SEEKING APPLICATIONS for Student Media Leaders

To: Applicants for Nubian Message editors (ONLY)
Date: Nov. 1, 2004
Re: Process

So you want to apply for Nubian Message editor. Congratulations. Just for considering the idea, you’re putting yourself in an elite class of people at North Carolina State University – a class of people with the power to change the very direction in which this university moves.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Candidates must have been a member of the staff for at least two full semesters.
• Candidates must have at least a 2.25 grade point average.
• Candidates must have at least two semesters remaining as an N.C. State University student.
• 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. 12 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. 15 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. 12, 2004 at noon to 321 Witherspoon
INTERVIEW: Monday, Nov. 15 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?