



From Playboy to Fashion Friday

A comparative analysis of student reporters and their sources. By Bradley Wilson

Observation

As the staff changed, so to did the coverage.

So then, we began to ask the question: Was the staff accurately covering various factions of the campus?





April 29, 2004 Staff: 64% male Campus: 57% male male editor



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Feminine Ink



N.C. State women reveal their reasons for going under the needle and being marked for life.

As spring arrives, a change comes over the women at N.C. State: scarves find their way to the closet, sleeves give way to straps and midriffs go bare. All of this freshly aired skin not only reveals tan-lines and pierced belly buttons; it also displays those otherwise-hidden tattoos.

A trip to Tucker Beach on a sunny day will demonstrate that women are increasingly getting tattoos. Kanji (Japanese characters) on the hip, starbursts on the neck and flowers on the lower back are all common sights.

Christy Alexander, the only female tattoo artist at Blue Flame Tattoo on Hillsborough Street, reveals that there is a change in women's attitudes.

"Over the past 20 years, women have gotten tattooed more," she said. "It's a lot more acceptable. It's not just for sailors and hookers anymore."

"It's always been acceptable for women to decorate themselves," said Shawna Jones, a senior in English who has six tattoos. "[Tattoos are] an extension of makeup and ear piercing more than anything."

Despite a growing acceptance of tattoos socially, the sentiment remains that women in the workplace should not openly sport tattoos.

Amna Cameron, a junior in history who has four tattoos, said that she chose to get her tattoos on less public areas of her body, such as her hip and lower back, for that reason. "If I'm going up against someone [for a job] I hope I won't lose it because of my appearance," she said. "But until someone says

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Amna Cameron, left, displays her dream sprite tattoo, one of four tattoos that she has. The dream sprite art was altered from a playing card that her younger brother, David, gave her."He knows I love faries. I wouldn't have gotten it if it didn't come from my brother." Mitra Tashakkori used her own design for her tattoo, using elements such as stars and moons. "It doesn't really 'mean' anything, but it's perfect because it's me. I drew it."

Stately Ladies poised for overhaul

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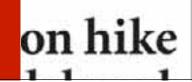
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FIVE N.C. STATE WOMEN POSED FOR PLAYBOY'S "GIRLS OF THE ACC" ISSUE

STORY BY TIM COFFIELD

Corissa Eaton talks about her appearance in Playboy magazine's new "Girls of the ACC" edition with the same tone someone getting a first tattoo or going skydiving might use.

"Years from now, when we're all old and wrinkly, it's going be the most awesome thing to look back and remember this time in our lives," she says.

An entropy dark-featured girl of Japanese-American descent, Eaton is one of five N.C. State etudents featured in the venerable magazine's newest addition. For those who've seen their hot-tubbed group photo, she's the one in the middle or, as one male student with a fresh copy in his hands remarked, "The boob girl,"





Diversions

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other pages.

When viewed in the connext of the other AOC schools' representatives (Check out the Horida State balles, whose motto seems to be: "We shall leave no knots tied and nothing, st all, to the imagination."), they come across as the least audacious and most playful chicks in the conference. Which, it seems, is a far more enduring symbol for collegiste femininity than, say, the openmouthed snaris on the Maryland gid or the spread-eagle postures of the Seminoles.

But still, they are mostly naked. Mostly naked representing NCSU. SIMPLY PUT: WHYT

The big question, then, is obvious, Why in the world did yes -- and thousands of other girls, every year, all over the country - volunteer to share yourself with the world in this word

"I mean, it's Phyboy, you know!" says Danielle, a senior biology stands but Friday. maior.

She's the one in the foreground with the white tank top, grinning from behind a soaking wet head of shiny black hair.

"To be put in Hayboy is to show that you're benetiful, and that [the magazine] wants the world to see you, if's such as honce. It's any girl's dream," she says.

Fitzgerahl, a senior in psychologic agrees.

"I just thought it was the opportunity of a lifetime," she says. "It's a really classy magazine. The whole process was so much fun. I'd do it again in a heartheat."

These girls, all of them, say they take pride in joining the list of edgy. movie starlets and female icons that have: Monroe, Faucett, Derek. Crawford, MacPherson, Burke, dogens more.

After all, as Danielle points out. like that. It's cheese?"

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NCSU girls appearing in Playboy Shannon Younan, Cortssa Eaton, Erika Hinsdale, Ronnie Danielle and Jenna Fitzgeraid pose on a campus utility vehicle. The girls were a part of the magazine's "Girls of the ACC" spread, which hit news-

nerve-wracking sudition process ("T threw op," Fitzgerald admits.) And girls. they were selected. What next? Call. dad with the big news?

"Hell no," says Younan. "Haven't traded being "

The other girls were generally more open with their parents. Fitzgerald actually got their permission before the even auditioned. Danielle, whose sister appeared in the same magazine 54cli when Playboy came to NCSU in 1998, called it "a family Tradition."

She called her moon when she got the news she'd been selected, but admits that her dad, however, "hain't quite gut that phone call yet."

Hinsdale, a senior in poology, had the guts to tell her father.

"He was quiet at first, but then he told me, 'h's every father's dream to have a girl beautiful enough to be "it's not like Hustler or anything in Playboy'," she remembers, "So he was supportive."

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The appeal is simplistic, say the

"It's real," Danielle anys, "Guyalike thinking, 'Wow, she might be in nov class," It's exciting,"

Hinsdale says that the girls "come off as more attainable."

Eaton puts an additional spin OH IT.

"The ACC edition is really cool." she says. "Because it's showing there are beautiful woman who have brains, and that's comething a lot of people think ins't really possible. [To be chosen for] having brains and beauty at the same time, it's such a great bonot."

CAMPUS REACTION

For their part, the NCSU administration shies away from taking a stance. Interim Chancellor Robert Barnhardt, for example, declined to share his personal feelings on this matter.

The faculty, however, is more where the

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Ethics professor Katle McShane sums up the debate in a more seri-ODI HITSH.

"The main issue is one of respect," she says. "Some people think that the way Playboy represents women is incompatible with respect for women. Others worry that by representing women in these ways. Playboy affers encouragement to those who are already inclined not to think of or treat women with DEST-DUT."

would agree, however, that this country had far more important things to worry about than a girl's personal decision to pose nude.

The girls, meanwhile, shake off any criticium like tiny dauch off flakes.

"Everyone's entitled to their own opinion," Fitzgerald says. "But it wasn't degrading in any way. It made us look beautiful." Store is some hidden date with

CAUESTIC MARIE BY THE COURSELD

Jenna Fitzgerald Class: Senior Major: Psychology Hometown: Raleigh Somthing people should know about you: I coach gymnastics and I have a younger sister that can pass as my twin. Favorite Dinessur: 1-Hex Feverite NEA players Shaq, of course! Favorite Gangster Rapper: Himm_It's a toss up between Dr. Dre and Snoop Career Geals: Hahal Aspiring Actress and model of course, but really I want to be a paychologist Bush or Kerrys Neither, but if I had to pick Kerry In your opinion, have allens ever landed on earth? Wow! No. Your Strangest habit: UNI, I wash my hands like cragy

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HEELS continued on



Proving that fashion trends come and go, these bright pink vintage pumps have the flower ornamentation and beadwork of today's high-heels that fill the pages of fashion magazines and adorn the feet of fashion-savvy young women.





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Women break out the menswear

ane Keaton did it. Demi Moore did it. Molly Ringwald did it. Now, students across campus are doing it. But this time, they are doing it tight and lacey. The women's fitted-vest - it's back and frillier than ever.

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The Problem

- Are students limiting their coverage?
- What happens in college communities whose newspaper staffs are overwhelmingly liberal and white, while the student body population is more diverse?
- Do student reporters instinctively seek out sources from among their own social and peer groups on campus, or do they strive for truly balanced coverage?



Literature Review

Diversification efforts must extend beyond hiring practices.

Carol Liebler & Susan Smith



Literature Review

News organizations discriminate against ... 'the poor, the powerless and the ideologically marginal,' thus making scarce news about and for them.

Herbert Gans



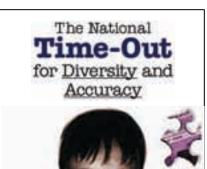
Literature Review

"At the heart of each explanation [for failure to achieve diverse sources] is the modern prerequisite of routinization ... to produce news effectively for the infinite number of stories that occur each day."

Brown and Bybee



Time Out for Diversity





Time Out for Diversity

"We want to accurately reflect life in our communities. If our newspapers are not inclusive enough to regularly portray the diversity of these communities, then we are presenting a fundamentally inaccurate report. That lack of accuracy undermines our journalistic credibility."

> 1999 American Society of Newspaper Editors Time Out for Diversity study



Time Out for Diversity

The first National Time-Out for Diversity survey asked newsrooms to conduct audits of their own coverage and source selection, providing rubrics that cut across five "fault lines" —

- race
- gender
- geography
- class
- age



Hypotheses

 Student reporters over-rely on sources whose race, gender, classification, and college of study are similar or identical to their own, at the expense of coverage of other groups on campus.



2. The staff profile we have compiled will closely match the statistics on our sources.

Methodology

- Pre-analysis
- Content analysis
- Comparison



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TIME OUT STEP 2 STORY / PHOTO ANALYSIS

INSTRUCTIONS: The Fault Lines are reflected in the sources, subjects and topics of photos, stories, columns and editorials. Sources provide information for stories. They are quoted and paraphrased in stories. Subjects, the persons the story is about, may or may not be quoted. Only the sources of stories should be analyzed. Only the dominant subjects in photos should be analyzed. one can often determine the gender of a source by the name. The audit can analyze only fault lines that are explicitly stated/visible in the story/photo or those that can be determined through the **yearbook Facebook** or the **campus directory** or information accompanying the story. Make some effort to determine the characteristics of the source. If a story does not state or indicate a particular fault line, enter X for "can't determine."

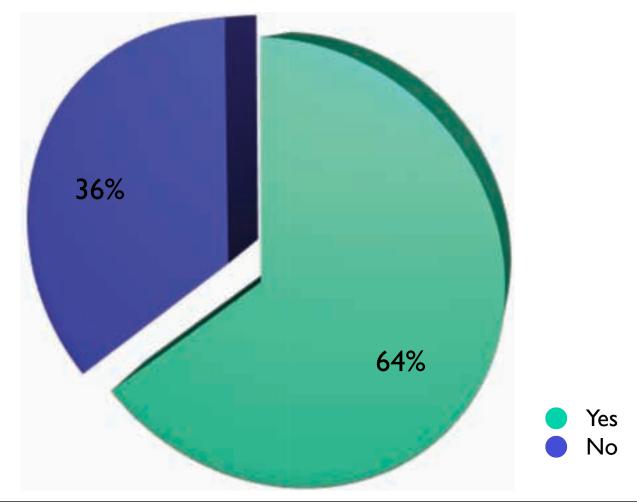
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Staff Perception

Does the Technician's staff accurately reflect the school's diversity?

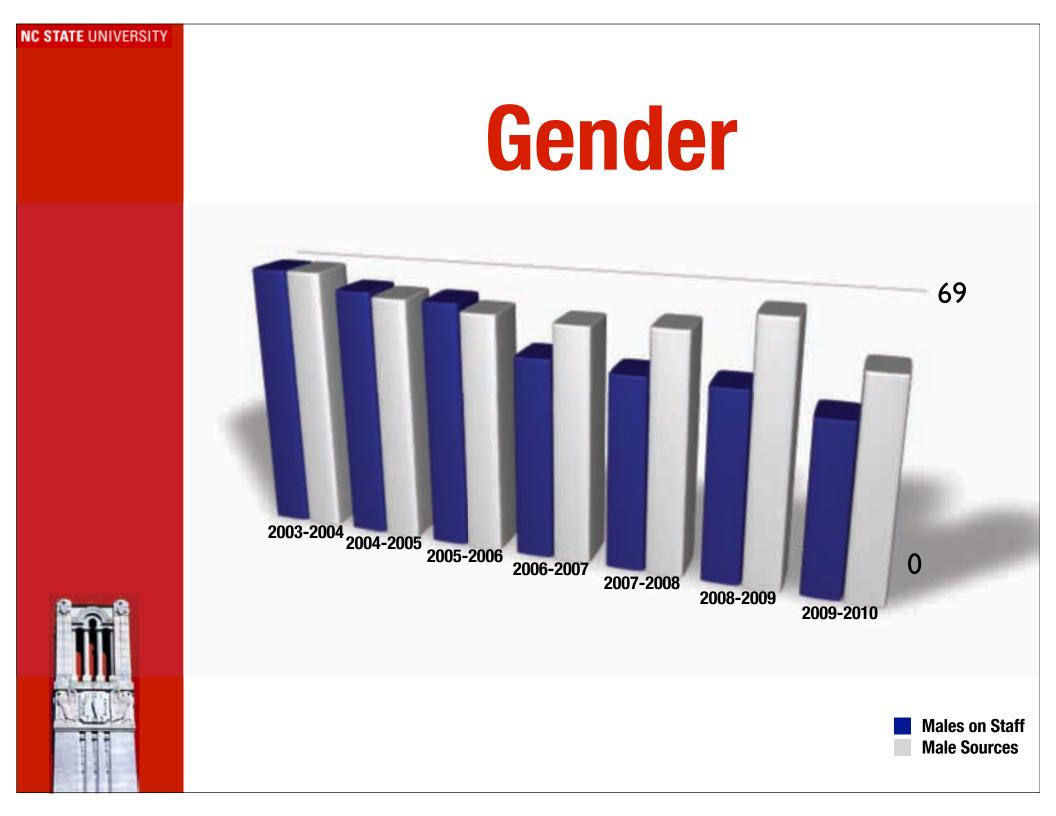


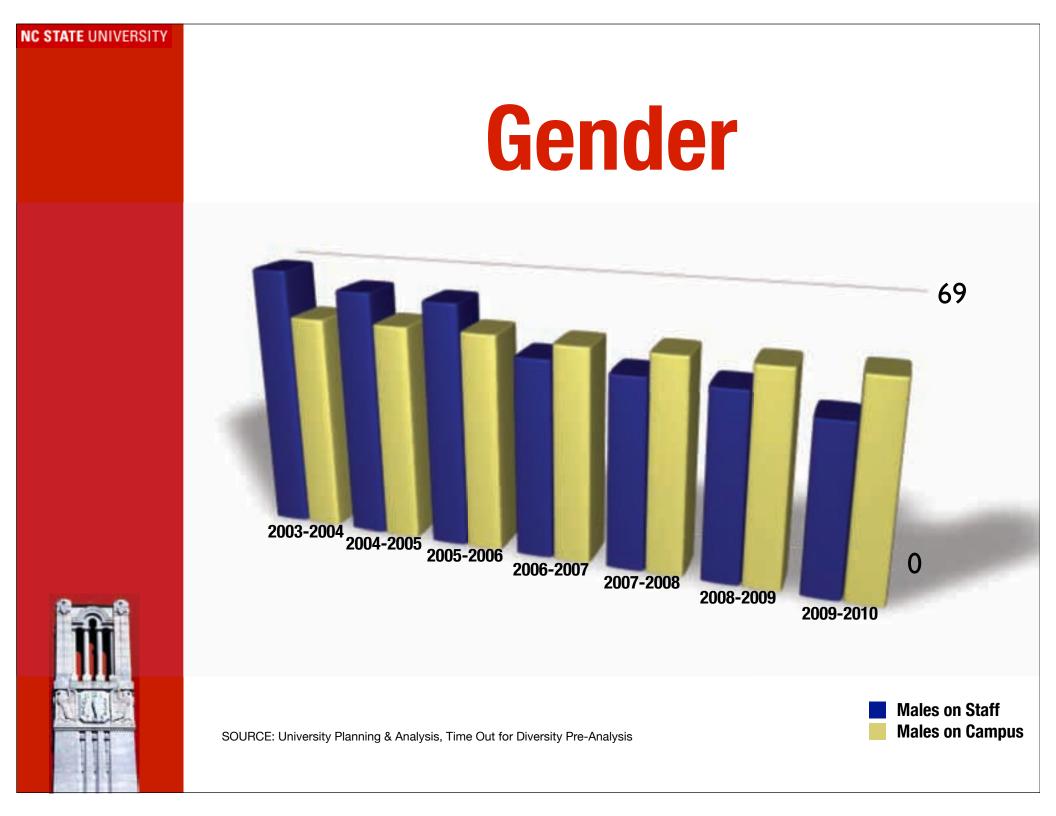


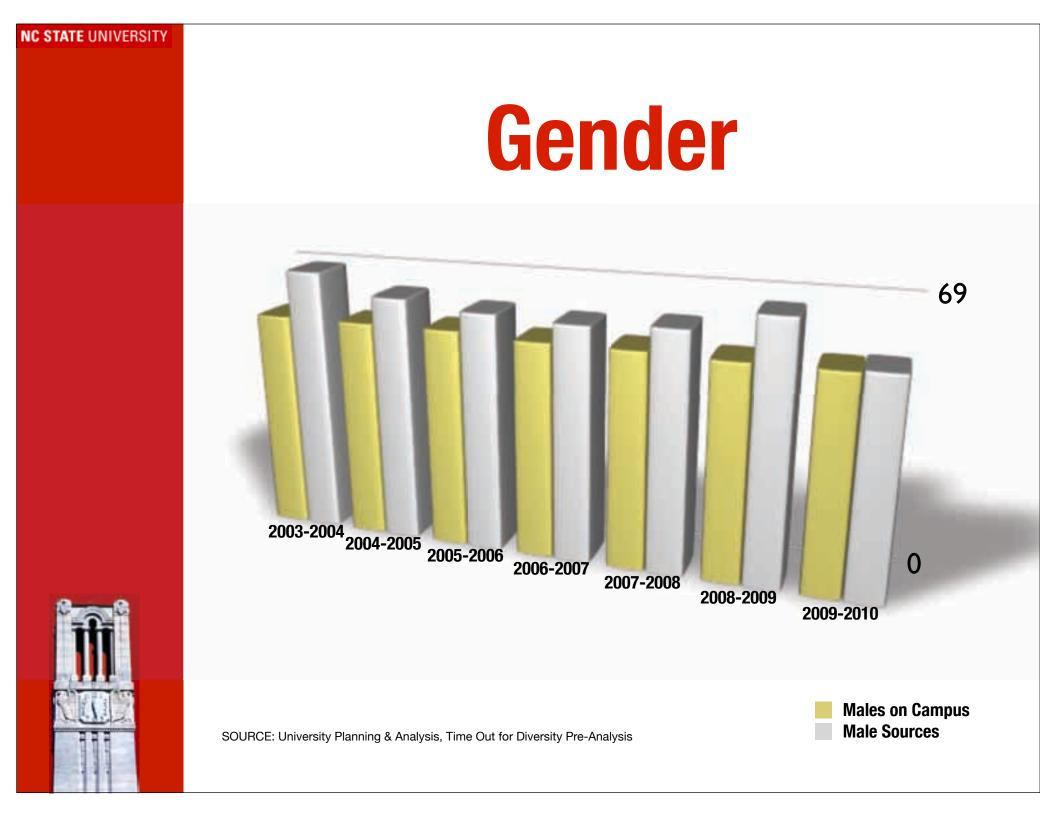
Findings

• We first ruled out classification as a consideration for further study because coverage of student leaders on campus is always dominated by juniors and seniors who are more active than underclassmen.









Findings

 Generally, as the percentage of males on staff decreased significantly over time, so too did the percentage of male sources although not at the same rate.

• As we emphasize more diverse use of sources, it does change regardless of staff.





isation from October to November when Blackmon and the paper's editorial board decided not to publish because Blackmon was performing in King Headley II. Blackmon told Technician in Mon Au

two or less writers, leaving many editors to take on writing responsibilities themselves.

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Nubian Message serves a specific purpose



Students at N.C. State founded Technician in 1920 when only whites attended the school. The newspaper addressed white student views, likes and dislikes regarding society. The majority of views expressed in Technician are white views, en in 2004. I know many African-American students who choose not to read Technician simply because they fee that Technician does not speak at all for them. Technician does not address the Afri-

Technician does not address the Afri-on-American community in a way in which I am astified. When students pick and the only time African-American pictures are shown and Afri-can-American attemption are sub-elected or if they play sports. African-American attemption are more than just from the anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-matican anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-matican-american are more than just from the anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-matican-american are more than just from the anti-anti-anti-anti-ential anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-anti-erer dy and one problems we face is in university. Almost every building on this university. Almost every building on the un BRUNSON see page 5

Give me a 21st century newspaper please

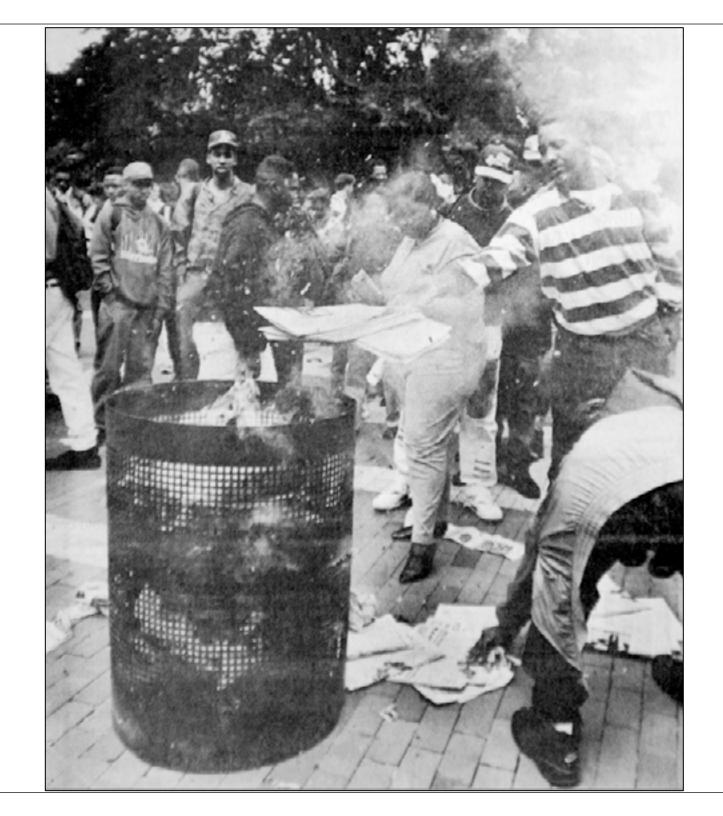
On fuesday, the Student weeds Au-thority (SMA) Advisory Board finally hired the two new editors-in-chief (EICs) for the two in-print student newspapers that exist on what I consider a college Z) ampus with a single student body our years ago, I saw a Nubian Mes Four years ago, I saw a Nubian Mes-sage bin alongide a Technician bin for the first time. It shocked me, I said then what I still say. In the 21st century, two racially biased newspapers look like left over 1960s water fountains - one marked COLORED and the other marked WHITE. Their existence means two problems. problems. Supposedly, two papers rather than one Suppose life two papers rather than one accommodiate diversity. I'm sorry: After 40 years of fighting in the trenches for 40 years of fighting in the trenches for 40 years of fighting in the trenches for 40 years of the trenches for 40 years of 40 years o OWENS see page 5

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW A NEW DIRECTION FOR NUBIAN MESSAGE NECESSARY

OUR OPINION: THE AFRICAN-AMER-ICAN STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE DIRECT CONTROL. OF NUBIAN MESSAGE AND SHOULD LEAVE STUDENT MEDIA, AS IT WOULD HELP THE PUBLICATION FULFILL THEIR GOALS AND MIS-SION.

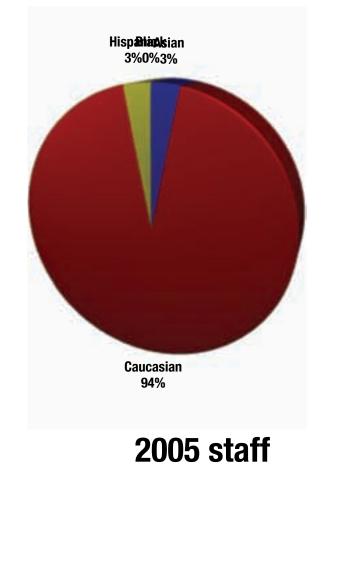
African-American students spearhead-el and created Nubian Message in re-sponse to a racio column that printed in Technicain in 1992. The racial clinaare on usudens open burnel copies of Techni-cian in protest of the column. Nubian Message focuses on the African-Ameri-can community and culture and brings for the past 12 yark. Nubian Message has been a voice-of the African-America community. Recently, though, Nubian Message has been erratic in its publishing attemption.

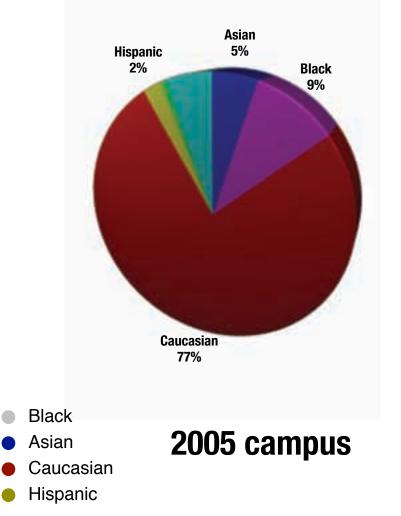
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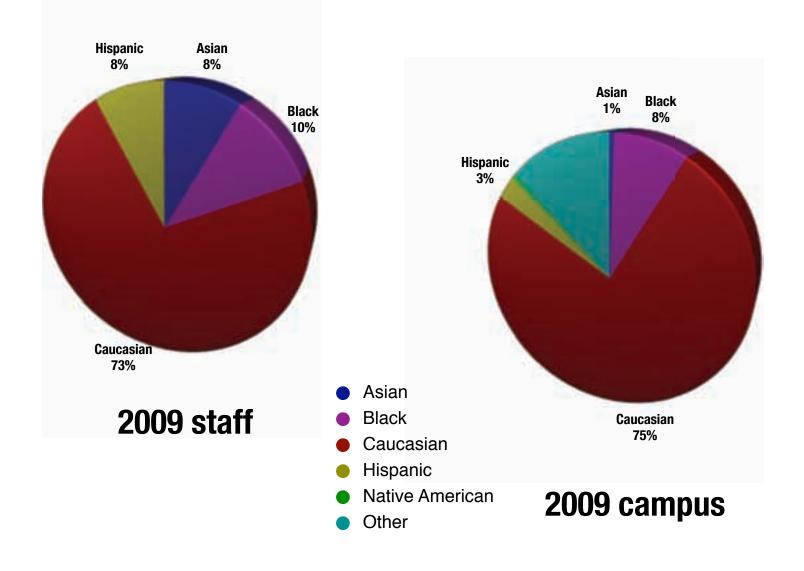


Staff and Campus



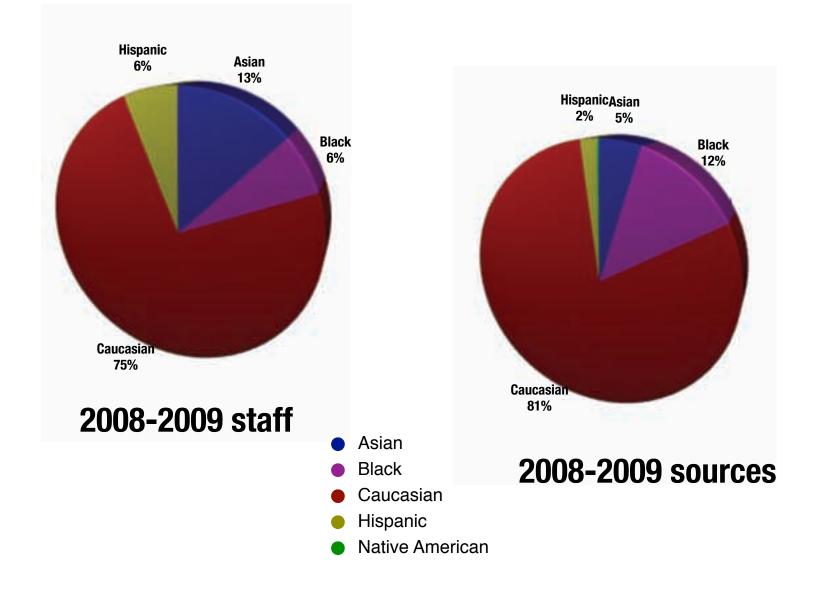


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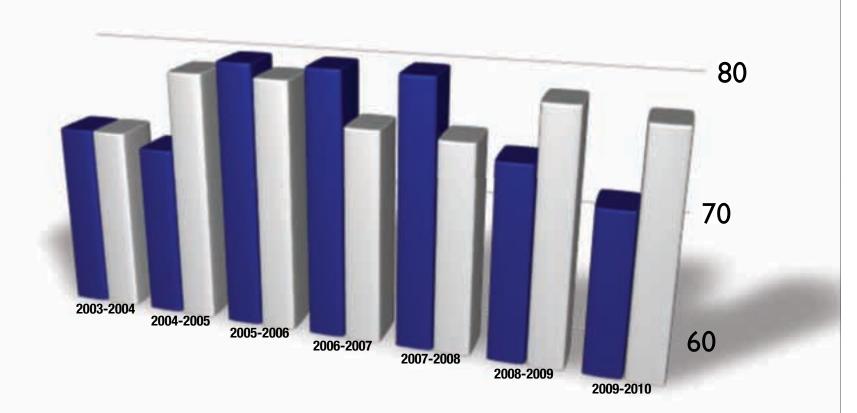


Staff and Sources





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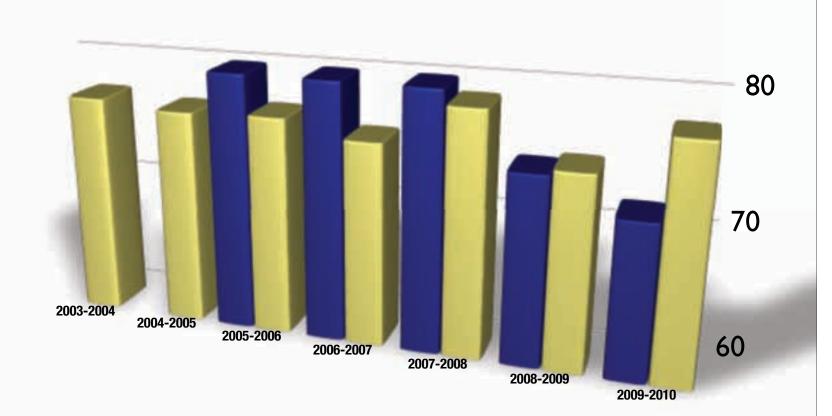








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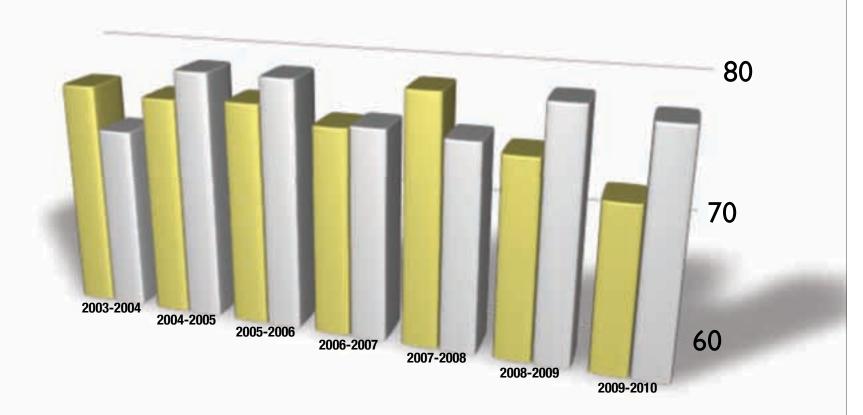




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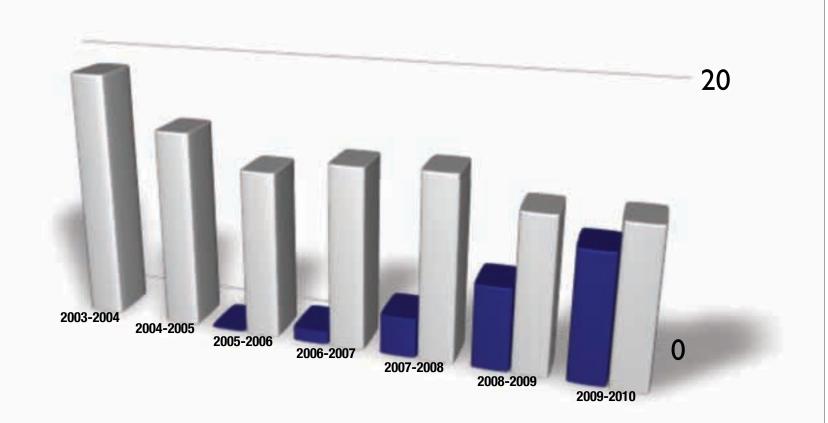




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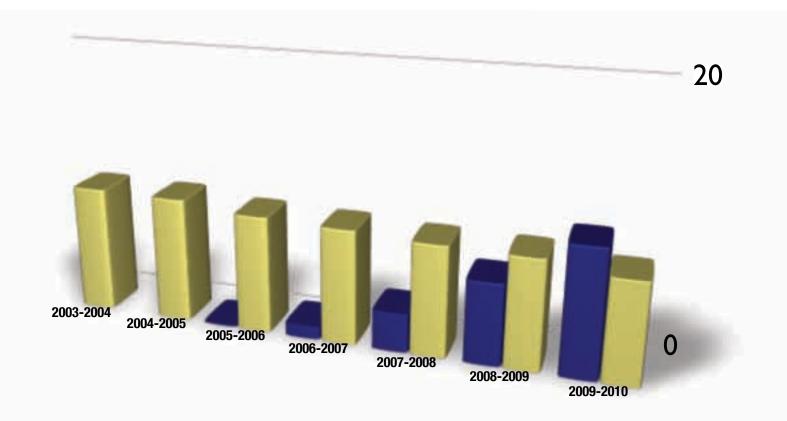
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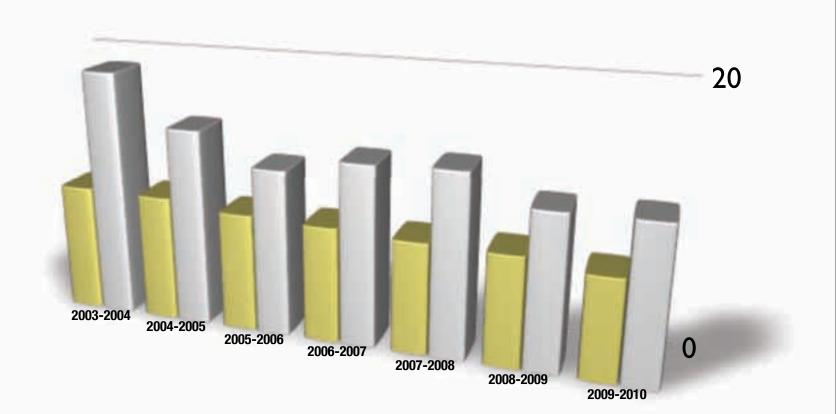




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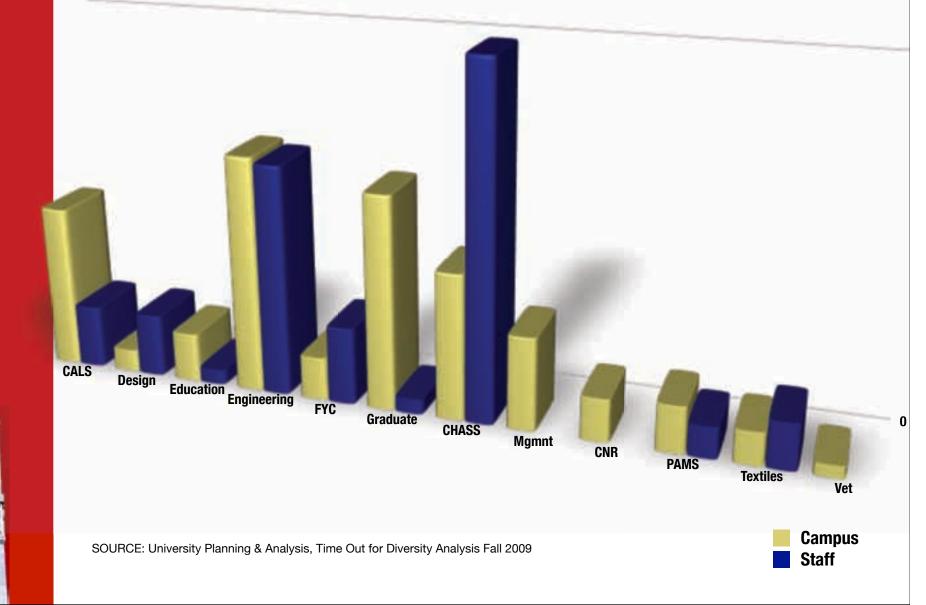


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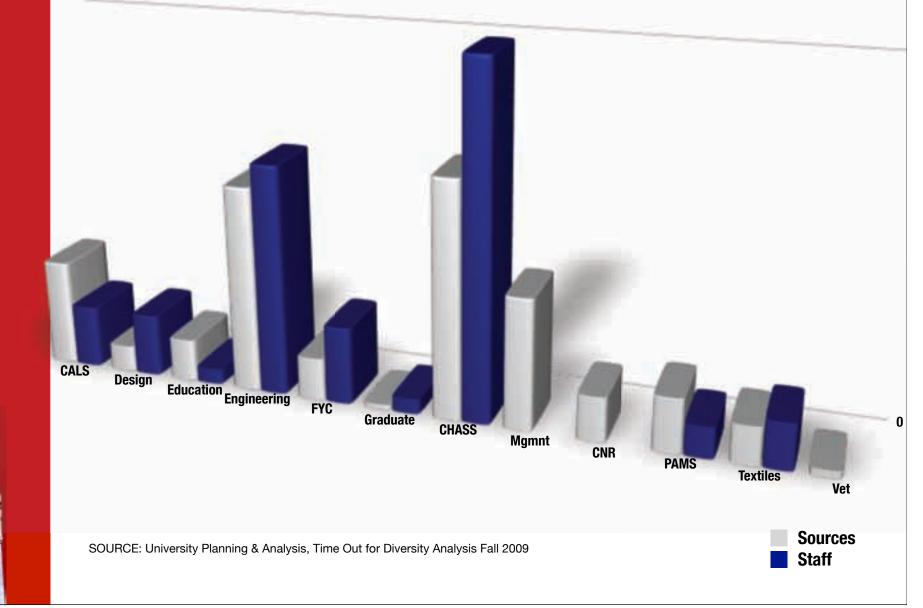
- The largely Caucasian staff continues to use a diverse array of sources not completely reflected in the staff.
- Staff diversity is increasing as we emphasize it in recruitment and retention efforts.



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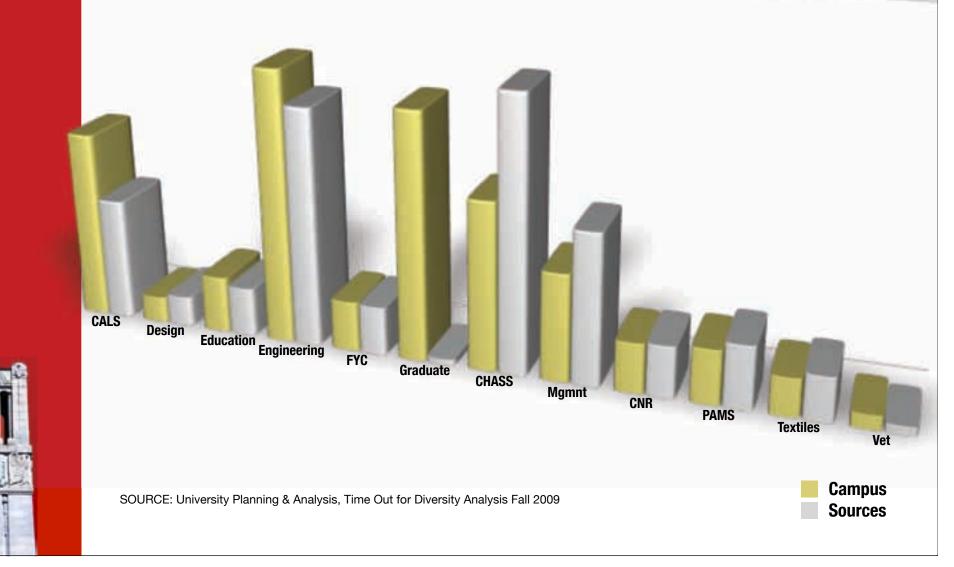


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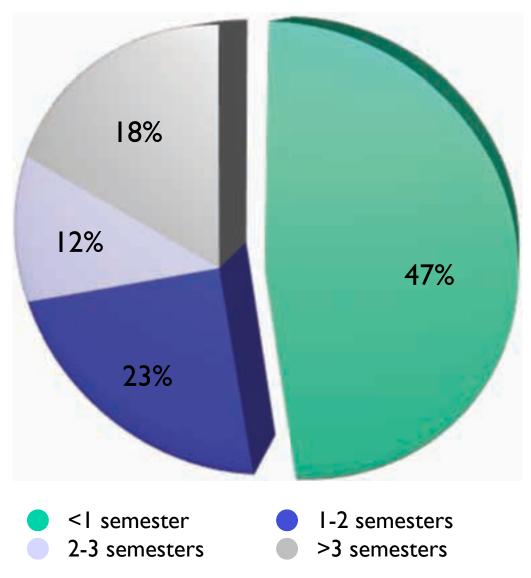


Findings

- The largest two colleges on campus are engineering (25.2 percent) and agriculture and life sciences (17.4 percent). Third is the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), which makes up 15.5 percent of the population.
- Approximately half of our staff members are in CHASS. Validating our hypothesis was the finding that more than 25 percent of sources used were in CHASS nearly twice what would be expected if a random sample of students in the population were used as sources.

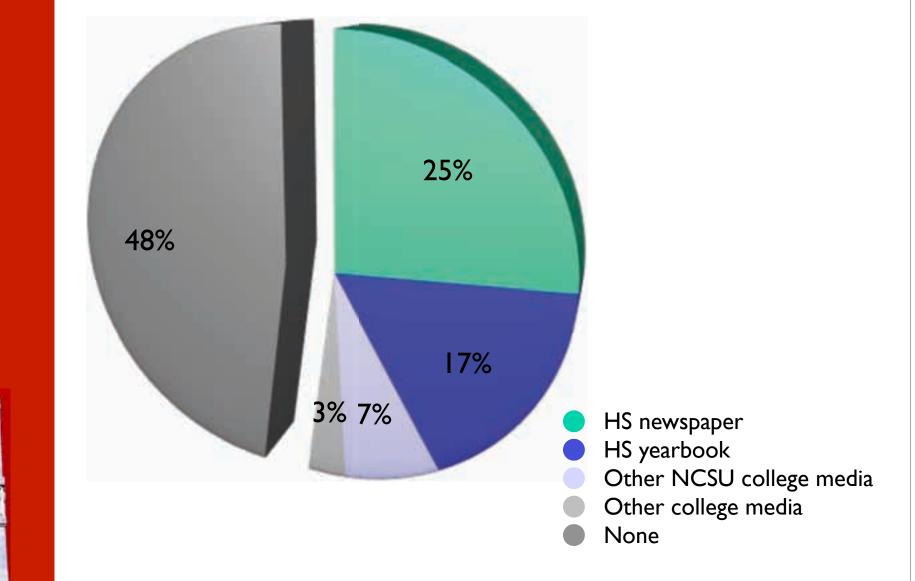


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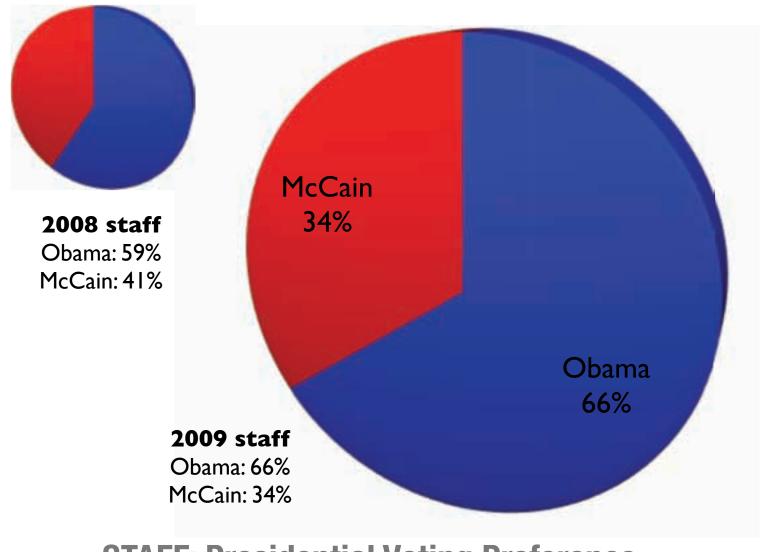




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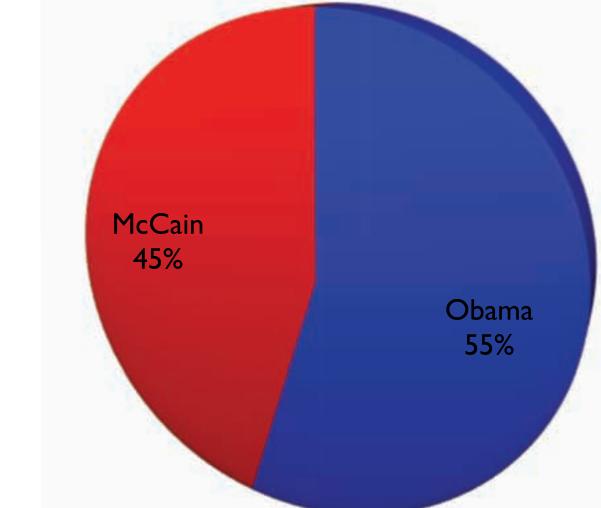


Election



STAFF: Presidential Voting Preference

Election



2008 staff Obama: 59% McCain: 41%

2009 staff Obama: 66% McCain: 34%

2008-2009 CAMPUS: Presidential Voting Preference



Discussion

- Can students cover students who are not like themselves?
- Do they?
- Should they?
- Should the composition of the staff approximate the composition of the population being covered?



NC STATE UNIVERSITY



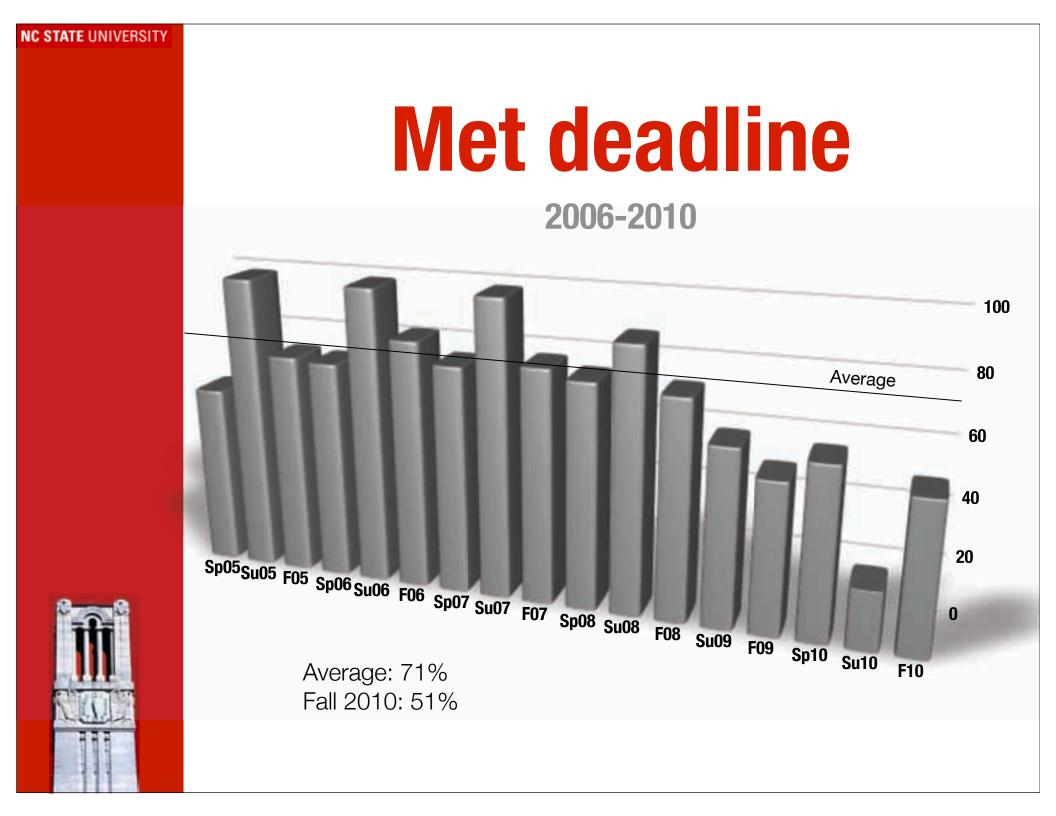


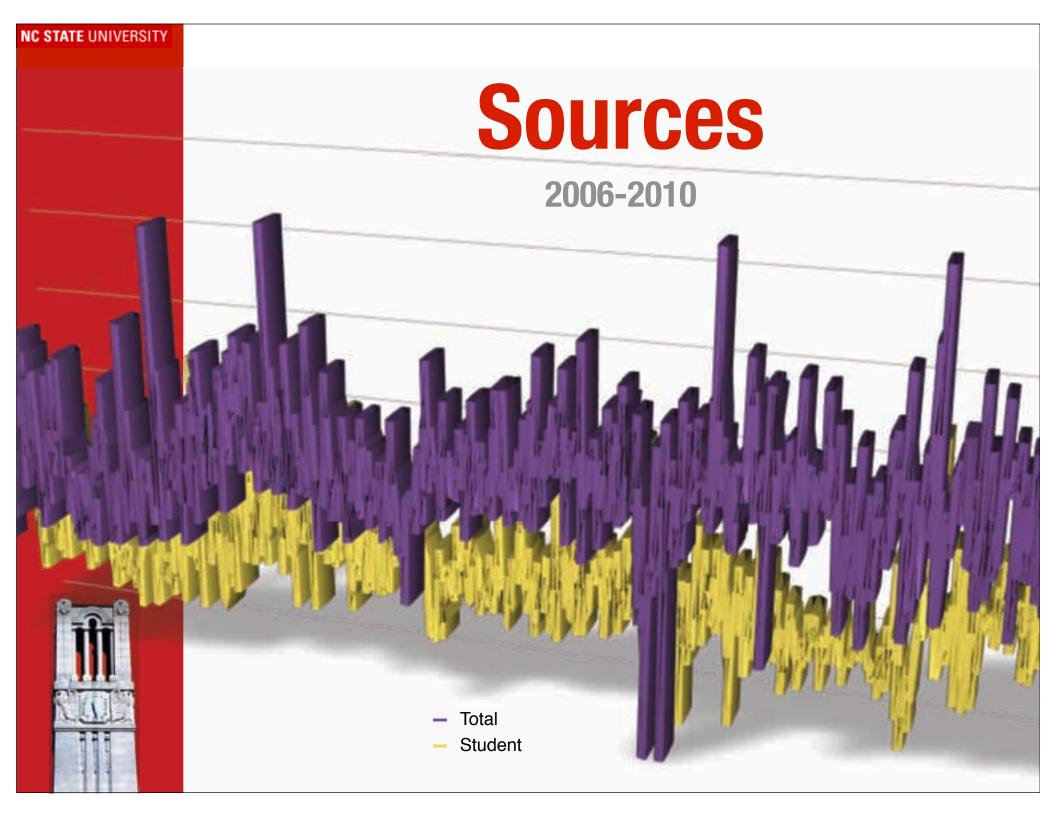


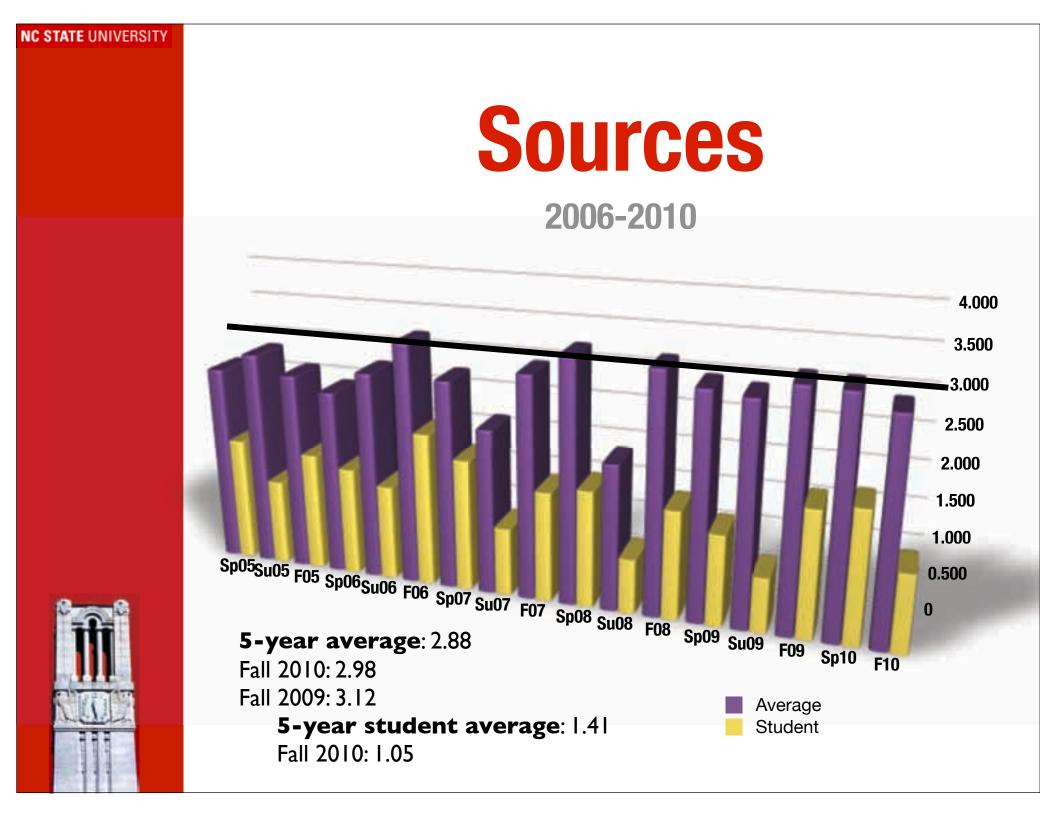
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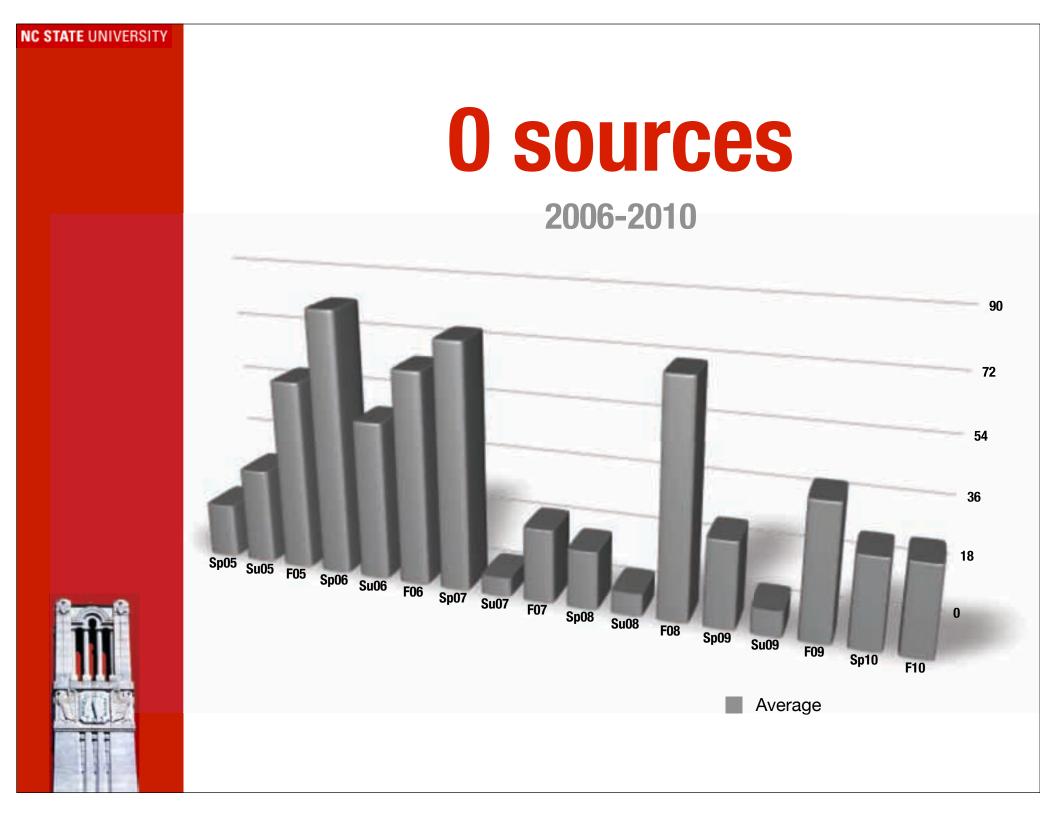


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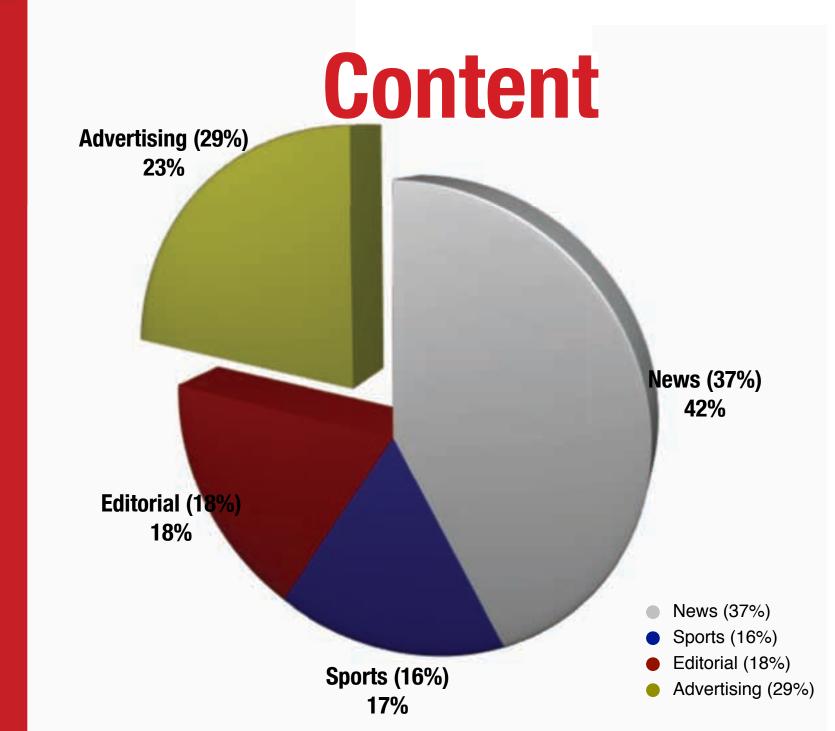




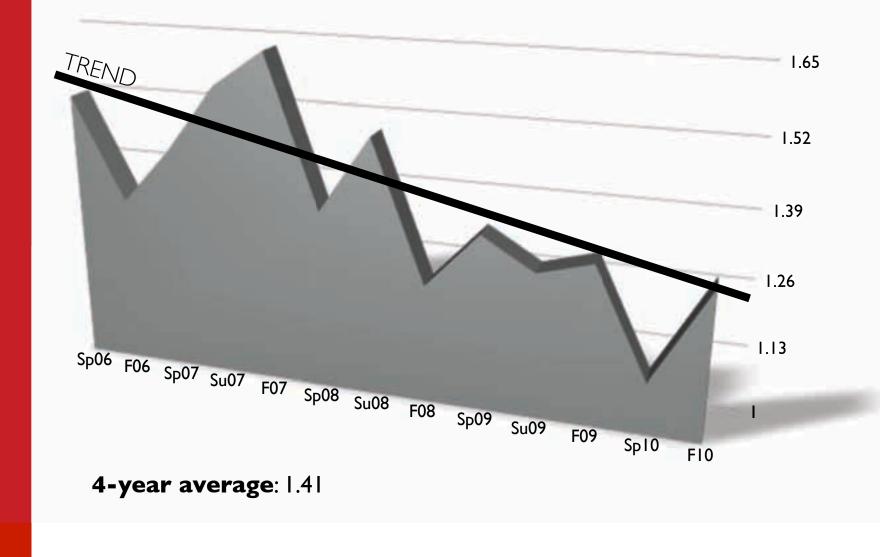








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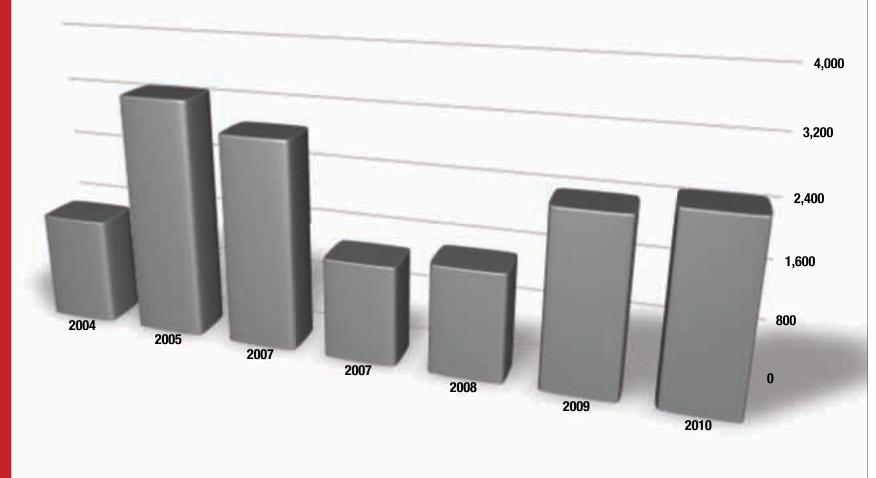
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Discussion

- Should we strive for a more diverse staff so we can better reflect the campus and use a greater diversity of sources?
- If so, how do we do that?



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