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NCCU Students Allege Racial Incident At Hwy 55 Pizza Hut

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Three NCCU students allege that they were victimized with racist verbal attacks at Pizza Hut off of Highway 55 in Research Triangle Park last night. "We got there at 11 p.m. and the doors were locked," one student said. "After we told them we had an order they took five minutes to open the door." Once inside the students proceeded to pay for the pizzas, but there was an altercation over the price. "The price was six or seven dollars than the price quoted on the phone." another student said. The students claim the manager slammed the menu on the counter and, said they were troublesome from the time they placed their order. "We don't want the pizzas because you have an attitude." The students said, "You damn right I have an attitude, you come in here and change your order as a matter of fact get the f--- out of here I don't even want to give you niggers my pizza any way, get the f--- out of here before I call the police."

At this time one student pushed the candy box off the counter.

The manager then picked up the pizzas and threw them at the student. "Call the police before the niggers get away," the manager said.

"Let's pull together and show the ignorant people," the students said, "of the world that we are tired of racism, and will not stand for this injustice anymore."

Judge Orders Louisiana To Merge University Systems

(CPS) NEW ORLEANS-In spite of objections by Louisiana's historically black universities, the state must merge its university systems to eliminate segregation, a federal judge ruled.

"The dubious ideal of 'separate but equal,' whether endorsed by whites or blacks, is an anachronism that our society no longer tolerates," U. S. District Judge Charles Schwartz said in a 42-page ruling that overhauled much of the state's university systems.

Southern University and Grambling State University strongly objected to the plan when Schwartz imposed a similar order in 1989.

In order to create the best educational environment for African-Americans, the schools argued that they should remain separate, although they needed increased funding to compensate for decades of discrimination.

The judge's previous order was overturned when a federal appeals court ruled in a similar case that Mississippi's universities were as integrated as reasonably possible.

Schwartz did not close any colleges, but imposed an order making Louisiana State University the state's flagship university.

Schwartz also ordered an end to Louisiana's tradition of accepting anyone with a high school diploma into a state university.

He ordered the top universities to set up admission standards and to drop remedial classes.

A Cry For Help: St. Augustine's Student Reveals Her Ordeal Through The Sweetheart Pledge Process

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Editor's Note: The facts for this story were compiled from a taped interview with Ms. X, a student at Saint Augustine's College conducted on Feb. 7 and from court documents from the Wake County Criminal District Court in Raleigh.

Women are sexually victimized daily. It can range from mild harassment to rape.

Recently one woman at Saint Augustine's College stood up and said, "No More." A 19 year-old sophomore. For the sake of her privacy I will call her Ms. X.

People around the state heard that voice loud and clear when three members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity were found guilty of hazing on Jan. 28.

Terry Parker of 8313 Forge Rd. Richmond, VA., according to court documents was found not guilty of assault, but was convicted of hazing. Carlos Robinson, of 217 Idlewild Ave Raleigh, NC was convicted of hazing, and Greg Boyd, of 6725 Central Hills Terrace, Landover, MD., was convicted of assault on a female and hazing.

On the evening of Oct. 28, the 15 women pledging the Alpha sweetheart line were taken to Carlos

Robinson's home. When they got to the house they were blind folded. Ms. X then says:

"What happened to me was somebody came to me and spit on my lips and called me Kappa lover. He spit on my lips and was like, 'This is for you Kappa lover.'"

Ms. X had been seen with a friend who is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

"Somebody came to me and busted an egg down my shirt and somebody poured beer down my clothes and down my underwear. After that 30 minutes, they started pulling girls out of the line."

Ms. X says that there were about thirty people in the apartment at this point, including the women on the line:

"They were pulling us out of the line and they were turning us around trying to get us dizzy. I remember being jerked out of the line. And Greg admitted he jerked me out of the line."

She was then taken to another room, where she says someone grabbed her hands and held her wrists up in the air. They continued to question her about her Kappa friend. It was at this time that she started to fear for her safety:

"They kept hollering all in my face. And I got scared, because I was thinking, 'What are these guys

gonna do to me. If I scream what's gonna happen?' and I was in shock. They could have killed me in there. They could have stabbed me.

I mean they could do anything to me, and I was scared. I was praying, 'Please don't let these guys hurt me.' I was scared and I was shaking. A lot of people say why didn't you scream? Well, if you ask a lot of women like me when they get raped why they don't scream. Most women are in shock.

"And so this guy said to me, 'Would you do anything for the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha?' and I said no. It don't matter how many times I said no. They should have took it as no. I said no, so they said 'We are gonna purify you.' So they tried to bend me over and I kept saying no."

According to Ms. X, more people entered the room and one of the men took her clothes off and began to fondle her. She says that someone was in front of her cracking an egg and rubbing it into her vagina.

"And then he was fondling my breasts. And someone came behind me and tried to have anal sex with me. And I jumped, and they thought it was funny, so they started laughing."

She says that she was then taken out of the room by another potential sweetheart. According to Ms. X that person took her to Terry Parker, who was the Alpha in charge of the sweetheart line. She says that he removed her blindfold and when she told him what had happened to her in the room, she says that Parker told her not to worry about it and to go to her room and rest. After getting to her room she says that she took a shower for about two hours.

"The next day I didn't wanna go to class cause I felt ...I was embarrassed. I felt very embarrassed. The next day I waited for someone to come to my room. Nobody told me anything."

Ms. X claims that after this incident, her fellow pledgees refused to speak to her. Finally, fed up with waiting for some kind of action to be taken she gathered the courage to take it upon herself to go to a school counselor for help:

"The school didn't give me any support at all. I got tired of it. I got tired of the school sending me over here to talk to this person, and talk to this person. So that is when I went to the police."

She also faced considerable opposition from many of her fellow students:

"They said, 'Well, you know it's gonna be hard because you know the Alphas got it going on on this campus.' and all of that. And they said well you know it's gonna be hard for you because you know the school is gonna back the Alphas. All they were worried about was, 'Don't do this cause you know the Alphas can't throw any parties. They can't step during homecoming.'"

She is quick to state that attitudes seemed to change after she won her court case.

"Now I went through all of this and they just wanna shake my hand."

Ms. X plans to leave Saint Augustine after this semester. She says if she were to stay she feels that she will "have trouble."

Ms. X that she has learned a lot from this experience. She says that if she had it to do over again she would learn more about the sweetheart organization before pledging:

"I just went in this knowing nothing about it. I wanted to be an Alpha sweetheart, wear a little shirt and go to parties free, - go to conventions and get little pins. I didn't go to an interest meeting."

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Harris Leaves Eagles For NFL Broncos

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After two seasons as head football coach at NCCU, Bishop Harris resigned Tuesday to take a position with the NFL's Denver Broncos.

Harris, 51, took the top football position at NCCU in 1991 after replacing ousted coach Henry "Hank" Lattimore, now head coach at Virginia Union University.

"This is an emotional moment for me," Harris said at a press conference, choking back tear. "This is tough decision for me, but sometimes you know deep down inside it's time to move on. I feel its best for me at this time.

"I wish this university all the best."

In the wake of Harris' departure, defensive coordinator Andy Hare was named interim head coach.

For Harris, the move was a step

up and a dream come true.

"I'm happy today because I'm getting a chance to work in the NFL," Harris said. "We all know I'm going to a better job. This is what every coach dreams of doing.

"This wasn't about money, declining to say how much he will make in the big leagues. "It's more money, but it wasn't about money."

Harris, a 1963 graduate of NCCU, was an all-conference defensive back for the Eagles in the early 1960s.

Prior to this head coaching debut at NCCU, Harris served as an assistant at the University of Minnesota, Notre Dame, Louisiana State, NCSU and Duke universities. He was outside linebackers coaches at each institution and was later promoted to associate head coach with the Golden Gophers.

Harris does have some NFL experience under his belt. For two sum-

mers he worked with the Broncos as running backs coach and will take over the same role this season.

During his stint at NCCU, Harris compiled a 7-14 record.

In his first season, 1991, Harris lead the Eagles to a 4-6 mark.

NCCU finished 3-8 last season.

Despite what were considered two consecutive dismal seasons, Harris said NCCU had made considerable strides since he came and was headed in the direction to lead the Eagles to greatest heights.

"This football program is in a solid position now," Harris said.

"It's in better shape than I found it. Now this program can dress more than 100 players in the same uniform and it has good equipment and teaching aids. I hope whoever takes over will keep the Eagle locomotive running."

Greg Williams, who will be a

junior defensive back next season, summed up his feelings in one word.

"Disbelief," Williams said. "I was just shocked, I couldn't believe it. But after hearing the situation, I think it's positively a good move for him."

Senior running back Joe Simmons agreed.

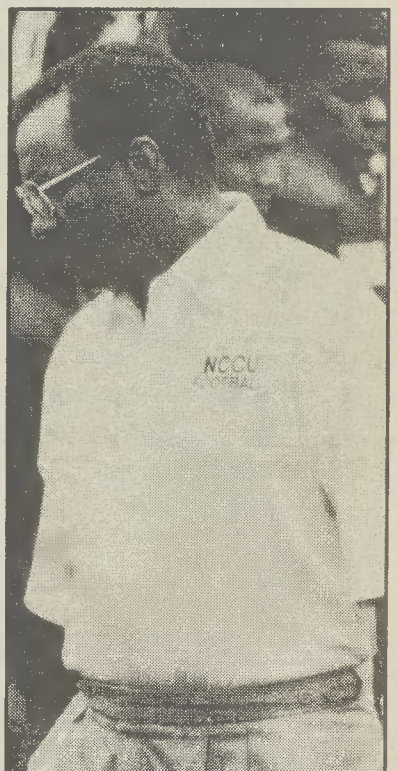
"I just look at it as a man's chance to do what he wants to do," Simmons said. "Any coach would love to go to the NFL. He's has all my support."

With Harris' exit, Simmons, who played for Lattimore his freshman season, now faces playing for his third head coach in four years.

Harris reflected on his time at NCCU.

"People come and go, but here the tradition will always be here," Harris said. "It's been a pleasure and a privilege to work here"

"I'm an Eagle."



Harris

University Life Seeks RAS For Next Year

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University Housing/Residence Life Need SRA's and GRA's for 1993-1994

The University Housing/Residence Life are announcing available positions for students and graduate resident assistants for 1993-1994 school year.

Applicants, should have a cumulative GPA of 2.5, be responsible, be a good role model, have a

sense of confidentiality, and be willing to comply with University Housing/Residence Life's rules and regulations. Jayne Tomilson, program director believes the most important characteristic of a residential assistant is a sense of humor. Graduate Resident Assistants should have some training or experience in the human service field.

The process of choosing a residential assistant begins after all applications have been submitted.

The individuals qualified will participate in a group interview followed by an individual interview with the committee members Ms. Shumate, Jayne Tomilson, and area coordinators.

Student resident responsibilities include being on the floor to assist and direct residents if they have problems, scheduling programs, and working at the front desk. Graduate assistants are in charge of the building when the professional staff is not available. They

should also be able to handle any crisis situations that may occur.

There is compensation for both positions. The SRA's and GRA's receive free rooms for the duration of their employment and a stipend. SRA's are allotted a stipend of \$1000 for the academic year (both paid according to the number of hours they work during a month). GRA's are allotted a stipend of \$4000 for the academic year.

"If it were not for the residential assistant staff we couldn't run the dorm effectively," said Ms. Tomilson.

Anyone interested in applying for one of these positions, should contact the office of University/Residence Life at 560-6227 or stop by room 207, Old Senior, directly above Financial Aid. The deadline for application is Friday, February 19, 1993.

"I am that Tree planted by the River, Which will not be moved" --Maya Angelou