everything they need, not everything they want. Malcolm is having trouble dealing with the separation of his parents, while Veronica is happy that her mother does not have to endure the abuse. She has lost respect for her father.

Entering high school was not an easy time for Veronica. Her mother moves to the West Coast and remarries, and for a while Veronica lives with her aunt. She eventually moves to the West Coast, but the picture she imagines is not what she sees. Malcolm stays in New York. Her world in New York is totally different than in California. Because she is late enrolling in school, she is not placed in her accelerated classes. Her mother offers her no comfort or help about being put in her accelerated classes. Veronica does not get along with her stepfather, and attempts to earn a scholarship to a boarding school, but does not succeed.

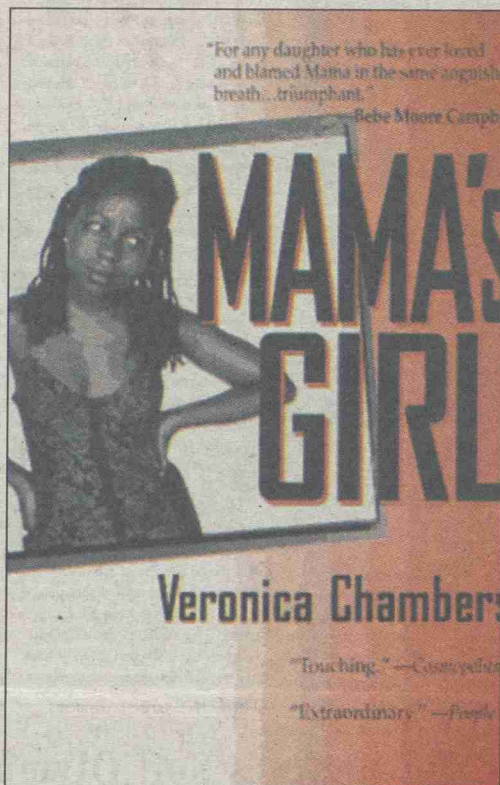
Her mother does not like living on the West Coast, and they all move back to New York. However, life back in New York is hard for Veronica, and she moves to Philadelphia with her father who has remarried and has a daughter. Here, she does not find a better life because of her evil stepmother who will not allow her to live her life. Vicki tries to do the best despite her circumstances. She gets a job because her father or stepmother will not give her money, food, or the things she needs to survive. The abuse she receives from her step-

mother is more than Veronica can bear. Her father also shows physical and verbal abuse towards her.

After applying to another boarding school, Veronica is accepted to Simon's Rock in Massachusetts. So she heads to Simon's Rock to face a new life she is determined to establish for herself. She talks to her mother more often now, and begins to realize certain things she never knew about her mother and the reasons why her mother did certain things. She has little contact with her father.

Veronica is very successful at this boarding school, and during the summer she does internships and experiences life. Her brother remains in trouble and her mother continues to give more attention to him. Towards the end of the book, the relationship between Veronica and her mother develops more, and they can actually communicate better.

This book illustrates the power of a strong will and self-determination. It says that no matter what are circumstances are, we have the power to shape our own destinies. It shows the story of a woman who does not stop living despite adversity. She may have struggled, but she also accomplished much during her struggle. It will make you laugh, maybe cry, and sit back and think about your own relationship with your mother. This is just a short summary of the book. More could have been said about the book, but to experience the creativity and essence of this book, you have to read it for yourself. "Mama's Girl" is definitely a must read!



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The Composition of Me By Nicole LaShawn Lee

One night as I lay in my bed asleep
A being came to me and said "Stand to your feet"
Startled I asked "What do you want with me?"
And then the figure said "It's time for your journey"
"Well who are you?" I asked
"And where will we go?"
"My child" he said "you should already know"
I looked at him closer to try and recall
Then he said "It is a shame, you do not know yourself at all"
"But you are not me, we're not the same"
Then a booming voice said "You've forgotten from whence you came!!"
He stood me up and told me I must concentrate
And next he said "To these things you will relate"
He stood in front of me and his face turned

different colors

And that's when I realized
he was a being unlike any other
Red, green, black, and gold

The story of Africa was what his face told
When I looked at his right arm I was amazed to see
The faces of Nefertiti and King Tut staring back at me
And the veins of his body came to life after a while
When the blue within them began to flow
- it was the Nile
On his left arm I saw streams of tears
Coming from the faces of slaves who lived in fear
I saw slaves of the Middle Passage who had been killed
And on this arm I also saw slaves working in the field
On one leg there was sharecropping, but the Harlem Renaissance was there too

And here was "A Dream Deferred" by Langston
and I heard the scratchy voice of Armstrong, Lou

On the other leg was lynching and the struggle for Civil Rights

And Martin and Rosa too stating that blacks are equal to whites

I looked back to my host and a tear dropped from his eye

I asked in a concerned voice "Why is it that you cry?"

He replied "For my people, our struggle, the pain we've been through"

Then he pointed to his chest and said "See, I am you"

The Nile flowed through everything on his body that I could see

And it all connected to his chest where there was a picture of me

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FACES IN THE CROWD

featuring:

Pami Strayhorn



Shilena Crudup
staff reporter

"Faces In The Crowd" of this week's "Nubian Message" presents Pami Strayhorn. Originating from Newport, North Carolina, Pami is a psychology major in the College of Education and Psychology, with an expected year of graduation in May 2001. Taking time out of her busy schedule, the "Nubian Message" had a chance to chat one-on-one with Pami.

NM: What activities are you involved in?

Pami: I had to cut back on a few of my activities, but I am currently secretary and chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), a mentor at Chavis Heights Community Center, and I work at Families and Youth Incorporated. I am also an RA in Metcalf!

NM: What are your goals after graduating from N.C. State?

Pami: After graduation, I plan to take a year off to live a little before grad school.

NM: You mentioned going to grad school. What do you plan to study in graduate school?

Pami: Genetic counseling at

UNC-G, that is if I stay in North Carolina.

NM: Some people have a problem with the transition from high school to college? How was your transition?

Pami: My transition was okay. It wasn't the rude awakening I expected. I had to adjust to the course load, and I never studied in high school. That was the only bad problem.

NM: Why did you choose North Carolina State University?

Pami: Honestly, because one of my friends was coming and she did not want to go by herself. I had the grades to get into any school.

NM: Had you ever considered attending an HBCU (historically black college and university)?

Pami: I went on school visits and they showed us a lot of parties, but I was never really set on going to an HBCU.

NM: How important do you feel it is to interact with the black community on campus?

Pami: Very important. A lot of African-Americans on campus are friendly. I make it my business to speak. Make it your business to speak. Make eye contact. We work well together.

NM: What faculty member on campus has influenced you the most?

Pami: I would have to Pastor Reginald Stepney of the United Student Fellowship (USF). When I came to college I became really spiritual. Spirituality has kept me here. Things could have been totally different.

NM: Besides influential faculty member, is there anyone else who has been a positive influence?

Pami: My mom is a positive influence. She is a very strong person. She looks beyond her circumstances and continues to strive for her goal. She doesn't give up, and I think I have gotten that attitude from her. She is a strong woman.

NM: Can you name a positive experience while at N.C. State?

Pami: Joining my sorority has been a really positive experience. I've met a lot of beautiful people, on the inside and outside. I have built strong friendships that will last.

NM: Any bad experiences?

Pami: No, everything has been cool.

NM: Do you have any favorite books, or favorite authors?

Pami: It depends on what mood I am in. But my favorite author is E. Lynn Harris.

NM: Yes. E. Lynn Harris is the man. Do you have a preference for music?

Pami: I like to listen to choral gospel music. I love harmony. I like to pick out the different parts like tenor or alto.

NM: What are your hobbies?

Pami: I like to listen to music, talk on the phone, read, and I love to shop. Oh yeah, and I just turned 21!

NM: If you could visit place, where or what would it be?

Pami: I think I would travel back through time when my father's father was living. Everyone always says that I look like him.

NM: For students, but especially for black students, what are some words of wisdom or what do you feel is necessary for them to remain in school?

Pami: Remember why you are here. You are here to get an education. Don't get caught up in being in every organization, or going to every party. Education is first. If you keep God first, everything else will

fall into place. Stay true to yourself, and choose your friends wisely.

NM: What is a quote or phrase you live by?

Pami: "I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me." It comes from Philippians 4:13. A lot of times life seems so complex. Whoo! This quote strengthens me.

NM: Is there anything else you would like to tell "Nubian" readers?

Pami: Keep God first and you'll do fine!

The "Nubian Message" enjoyed being able to learn more about Pami Strayhorn. We wish Pami the best of luck and urge her to keep the strength she has, while also strengthening others!

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There are quite a few elementary, middle and high schools in this town and I want to know who is going to those schools to encourage these kids and let them know that we are behind them one hundred percent.

These children are not getting all the support that they need from their teachers, parents or others in their neighborhoods. Whether you realize it or not, these children look up to us. We are in an Ivory Tower that many have not attained and some do not wish to aspire too. It is my opinion that we as black students need to

make darn sure that the path that we have blazed for these students of the future does not become muddled by to dust of ignorance in which they now walk.

However, where do we start? We can volunteer in many capacities. Not just black women; men you have a role as well. We are losing

our little black boys at twice the rate of our young black girls. To see a black man who is excelling in college is an inspiration to a lot of these children. Let's show these young people that we care about their futures and that we are concerned about our own. I am extremely proud of the kids that I mentor at

Carroll Middle School. Working with these children takes only a couple of hours a week. Think of it this way: it only takes one minute to make a lifetime of difference.

And we shall be called . . . ?

Darkchild

Nubian's little, bitty secret writer

Darkchild, Blackgirl, the Ebony to my roommate's Ivory. These are just a few of the names that I've taken to calling myself lately. Not that I'm suffering from an extreme identity crisis; in fact, it is the exact opposite. If anything, I am more aware of who I am and whose I am than I have ever been in my life. Mostly, these nicknames are specifically to entertain my friends and myself.

I can remember how, in my youth, I used to despise being called black. And oh, how my peers would torment me with my darkness as they

flaunted their bronzed, brown hues across the school yard. Oblivious to any lingering legacies of the division between the field and house slaves, I lived bowed down by the weight of my skin. Like Countee Cullen, I too marvelled at "this wondrous thing," that God made me black and then "bid [me] sing."

Fortunately, I have possessed enough faith to never question God's decision to "color" me. Still, as my brief twenty-one years have stretched before me, I have noticed how we as a people continue to struggle with what to call ourselves. I can see us growing beyond the boundaries of the misnomers enforced upon us through years of oppression. Yet, lately it seems as if

we too have fallen victim to the necessity for labels. Some days, I don't know whether addressing another sister or brother as "black" will incite some type of psychological reflex inspiring an impromptu speech about the title being offensive. Still others prefer "black" to "African-American" because, as they staunchly proclaim, they "are not from Africa and neither are their parents." But don't let them hear someone call them "negro" which most people know means "black" in Spanish. Confused yet? If not, then keep reading.

For those that prefer "African-American," choosing to identify their culture with a land mass representative of their ancestry not unlike

Italian Americans, there remains a controversy about the spelling of the name. Should we use a "c" although it is representative of the Anglo influence over language or should we use the "k" to pay homage to the ancient languages of Africans (Afrikans)? See what I mean?

Does this really matter, you may be wondering. Who knows? As long as black people/ African-Americans/ Afrikan-Americans are around, the debate will continue. Meanwhile, it is 2000 and black is still currently "in." So maybe the little black girls on the playground today don't hear the taunts of their peers as loudly as I once did.

Perhaps when some nice guy tells them that they're beautiful, they can

accept the compliment and believe it without hesitation. And they can look at Alek Wek gracing the cover of Cosmopolitan and Glamour as well as Essence, and they can know that they have that same chance to be a supermodel without looking like Halle Berry. Maybe one day soon.

What we call ourselves may be as important as how we carry ourselves, but until we unify as a people concerning this issue, no one will take us seriously. Even political correctness has its limits. Let me leave you with a question of my own: which one are you? If you have never thought about it, as always, maybe you should start thinking about it.

Brandi's Two Cents



by Brandi Livingston

.....On Relationships in College

Many people have had to ask themselves this question at some point during their years here at N.C. State. I believe that two people can make a relationship work as long as there is a clear understanding up front about the terms of the relationship. For my brothers out there, women may not tell you, but plenty of them plan to find their future husband while in college. Don't get tricked! If you want a relationship that is simple, LET YOUR LADY KNOW. You may regret it later if you don't.

Ladies, if a man tells you he is not interested in anything long-term don't immediately assume that "after a while he will change his mind." Men don't change as quickly as we women often pretend they do. Take what is offered or leave. If you don't want short term, then move on.

If you're looking at this article and you're saying "I'm not willing to do all that stuff", that means you need to abstain from relationships and fly solo. You will save yourself and people interested in you a lot of heartache. There is nothing wrong with staying single. People get wrapped up in the idea of a relationship and make decisions that they will live to regret. Take your time and don't allow yourself to be rushed into anything.

As long as you are up front with your significant other, you can handle a relationship while in college. Make sure they know you are here to get your degree first, everything else is secondary. Recognize that a flourishing relationship is a lot of hard work too. Don't think you can go out every night and leave your boyfriend/girlfriend alone for weeks in a row and everything will be cool. It won't be. A relationship is a commitment of your time and effort not unlike your studies and extra-curricular activities. Your success depends upon the amount of effort you devote to the relationship. Do you think you can handle it?

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Exercise What We Fought For

Larry Houpe

staff columnist

For many years, our lives were controlled by white people; our fate in this country was held in the hands of white people, everything that protected us or even included us was in the hands of white people. However, that was prior to the fifteenth amendment being added to the constitution. Now African Americans can go to the polls and decide our own fate. They did it . . . our ancestors had finally accomplished a goal that they were sure would protect the future of their families and the future of their people. Wouldn't they be saddened and turning over in their graves to know that many of us have made their labor, tears and sweat seem null and void?

I think that one of the major reasons we don't vote is because we feel that our vote will not affect the outcome of an election or the laws that are passed. I don't know where

we got this notion or who implanted it into way of thinking, but it is far from the truth. Sure the Electoral College makes the final decision in major elections, but the vote is cast based on the popular vote. In state and local elections our vote has even more of an impact on the way we live. These elections have far reaching implications within our community. The schools our children attend, the amount of money put into the schools, housing for low-income families, and the job market are all products of our vote. To say that we don't have an interest or stake in politics is nonsense. We should vote, because our black candidates need our support. If we don't back our own people why would anybody else support them? This is like sending a message that our people aren't qualified enough to hold a political office. And we wonder why there has never been a black president. They say that you should "never say never", but there will never be a

black president as long as the majority of us abstain from voting.

What really bothers me is the fact that we sit around complaining about the state that some of people our in, but we make no attempt to help them or ourselves. Voting is one of the only legal ways to make a profound impact on the state of society.

Since this year is an election year we should all make an effort to get to the polls on November 7th and vote. We should also try to encourage those that have yet to register to get signed up and help not only himself/herself, but help us as well. Instead of being like crabs in a barrel, which we are commonly referred to, let's uplift each other. Let's make an attempt to get leaders elected that will support our interests and help continue the fight for equality.

Your brother's keeper

Montica Talmadge

staff columnist

On a quiet Saturday night, while cleaning my bathroom, I had an epiphany. We are allowing a generation of morons to tear ass away from our youth from colleges and universities. Yes, I said it M-O-R-O-N-S! They are complete idiots and we have no one but ourselves to blame for the problem. This is a Black Student's Call to Arms to all of you.

As I cleaned my bathroom, I realized that a lot of the people that I graduated high school with would only be able to clean toilets and wait on other people for the rest of their lives. This is not because they had fewer opportunities than me but

because they did not take hold and a firm grasp of the chances that were presented to them. They were allowed to squander away any chance they had at a decent future for themselves and their families. We have an awesome opportunity to guide the paths of young people. Not just young people but our black brothers and sisters. We have a responsibility to give to those who are about to be engulfed by a tidal wave of forced mediocrity. There is a faction in this country that would be satisfied to reduce our children to nothing but trained robots that ingest information only to spit it back out on command. Not able bodied adults but human copy machines, mimick-

ing all the information given to them. Not going out to find the truth instead accepting the truth as it is intravenously pumped into their minds like plasma into a gun shot victim. This is however is not my call to arms. My call to arms starts now....

As a member of the "Talented Tenth", we are morally responsible to help somebody. While we are climbing up the rope of success, we are obligated to turn around and help some one along the way. The group I am talking about specifically is the children in Wake County Public Schools.

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