



# Nubian Message

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## Focus on the AACC (Pt 2 Budget Cuts and Dispersing of Tutition)

**MARTIA SHARPE**  
News Editor

University budget cuts were made at the early part of this year and though this year's cut was smaller than previous ones, cuts may have great impacts determined by the dispersing of the money and whether or not it is diffused properly.

When speaking of the African American Cultural Center (AACC), Janet Howard, AACC Interim Director said, "It is a very important unity on campus, serving various sects of people in line with the university's mission of diversity." Almost 13% of the Cultural Center's operating budget was cut and the center is trying to have some of it reinstalled.

"The large cut impacts our ability to fulfill the mission," says Howard.

Last year, the AACC hosted more than fourteen programs with more than 250 people in attendance each time. Also, through the cultural center, N.C. State was the first campus to have a planned program for Cheryl Brown Henderson, daughter of Rev. Brown of the Brown vs. Board of Education, in the community.

Even at an African-American Student Advisory Council (AASAC) meeting held in September of this year, students proposed that they themselves could look into having some of the tuition money go towards the center. AASAC is now talking with the Provost about the large cut from the AACC.

Dr. Jose Picart, Provost of the Office for Diversity and African-American Affairs is the supervisor of the AACC and had the authority of appropriating the Cultural Center's budget. His office oversees numerous organizations and programs such as: the AACC, Martin Luther King Celebration, Black Alumni Society, Brotherhood dinner, diversity initiatives, co-sponsoring campus diversity programs just to name a few. Dr.

Picart's office allots a majority of its operating budget to the AACC - 90.5%. Presently, several job vacancies are in the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs and the money for those vacant positions was put back into the AACC to offset the cuts, said Picart. There exists a concern of the students of what will happen after the job positions are filled.

"We are writing grants; the Provost gave us money to hire a grant writer. We try to offset the cuts by fundraising, taking part in research grants, etc. The last thing the Provost wants to do is take away from the AACC. The whole university is dealing with the cuts, not just the Cultural Center; everyone is getting cut."

Picart had planned to meet with newly appointed Chancellor James Oblinger, soon to address the cut issues and present a new budget for the Office of Diversity and African-American Affairs.

Student body president, Tony Caravano commented on the budget cut change. "Diversity is #3 at this university." Caravano described the budget money as being a "tiny" and "measly" amount for all that Dr. Picart's office entails.

Chancellor Oblinger addressed budget cut issues, which have existed out of the last 14 out 15 years. With the compact planning process, he says that the deans were willing to absorb cuts; they knew the Provost Office would invest appropriately. "That meant a lot to me," Oblinger said. In the state, "education has received smaller cuts than other agencies." Oblinger explained that dispersing of money from tuition increases funds.

This is how the money was used:

- 46% financial need-based awards
- 12% graduation student support plan
- 42% academic excellence investments

For the support of the students, approximately \$6

million was used towards the financial need-based awards and a graduation student support plan. Under the academic excellence investment category, approximately \$28 million was appropriated. This category includes what the Provost said are "programs definitely benefiting students." These programs include; biology course-work, faculty positions to college management, student-owned computing, study abroad, tutorial programs, hiring for a career center position and more.

The Provost said, "They are not all brand new programs. We have invested in existing programs." Oblinger is certain that Picart will make sound decisions in the future. "Still, we are trying to add dimension to the Cultural Center," said Oblinger.



Witherspoon Student Center by Robert White

## Future of higher education after election

**ANDREW HURLEY**

Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. -- With the re-election of President Bush and the presence of a more conservative Senate and House of Representatives, some college students and higher-education experts have expressed concern that a business-driven administration will serve the needs of profiteers of the system rather than beneficiaries.

"I think President Bush is ignoring the student needs because he doesn't need them for election," Liz Sanger, chair of College Democrats, said. "We saw that was the case in the last election."

Bush's agenda is expected to benefit loan companies and for-profit colleges and universities. Proprietary colleges must follow certain rules to participate in student-aid programs, and proposals to relax these rules are expected to move forward. This could mean less money for Pell Grants, as well as decreased funding for

research and development, including stem-cell research, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Bush had asked Congress to increase spending on the Pell Grants over the past four years by 47 percent. The maximum benefit is still \$4,050, however, due to a large, unexpected increase in demand for the grants.

College Republicans chair Nicole Marklein cautioned against painting too dismal a picture for the future of higher education.

"President Bush has increased the number of Pell Grants by 1 million," Marklein said. "There are also extra incentives for high school students that take challenging courses, which is definitely a good thing."

The government sponsors more than just the Pell Grants and does reward ambitious students. The president has vowed to provide \$5,000 in grants to financially needy students who agree to study mathematics or science.

Research has shown the need for more financial aid and grant money is important, especially in Wisconsin.

According to the study "Measuring Up, The

National Report Card on Higher Education," an increase in financial aid for students would be especially beneficial for low- and middle-income families because of the sharp increase in tuition.

Currently many families must devote on average one-third of their income to pay for a family member's college education.

In the study, Wisconsin scored a D in affordability and has made no progress over the past decade. Wisconsin students borrow an average \$3,076 annually

compared with the \$2,619 average in the top ranking states in 2004.

Also on the rocks is funding for stem-cell research, a scientific field in which the University of Wisconsin excels. Some leading scientists have expressed concern over limitations on the growing area of research.

President Bush's proposed increase for research in 2005 would slow to 0.6 percent, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported.



## Arafat's death offers hope, uncertainty

**MOLLY FERGUS**

The Maneater (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Violence, hope, uncertainty and optimism mingle unexpectedly as Palestinians and Israelis look to new leadership after Yasser Arafat's death Wednesday night.

The ailing Palestinian leader died after spending days in a French hospital where he lapsed into a coma and was put on life support.

Shortly after Arafat's death, Mahmoud Abbas, the secretary general of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, was elected as the organization's chairman. The Parliament speaker, Rawhi Fattouh, will act as president of the Palestinian Authority for the next 60 days, while Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei takes on some of Arafat's other powers.

In light of Arafat's death, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is garnering increased attention as some view Arafat's illness as an opportunity for positive change.

"I want to say that it will cause hope for change that will lead to peace," said sophomore Aaron Bernstein, who traveled to Israel in 2003. "However, basing hope off of someone's death is not a positive thing."

Arafat's death could signal a call to peace or increased conflict in an area wracked with terrorism

and violence, said Associate Professor of Journalism Michael Grinfeld. Grinfeld teaches a course on terrorism reporting and traveled to Israel in 2003 where he covered a suicide bombing.

"They're both possible, meaning violence is something that ebbs and wanes in that region," Grinfeld said. "However, having said that, it is possible that with Yasser Arafat no longer being directly involved there could be some positive momentum."

Since the Camp David Peace Accords in 2000, the United States and Israeli governments have labeled Arafat an unwilling partner for peace and avoided further negotiations.

Samar Assad, a senior analyst at the Palestine Center, a Washington, D.C.-based humanitarian organization, said any further steps toward peace would need United States and Israeli cooperation.

"The question for the Israelis and the United States, if these people are in positions of leadership, is what are you going to do?" Assad said. "Say you can't work with them? They're the democratically elected choice."

Although Abbas, Fattouh and Qurei will run the PLO and the PA immediately, neither have Arafat's following and experience, Assad said.

"There's a big difference between governing and leading," Assad said.

"Anyone can govern, but who can actually lead the

people to freedom? That's a big question. Nobody's sure out of these obvious successors if anyone can actually do that."

Adding to that difficulty is Arafat's powerful polarizing effect.

"The Israelis have never felt they had a particularly credible negotiating partner in Yasser Arafat," Grinfeld said. "They have viewed him as a terrorist. They have viewed him as a murderer. There has always been, on the Israeli side, a great deal of distrust directed toward him."

But to Palestinians, Arafat embodies their plight.

"To most Palestinians, he is thought of as a symbol of their national struggle," Assad said. "Recently, in 2000, when he refused to sign the Camp David Accords, his popularity soared because that would not have led to a viable Palestinian state."

Although Abbas was pinned early on as a possible successor, Assad said finding a leader with a legacy equal to Arafat's within the PLO would be difficult.

"There's no one in the PLO who has both the political history and military history that can even challenge," Assad said. "The only person who has probably the same characteristics as Arafat, Marwan Barghout, is in an Israeli jail."

### EVENTS

**Omega Week-** Omega Psi Phi well like everyone to come out and fellowship us as we celebrate our founder's week. Omega Psi Phi was created on Nov. 17, 1911.

---We, in conjunction with Deltas are having a program on Tues. Nov. 16th at 7 p.m. in the African American Culture Center discussing the after math of the Bush and Kerry elections.

---On Thursday Nov. 18th, we are having, "Jazz By Candle Light" in which we have invited Shaw U's very own jazz band, "A Touch a Jazz" to perform. They can be seen every Friday at the Supper club on Sundays. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for graduates. The attire is semi-formal. Refreshments will be served. It starts a 7pm in the African American Culture Center and it ends at 10pm.

---On Friday its National Hug-a-Que day so come get hugged by the bruhs in the Atrium.

**Diversity Website.** The Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and African-American Affairs will launch a New Website Titled " the Diversity at N.C. STATE " on November 17, 2004. This Website will Serve as a Portal for all members of the Campus Community to access Information about the state of diversity and the variety of diversity programs at NC State .

**AACC Library Book Club-**The AACC Next Book Club Selection will be There Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston. The next book club meeting will be on Dec. 1, 2004 from 12:00Pm-1:30 Pm in Room 375 Witherspoon. Drink and Dessert Provided. For More information Call 919-515-1397

**Alpha Ball 2004-** The Distinguished Gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Present: ALPHA BALL 2004 November 20. at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30pm and dinner is served at 7pm. Admission includes a catered dinner \$15 for Singles \$25 for Couples See any Brother to purchase advance tickets! To be held at the McKimmon Center on the campus of North Carolina State University

**Dance History in Movement-** DanceVisions Presents.....DANCE HISTORY IN MOVEMENT

The discussion will introduce four world renowned choreographers and their tremendous contributions to the history of dance.

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Cost: Free

The four different styles of dance that will be covered are: Ballet, Tap, African, and Modern.

### OBAMA

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Instead of signing a lucrative contract at nearly any firm, he decided to work for a small civil rights firm in Chicago, where he applied the lessons

he learned at an earlier age to creating opportunities for people otherwise lost in the discourse of politics.

At times, Obama's anecdotes read like they come from "The Invisible Man" or "The Autobiography of Malcolm X." But they are all recent, and they are all real.

I write this because Obama is inspiring largely because he isn't the usual Washingtonian politician that depends on being wealthy, well-connected and

white. His journey did not begin with his campaign, but it began by the revelations that hit him at a young age.

The journey continued in his late 20s when Obama was sitting between the graves of his father and grandfather in rural Kenya and wept from a cacophony of emotion. And that journey continues today as he proves to us that politics is more than just fodder for editorial columns. Politics is about life and death, and it serves as a device for social change.

And Obama is more honest for recognizing that. He is willing to tell a group of unionists that "there is nobody in this room who doesn't believe in free

trade," and he is willing to tell a Jewish group that "with lots of different interests and points of view, and they all have to be taken into consideration ... we can't just [automatically] rally around Sharon."

People support Obama for his authenticity. Democratic strategists debate about whether he should run for president in 2012 or 2016. And people of color believe Obama is a ray of hope. He is one of us. And as Obama

continues his journey for answers and meaning, we are equipped with added inspiration to continue our own.

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## What Makes You a Judge of All Men?

**IVORY HARRIS**

Columnist

Fred Hatchett, author of several opinion articles, why are you so angry? After reading your articles you seem like such an angry and hateful person. Is that the message your trying to send? You are entitled to your own personal opinions and views on Christianity, but after reading your articles, it seems like you are promoting hate. As in, hate people who are part of Greek Letter Organizations. You still have not said anything about how being in an organization like KWU, KBO, and Greek-lettered is a sin. And while you are explaining, please touch on Kwanzaa as well. I'm not sure what bible you are reading but, I don't remember seeing "Thou shalt not pledge," as the 11th commandment. But maybe in your bible "Thou shall hate on thy brethern," comes right after "God is not the only one who can judge me."

You know instead of taking time out to write articles on GLOs and other organizations, are you not forgetting about the people who are out there really sinning? There are people out in the world using drugs, leaving their families, drinking, smoking, fornicating, murdering, robbing, and terrorizing. But you decide to preach to the GLOs. Has God called on you to be the judge of all men? I guess preaching to them will make the world a better place right?

Get it together brother! If you want to lead sinners righteously, be ready to get down in the dirt and not waddle in the grass. Go after the drug dealers who are killing the black community daily, the strippers who shake it fast for cash, the terrorists killing innocent people, or the government who gives the blind eye to black community. Go after the people who are breaking up happy homes, or the preachers who preach hate and not love.

They are the ones who really need the scriptures. But you choose to go after students who decided to go to college and do something with their lives, those who joined organizations that aren't selling drugs or killing people, and promote brotherhood, sisterhood and service. And for the record, I am not part of a GLO. But, I am part of the movement of exposing wolves in sheep's clothing.

It's one thing to say you're a minister, but what kind of minster preaches hate on organizations that are trying to do something positive. Maybe in your past you had a bad experience in an organization, but does that speak for every organization on campus or in the nation? You can go to bible college, take all the theology and religion classes you want, graduate top of your class, but does that make you the judge of all men? One thing that I hate is a holier-than-thou Christian. And reading your articles and website, that's exactly what you are. There is evil all over the world, invest time in true evil, and that's hate in the heart. It's cool to want to call people out on their actions, but please get your house in order before doing so. And now, the truth has been exposed.

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## Obama serves as role model

**AMIT PATEL**

The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. -- Barack Obama first became a household name when he delivered a thoughtful and deeply provocative speech at the Democratic National Convention, proclaiming that "there's not a liberal America and a conservative America -- there's the United States of America." The media loved him. Newsweek's Howard Fineman called Obama "the best argument for the American dream that's around in politics."

We often hear about that convention speech and the fact that Obama, the son of an impoverished Kenyan man and a Midwestern white woman, will be only the third black senator in the past 100 years.

However, although we get a glimpse of the roots and the treetop, we've missed the trunk completely. Obama's life and philosophy is grounded on a passion for civil rights and racial and economic justice, and that's why he's a breath of fresh air.

In his 1995 memoirs "Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," Obama describes his confrontations with racism and the expectations of being black while growing up in

Hawaii.

"People were satisfied so long as you were courteous and smiled and made no sudden moves," he writes.

His conflict of identity made his grades fall; he began loitering out on the basketball courts; and he escaped reality by smoking marijuana because "the high ... could at least help you laugh at the world's ongoing folly and see through all the hypocrisy and bullshit and cheap moralism."

Obama's father left him when he was two, and his mother feared that if he didn't go to a good college, he would become uneducated like his white revisionist grandfather. He enrolled in Columbia, where racial tensions

"flowed freely, not just out on the streets but in the stalls of ... bathrooms as well, where, no matter how many times the administration tried to paint them over, the walls remained scratched with blunt correspondence between niggers and kikes."

After graduating, Obama became a community organizer, in debt and too often dismissed or shunned. He decided to go to Harvard Law School to "learn power's currency," where he became the first black president of the prestigious Harvard Law Review.

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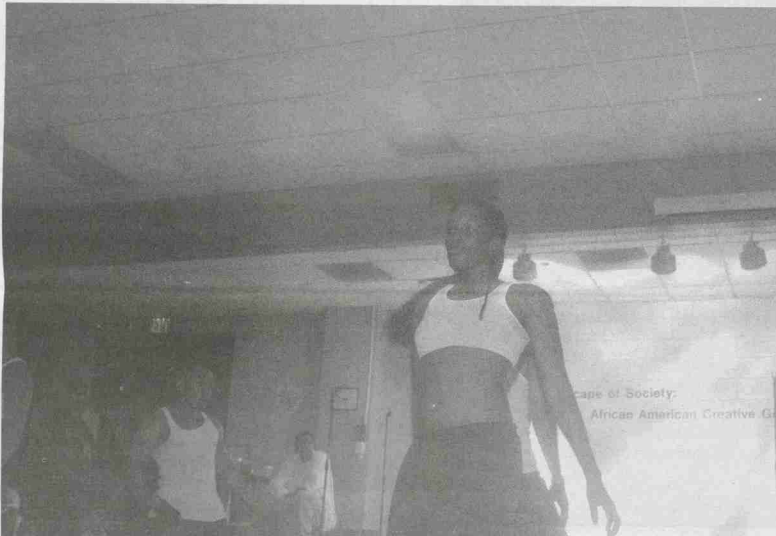
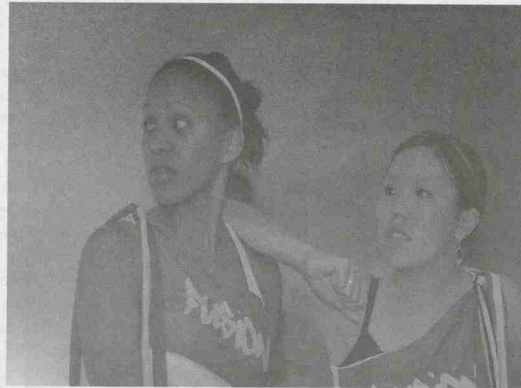
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## Nappy Luv V : Roots

The girls of Fusion by Tiffany Key



Tristan Roberts from the dance group Against All Odds by Tiffany Key



Nomad raps at Nappy Luv by Tiffany Key

**MIKIA HORSEY**  
Staff Writer

The rain was pouring from the sky and the bone chilling winds whipped around the heads of several students as they determinedly made their way to the African American Cultural Center. The event? Nappy Luv V, sponsored by KWU (Knowledge Wisdom Understanding), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, Black Students Board and AADSA (African American Design Students Association).

"Even though the rain came down on Nappy Luv, it didn't stop the people from supporting the love." Damien Terry, a senior in Microbiology observed. On Friday, the multipurpose room of the cultural center filled with anticipating participants and spectators as they anxiously awaited the start of the five year long tradition.

The dim lighting and hip hop music playing in the background set the mood as hosts Keon Pettiway and Eric Ndolo attempted to settle the crowd with cries of, "Ease up." The evening began with Kofi Owusu-Ofori and Mack Hedrick of Soulfire Productions featuring Pettiway performing "So High" by John Legend.

Many talents graced the stage, from spoken word, to rap and dance. Not only were NC State students performing, but students from St. Augustine's College and UNC- Chapel Hill also exhibited their talent for the audience. Against All Odds, a hip hop dance group from St. Augustine's College gave an exhilarating show.

Sterling Knight, a junior in Psychology, said the group was, "Very synchronized and coordinated, and their routine was elegant and fluid." The president of the group, Kimberly Moore said the group has been dancing together since Sept. 9, 2004. They were part of a larger organization, but decided to branch off and start a new dance group, so that they could, "do their own thing." As the audience saw, the group was very successful in "doing their own thing."

Against All Odds was not the only dance group, as Fusion, NC State's own Asian dance group also presented themselves. Fusion was a part of the Asian Student Association, but in 2004 decided to become separate. Annie Yee, a junior in Biological Sciences, and Jung Kim, a senior in Biological Sciences lead them. "We're glad that we



## Ryhme and Reason

as Asians can come out to a cultural event begun not by us, but where we can show our love of hip hop," Kim said. Annie agreed, saying the university needed more events like this that brought everyone together.

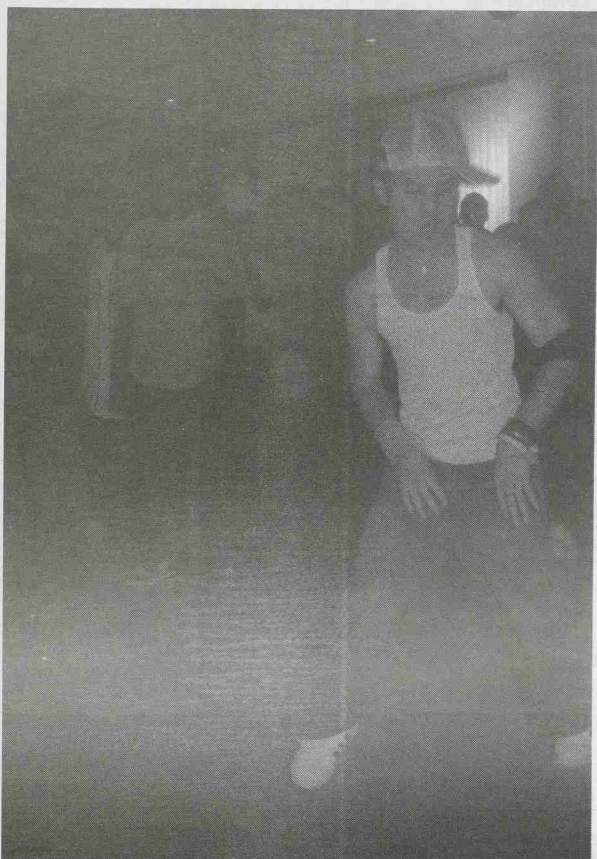
Promoting unity on campus is the focus of KWU. KWU was founded in 1997, and is currently headed by Carmen Lilly, a senior at NC State. She has been the president for two and a half years, and feels the organization has grown. "We want to promote unity on campus between all organizations, that's why we cosponsored this event with three other organizations." Nappy Luv began five years ago, and was started to show diversity in hip hop and to celebrate hip hop culture. It was a group collaboration thought to unify the campus.

KWU holds meetings every other Monday on the second floor of Talley at 7 p.m. The organization does a lot of community service, such as volunteering with the Raleigh Men Soup Kitchen, and SPACE, a mentoring program. They also cosponsor many events with the African American Cultural Center, and they distribute educational handbills on campus. The offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian are held by Laila Muhammad, Aaron Williams, and Paul Huntley respectively.



Kawn Rojanatavorn and Keon Pettaway in dance battle by Tiffiany Key

Kawn Rojanatavorn Starts it up by Tiffiany Key



Gabrealle Allen and Dasan Ahanu by Tiffiany Key



# Mind, Body & Soul

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## Horoscopes

### What your Sign says about You

SHAMEICA L. GARDNER  
Mind, Body & Soul

#### Scorpio October 24- November 22

If patience were a virtue, then you are lost in sin. Things do not revolve around your own personal sense of urgency. You must always keep in mind that what you think is important, isn't necessarily what others think of as life and death.

#### Sagittarius November 23- December 22

There's no business like show business. However, you may want to be famous not infamous. Making multiple guest appearances is great... for shows like Jay Leno or Oprah. You my friend are leaning more toward America's Most Wanted and Cops.

#### Capricorn December 23- January 20

You are primed and ready for a new beginning in a new relationship. The old wounds have begun to heal, literally. As soon as your doctor removes that last stitch and you have the bandages removed, jumped right back into the dating scene. However, stay away from internet hook ups and cyber connections.

#### Aquarius January 21- February 19

This month is your month. Take advantage of all the opportunities that are coming your way. You are up for probation, stay on your best behavior and you may stay out of solitary confinement.

#### Pisces February 20- March 20

Revenge is a dish best served sweet. For all of the bullies who stole your lunch, pulled your hair and gave you atomic wedgies, this is your day. With your 915 GPA, you have made the family proud. Go to your 10 year reunion, and flaunt your fame.

#### Aries March 21- April 20

You are now in a position of great power and authority. You are the only person in your class who's voted in the past four presidential elections. It's time to move onward and upward. You are too old to repeat Freshman English a fifth time.

#### Taurus April 21- May 21

I'm as open-minded about expressing feelings as the next person, however we must draw the line somewhere. You are bordering on being a sissy. We all cried for Bamb's mother, but you need not turn into a watching pot for every bug that is smashed against your window. Suck it up and get on with life.

#### Gemini May 22- June 21

Your prophecies have come to naught. Your predictions are unpredictable, and your instinct stinks. You cannot guess your way through life, as your test scores prove. Pick up a book and gain information before you decide on the future.

#### Cancer June 22- July 22

Watch out behind you! No the other way! Ha ha ha ha ha. You are so naive. Once upon a time, your childlike innocence was enduring, but now it is just dangerous. The world is a terrible, horrible, no good very bad place. Now go and live.

#### Leo July 23- August 21

It is time to end your delusions of grandeur. The pride of the lion is legendary... but only in your own mind. You can never be accused of lacking self-esteem which is important, but your arrogance is enough to clear a room.

#### Virgo August 22-September 23

Your laidback attitude and nonchalance toward life is no longer endearing. You are approaching "grown up" time. You can no longer take life as it comes or it will come and go while you smell the roses.

#### Libra September 24-October 23

There is no time like the present. That special someone that you have had your eye on is looking in your direction. Oh wait a second, they're looking past you. Sorry. Perhaps it is your appearance. Although we all have our bad days, your wardrobe consists of food stained tees and ash-washed jeans. Clean yourself up, and claim your crush.

## The Mystery Behind White Tees

ASHLEY TAYLOR  
MBS Writer

"I slang in my white tee/ Bang in my white tee/ All in the club spitting game in my white tee/ I bling in my white tee serve feigns in my white tee/ F\*\*\* a throwback

I look clean in my white tee." After being made popular by Dem Franchise Boys, these words are known by millions of hip hop fans, but why? What is it about this simple piece of

clothing that intrigues young people?

The white t-shirt, as it was formerly called, started off as a simple piece of underclothing, but has since evolved into a popular outer form of clothing today. Many males were believed to have started wearing white tees because of convenience and of its low cost. White tees range in cost from \$4 to 50 dollars, depending on the type of cotton and size of shirt.

"White tees are great. I mean they don't cost much and they go with all my gear! I go to the shoe store to get five new shirts a month. I don't see the problem," said Thomas Ellis. This popular clothing can range in size from small to triple XL, sometimes even being larger than that.

Many guys agree that the white tee is a great addition to any wardrobe, with a stipulation that they are always "fresh." Quinton Washington, a junior, agrees. "I like wearing white tees because they are versatile. You can wear many different accessories, such as hats and shoes with them. The white tees you wear have to stay fresh or you don't need to wear them," remarked Washington.

Though the white tee is popular for males, many females are getting tired of the hype

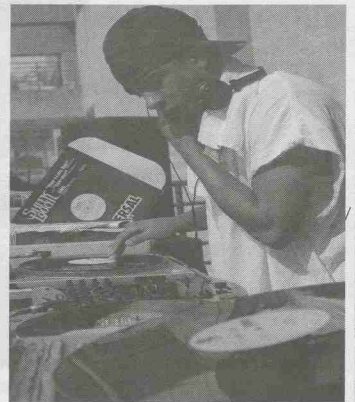
surrounding them. Gaining status almost six years ago, many feel that white tees are getting to the point of retirement.

"White tees are played out. It's about time for the brothers to come up with something new," said sophomore Kim Brown. In fact, white tees are beginning to become a serious fashion problem to some, with extra long tees now becoming even more popular. Even the classic polo shirt has been touch with the white tee mystique.

"I'm sorry, but what was someone thinking when they made a white tee a dress. I mean, I know guys like long shirts and baggy clothing, but come on a dress," said Rhonda Gordon, a senior. She went on to say, "And if that weren't bad enough, they have polo shirts that are too long. I believe that white tees have gone too far and it's time to put them to a stop."

With such songs as those coming from Dem Franchise Boys and companies mass producing these shirts, the industry has made a killing off of white tees. In fact, it would be a disadvantage to many if the white tee were to be called to a stop. This item, though not expensive in some venues, has been bringing in huge dollar amounts where purchased. Venues, especially shoe stores, promote the white tee.

White tees, with their stigma with females but love from guys, will clearly stay around in fashion for a while.



Lil D deejays in his white tee at the BSB cookout.  
Chris Dappert

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- Candidates must be a full-time N.C. State University student unless in final semester of course of study.

### STEP ONE: The Position paper

The position paper is due Friday, Nov. 19 by noon. As we are a deadline-driven organization, papers won't be accepted, copied or distributed late. A good position paper is probably 3-5 pages, double-spaced and typed. Presentation is important. In your position paper, you can address anything you like. Consider dealing with the issues noted at the right, but do NOT be limited or restricted to this list. Sample copies of past position papers are available for inspection with the student media adviser. With your position paper, attach a photocopy of your official transcript showing that you meet the academic requirements. (You may also provide a printout of your online record or come by the Student Media office and speak with the Student Media adviser to provide documentation of your student status.)

### STEP TWO: The Interview

The members of the Student Media board will pick up your papers. You may contact them by e-mail or phone or talk with them in person to answer questions prior to the board meeting, which will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22 in the Student Senate Chambers on the second floor of Witherspoon. During the meeting, each candidate will be given 10 minutes or so to answer questions, ask questions and/or give a statement.

### STEP THREE: The Selection

After you make your presentation and answer questions, you'll leave the room. You may not be in the room, nor can any other candidates, during the deliberations. The group will vote for their choice of editor and will be announce their choice immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact any of the current staff or the student media adviser.

**DEADLINE:** Friday, Nov. 19, 2004 at noon to 321 Witherspoon

**INTERVIEW:** Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Student Senate Chambers Witherspoon

**SELECTION:** Immediately after interview

### POSSIBLE ISSUES TO ADDRESS

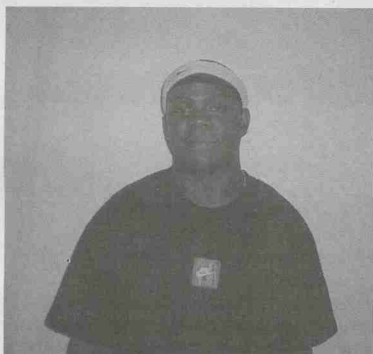
- What is your experience (here at N.C. State and elsewhere) that makes you the best qualified for the position?
- Why do you want the job? And it is a job. The editors will influence what students at N.C. State know about their fellow students. They produce what will be an integral part of the history of the university forever. And they are entrusted with the wise spending of student fees to benefit students.
- How do you intend to improve upon the foundation past staffs have built? Or do you just intend to maintain things the way they are?
- How do you relate to fellow staff members?
- What will you bring, personally, to the position?
- How will you ensure that your media best serves students?
- What are your goals? Be specific. Don't have glittering generalities. Address monetary issues. Have a vision. What about the quality of the media? What about the content?
- How do you intend to train your staff?



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## Pack Not Goin Bowling



**MARCUS GIBBS**  
Sports Writer

N.C. State now has an overall record of 4-6. After five successful years of making it to a bowl game under the coaching of Coach Amato, the Wolfpack officially has its first losing season. NC State had to have a winning record, that means having a 6-5 record, in order to become bowl eligible.

Marcus Gibbs by Robert White

This has been a season of heavy anticipation with many Wolfpack fans looking forward to a season full of tough wins and big upsets on highly ranked teams; well one out of two isn't bad. The offensive struggles at the quarterback position, the turnovers and the numerous penalties sealed NC State's fate this year.

The Wolfpack's season has not been a total disappointment because the team had its bright spots. The relentless defense of the Wolfpack has proven to be one of the nation's elite. When the words fast and furious come into play it's not only fair to think about a movie with cheesy actors and cars at blazing speeds, it is a rightful description of the Wolfpack defense who caused the nation's top teams to play, what appeared to be, their ugliest and sloppiest games of the season. There is no doubt that the NC State defense has kept the Wolfpack in a lot of games and set up chances for the team to win. The speed and power of the Wolfpack

caused a lot of problems offensively for opposing teams. The offense did find some dependable options that possess speed and incredible abilities to catch and run the ball; this will give the team something to build on for next season.

All the positives and negatives of this team were displayed in Thursday's game against the Florida State Seminoles. The ACC's top defenses faced off at Carter Finely Stadium, which in the minds of many gave the impression of both teams keeping offensive scoring to an absolute minimum. Scoring was hard to come by in this game as most fans expected. The stingy Wolfpack defense kept the number 11 team in the nation to only 121 total offensive yards showing they would not back down. The Wolfpack defense was spearheaded by the likes of Manny Lawson, who recorded three sacks in the game, it also held the Seminoles scoreless for the first half leaving them with a 10 point deficit.

We all know with some good news, also comes so bad news. The only touchdown scored for the Wolfpack was an 87 yard punt return by Darrell Blackman. The average starting field position for the Wolfpack was their own 44 yard line; yet they couldn't move the football far enough to score more points than they did in the first half. The offense once again, struggled to make plays happen.

The turnovers, once again hurt NC State's chances of winning the game. There was a turnover in an exchange between quarterback and running back on a running play. On another play, there was a catch and a fumble by tight end T.J. Williams. The offense seemed to be self-destructing. The Wolfpack ultimately lost the game 10-17 due to a second half rout by the Seminoles with some key punt returns. To shine positive light on this situation, the offense, on many occasions during the season, has been shown to stop itself rather than the other team doing it. When the Wolfpack offense gets it together, they will prove to be very hard to handle and wolfpack fans are waiting for that time to come very soon. N.C. State's season will end with a game against East Carolina University, and a likely win against the Pirates will be very pivotal in getting momentum into the next season.

## Poetry Highlight: Judith Ortiz Cofer

**DAISY BUIRTAGO**  
Staff Writer

Many poets and writers serve as an inspiration to a few but are overlooked by the popular majority. A poet that should be brought to the spotlight for a moment is Judith Ortiz Cofer. Cofer and her writings have personal meaning to many Spanish Americans, mainly because she is a Puerto Rican woman that has achieved much success in the United States.

She was born in Hormigueros, Puerto Rico in 1952, and lived between there and New Jersey for most of her childhood until her family finally settled in Georgia. She received her master's in English, going on to become a professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Georgia. Along the way, she published many award winning essays, fiction, poems and prose in several anthologies and books of her own. Most of her writings are highly influenced by the important women in her life and her own Latina culture, yet American readers find her writings easy to identify with and enjoy getting a peek into what it means to be Puerto Rican.

Cofer has received many honors, awards, and recognitions such as: the Chris Janer Award in Creative Research, fellowships from the Florida and Georgia Arts Councils, an associate membership to the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference, the Paterson Book Prize, the Anisfield Wolf Book Award and many more. The book, *An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio* (1996), has received several distinctions including: The American Library Association's first ever Reforma Pura Belpre Medal and the Fanfare Best Book of the Year award. One of her most recent works is titled, *The Meaning of Consuelo*, and was published in November of 2003.

### MESSE CHANTEE EN LANGUE FRANCAISE FRENCH MASS (WITH AFRICAN RHYTHMS)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, AND THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

2 P.M. (14h00)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CORNER POOLE RD AND PEARTREE LN  
RALEIGH, NC

12 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS

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MONSIEUR JOHN WILLIAMS, CURE DE LA PAROISSE  
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MESSE EN LATIN, LES SAMEDIS, 8h00  
MESSES DOMINICALES, 9h00 ET 11h30  
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### Recruitment for Spring 2005

The Nubian Message, N.C. State's African-American weekly newspaper, is seeking talented individuals to join our staff for Spring 2005. Current staff positions open are:

-Writers

-Photographers

Applications are Available outside The Nubian Message office, Room 372 third floor AACC, Witherspoon Student Center

