

Nubian Message Archives Now Digital at North Carolina State University

Raleigh, North Carolina

North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC has released a fully searchable digital archive of the *Nubian Message*, the voice of the Black student experience through a partnership with North Carolina State Student Media, back issues from the newspaper's initial issue in 1992 through 2005 are online through the library Rare and Unique Digital Collections. The *Nubian Message* (a biweekly student newspaper) consists of over 200 issues of the newspaper, comprising over 1,700 pages of content held in the Special Collections Research Center.

The *Nubian Message* began publication in November 1992 in response to student protests alleging racial bias in reporting, as well as racially inflammatory commentary, by the *Technician*. In an early editorial, Tony Williamson, the paper's first editor-in-chief, stated his intention to "totally, truthfully, and faithfully cover every aspect of African American life at NCSU."

Users will be able to search the full text of *Nubian Message* back issues with "search inside" and "hit highlighting" functionality—features forthcoming in the *Agromeck* (the official yearbook of North Carolina State University) and *Technician* (the North Carolina State University student newspaper) digital archives. It will be the Libraries' first digital collection in which the International Image Interoperability Framework standards have been implemented. These standards allow libraries to leverage tools and resources developed by a global community of libraries, archives, and museums.

The release of the *Nubian Message* digital archive coincides with the NCSU Libraries partnership with the African American Cultural Center (<https://oied.ncsu.edu/aacc/>) to record short video interviews with students and alumni at the African American Cultural Center's annual Harambee event, celebrating and welcoming new students into the North Carolina State University black community, through the Wolf Tales mobile oral history program.

The current aspects of *Nubian Message* can be found at:
<https://www.thenubianmessage.com/category/news/>

The online archive can be found at:
http://d.lib.ncsu.edu/collections/catalog?_id=1472754815045&f%5Bispartof_facet%5D%5B%5D=Nubian+Message