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SGA Prexy Rallies To Install Phones

By Lynn Hayes
MANAGING EDITOR

A project to install telephones in the dormitories that will allow direct dialing between the dormitory rooms as well as outside extensions for the library, bookstore and other Clark College facilities is now under consideration by the Student Government Association.

The Dormitory Communications Service (DCS), prepared by Southern Bell, provides an effective fire, accident and emergency reporting system. Students would be able to place outgoing calls anytime and callers could dial directly to the students' room.

The DCS can also enhance the academic curriculum and environment of Clark College as well as increasing enrollment. According to a Southern Bell spokesperson, it can be viewed as a drawing card or public relations tool to attract qualified students to Clark.

Whitney Young, SGA president, added that students would have complete privacy and the convenience of never having to leave their rooms.

It also offers access to special telephone-oriented services, including recorded announcements and dial accessed computer facilities as well as a feature that allows four-digit dialing between the dormitory rooms. "Although the DCS would include all of the dorm rooms, courtesy and pay phone calling would not be eliminated. It would serve as an added convenience to students, stated Young.

The proposed system requires no deposit from the students. Moreover, it offers a rate that would remain constant for a three, five or seven-year period.

The rates, which would become effective the fall semester of this year, is as follows: Cost per room 18.31
Per Semester 89.56
One-time Service 26.00

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Service Curtails Crime

By Rose Meadows
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

No students have been robbed or assaulted while leaving the library since the Atlanta University Center Public Safety Department started an escort service this semester, according to Steve Bowser, director.

The escort service, which is provided to Spelman and Clark students, was implemented as a result of many students being accosted when leaving the library in the evening.

The AUCPS has always had officers patrolling the streets of Spelman and Clark colleges. Now it is coordinating the escort service to provide convenient service to the students' preferred study center — the library. "We combined the schedules to accommodate students," Bowser said. "We want students to plan their trips during the times the escort service is available."

The escort service is available to Spelman students three times an hour and twice an hour to Clark students. "The difference in the service is due to the distance of the trips,"

Bowser said. Schedules are posted on both campuses to indicate exact times.

Escorts are available to and from Woodruff Library to the main gate of Spelman and to Clark's quad area and the Clark Courts. Students wishing to be escorted are to be at the designated locations at their specified times. Escorts walk across the street from the students. "Officers are in a better position to see what goes on. There would not be any confusion as to whether the officers were socializing or patrolling the area," said Bowser.

In addition to the escort service the AUCPS patrols games, special activities, the parking lot behind Spelman College and all streets near Spelman and Clark.

Bowser has been the director of AUCPS for five years. The service consists of 30 security and police officers. The police officers are graduates of Atlanta's police academy.

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Security officers graduate from the state security officer training program.

"The escort service has improved the perception of service from the AUCPS to students," Bowser said. "We are now visible and we are providing a direct service to them," Bowser said.

Buildings And Grounds: Working To Improve Facilities

By Velma L. Brown
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Clark College's Buildings and Grounds Department is helping to build a stronger foundation.

Buildings and Grounds, now taken over by Maintenance Management Technologies (MMAANTEC), is working to improve the facilities and environment around the school's campus.

MMAANTEC began work at Clark in March last year. There are 27 employees under the direction of Ralph Edwards with Ms. Juanita Booker, office assistant; Calvin Tacklin, supervisor; and Eric Rivers, office assistant. There are two employees circulating in the courts, two in the gymnasium and the remainder on the campus.

"Some of our major repairs are in the Courts," said Tacklin. The repairs are greater in the Courts because it is an apartment complex with a wider range of maintenance responsibilities, including air conditioners, refrigerators and

greatest problem there, he said. In order to repair the pipes the water must be cut off for long periods of time. Tacklin added, "Students have a lot of complaints about that. As a result, it takes longer to repair the pipes. We never know what problems we might run into once we get started."

Administrators, staff and students are quick to say that they have difficulties getting assistance or repairs when they want them. Tacklin explained that there are procedures to be followed for each problem that occurs. A work order must be filed before the work can be done. Yet they do make provisions for what he refers to as "priority one calls." These trouble calls are usually leaking faucets, faulty locks or broken windows. A case such as this requires a general maintenance individual or lead man, well-rounded in carpentry, electricity and plumbing. "We are working harder to get the job done," said Tacklin.

Some things MMAANTEC

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Banks: Active Alumna

By Theanthony Curry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The future for Carolyn Long Banks won't slow down. "I'm planning to run for mayor of Atlanta when the time is right," said the Clark College graduate. "I know it's going to be hard, but with a little work, I know I can handle it."

Ms. Banks, a member of the city council for eight years, has been very instrumental in the passing of several major city ordinances.

Recently she helped revise the city housing code. "The government funded housing in the city of Atlanta is nowhere near the shape of those in other metropolitan cities, and we would like to keep it that way," said Ms. Banks.

The job of a city councilwoman calls for a lot of moving about inside and outside the city. To add to the hustle and bustle of that job, Ms. Banks is also the minority purchase coordinator for Rich's department store. "It's a lot of work, but with good planning there is still time for my family," said Ms. Banks.

Her family includes daughter, April, and son,

James. April is a student at Clark College majoring in Business, and James is attending the Atlanta Police Academy. Both feel their mother has been more than inspirational in their fields of interest. "She is like a sister at times. We always talk about what we are both doing and what is new," said April.

The Banks are a close family with a big interest in sports. "We enjoy going to the Atlanta Hawks' games together," said James. He went on to say that she can call a game better than most officials.

Ms. Banks has made it a point to keep everything in her life organized. She feels that with good timing and planning, one can accomplish each task or goal that he may have.

"I think we are very organized in the city council, and I know I must have an organization plan that has to work. If it doesn't work, I don't," said Banks.

"With hard work, there is nothing I can't accomplish," she commented.

Marijuana Museum Opens

By DOUG COSPER

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (UPI) — A marijuana exhibition billed as the world's first museum dedicated to cannabis was formally unveiled Thursday in Holland's capital, angering police who see it as an "advertisement for soft drugs."

Tucked between an abandoned building and a beauty salon in the heart of Amsterdam's red light district, the "Hash Info Museum" displays dozens of dried and crumbled samples of exotic marijuana varieties in glass-covered cases. A sign says the samples have been chemically rendered non-smokable.

Exhibits, many on loan from Ed Rosenthal, the American author of the "Marijuana Growers' Guide," explain the history, culture and the effects of using the drug. The museum charges a \$2.50 admission fee.

About 150 people a day have visited the exhibition since it quietly opened its doors last December, the receptionist said. Organizers declared Thursday the official opening and invited a party of journalists to attend.

The museum is touted as the world's first dedicated to marijuana.

The Netherlands distinguishes between "hard" drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, and "soft" drugs, such as marijuana and hashish. Soft drugs are technically illegal, but are available in many cafes and their limited use is tolerated by authorities.

Install Phones

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Fall Semester 1987

Cost per student based on two occupants	57.78
Cost per student based on three occupants	38.52
Cost per student based on four occupants	28.89
Cost per student based on five occupants	23.11

Spring Semester 1988 and Each Semester Through 1995

Cost per student based on two occupants	44.78
Cost per student based on three occupants	29.85
Cost per student based on four occupants	22.39
Cost per student based on five occupants	17.91

The next Student Council meeting, scheduled for April 27 in Thayer Hall, will address this proposal. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

NEWS BITS

By Lisa Harriston
NEWS EDITOR

Deborah Bibbs, of student accounts, recently resigned her position effective March 31. At the present time, there is no replacement.

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Chapter, is sponsoring the "Talented Tenth Tutorial Program" for the children in the community surrounding the AU center. The program began March 21, and will continue every Saturday throughout May 2. Tutors consist of students from schools in the AU center.

On April 10, the Counseling Department will sponsor an Informational Jamboree on the Clark College Quadrangle. This event is designed to provide all students with information concerning areas which affect their daily lives. For further information, contact the Counseling Office (the lower level of Holmes Hall).

The Morehouse business organization, Iota Phi Theta fraternity, Inc., and the Student Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL), is sponsoring an "Eyes on the Prize Forum" in the Woodruff Library with sessions alternately held addressing several topics. Guest speakers include professors from all of the schools in the AU center. The finale will be April 14, which will consolidate all of the topics and guest speakers.

Tambo Warns Of Violence

CANBERRA, Australia (UPI) — African National Congress President Oliver Tambo recently criticized the international community for slow support of economic sanctions against South Africa and warned of escalating violence in his homeland.

Speaking at the National Press Club, Tambo reinforced the ANC call for comprehensive sanctions against Pretoria and said the struggle against apartheid would intensify.

The ANC, banned in white-ruled South Africa and founded by jailed anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela, has been waging a guerrilla war against the minority regime from its base in Zambia.

Tambo, who visited the United States earlier this year, said although some countries had imposed sanctions on South Africa, wider measures were needed to make "apartheid totally unworkable."

Tambo said it was now generally accepted that sanctions were effective and that the international community will have to choose between enforcing sanctions and looking on while the violence became worse.

"The international community is slow in coming on and I guess it is going to take more massacres, more mass destruction of life before the international community makes up its mind to step in forcibly and forcefully and energetically,"

Tambo said.

More than 2,000 people, most of them black, have been killed in a two-year wave of racial unrest that resulted in the imposition of emergency rule.

"Our belief is that the key to the solution of the South African situation, before it really gets out of hand for everybody, is comprehensive sanctions."

He denied the ANC was a terrorist organization, saying allegations of terrorism were made by the Pretoria regime to discredit the ANC in the international scene.

"What made us violent ... to what extent are we violent ... how does our violence compare with the violence of apartheid," he said.

Students Learn About Primates

By Eden Barbee

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. Frederick A. King, director of Yerkes Primate Research Center at Emory University and associate dean at Emory Medical School, spoke about "The Importance of Primates in Biological, Behavioral and Medical Research," in a recent Science and Enrichment Program seminar in the McPheetersDennis building.

The Clark College Biology Science Department and the Science Enrichment and Research Program presented this seminar that gave students an opportunity to view the Yerkes Primate Research Center via a slide presentation by Dr. King.

Primates are evolutionary to human research because 98 percent of their genetic DNA is identical to humans. Diseases that affect humans

also affect the primates, thus hepatitis B—the phenomenon "blue baby," and AIDS can best be studied through microbiology with productive results.

There are three primate center locations, with Yerkes on the Emory campus being the main station. The center consists of a medical and lab research library and a cystic fibrosis center. The center serves as a place to breed primates, a place where the social organization of primates can be studied and a place for the study of diseases in primates. The center has made tremendous progress and have found a large vocabulary in great apes up to 400 words. The stations and center help the study of human life also. Retarded children with severe problems can be studied with the aid of the study of primates.

Ups And Downs Of Young

By Lynn Hayes

MANAGING EDITOR

"We need to work more as a family and break down the selfish 'I don't care' attitudes in order to develop a better sense of pride in our Black institution," stated Whitney Young.

Young, who is the Student Government Association (SGA) president, will end his tenure in May. Though he has experienced the triumph of victory, he has also endured the agony of defeat.

Young acknowledged many of his failures while in office. He said, "There are many areas in which I have failed."

"I've failed in developing the overall communication process between the Student Council and SGA because there were not enough meetings. Nor was it set up on a professional level where the student turnout would be adequate. I have also failed to push more educational programs and political activities."

But, said Young, "I am continually striving to improve the old, thriving in the incorporation of the new and strong, healthy and clear-minded thoughts and ideas."

According to Young's campaign promises, he committed himself to the betterment of Clark College through open communications, interactions with the surrounding community

and elevating the academia of students through political and social awareness.

Has he enacted his commitment to students? Yes, said Young. Although they were broad and general, they were relevant to the Clark College family.

"A lot of things could have been changed without me as SGA president; but it's not what you plan, it's the initiative that you take to get involved," stated Young.

Young unveiled numerous accomplishments that have improved the academia of the school.

"In my campaign speech, I promised to better the housing facilities of the students. Last fall, the facilities were painted, the holes in the walls repaired and the bathrooms properly equipped."

However, said Young, "The facilities were destroyed shortly thereafter. It's hard fixing something that people don't want to take care of."

Nevertheless, washers and dryers were installed recently in some of the dormitories that would facilitate the cleaning of items.

He has also improved the community relationship by undergoing a clean-up search in the neighborhood. Young iterated the need to better secure the neighborhood in which Clark encompasses by 'beefing up' security.

Black Men:

An Endangered Species?

By Timothy Tyler
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When the African father in the mini-series "Roots" lifted his male child to the sky and uttered the words "behold the only thing greater than thyself," it would not be too far fetched to say that he could have been referring to the problems which experts say plague Black men in America.

In the March 23 issue of *Newsweek* staff writer Sylvester Monroe says that Black men are six times more likely as white men to become murder victims, two and a half times as likely to be unemployed and finish last in every socioeconomic measure from life expectancy to infant mortality.

It is no wonder that Monroe refers to Black men as an endangered species. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, Black men make up 12.1 percent of the general population, but they are 42 percent of the prison population. The research also gives a less than optimistic view of Black couples. It says that there are 1.5 million more Black women than Black men. *The New York Times* breaks these figures down even more by stating that Black men are six times more likely to be incarcerated than White men,

three times more likely to be diagnosed as mentally ill and comprise 60 percent of New York's homeless shelter population.

The economic situation for Black men does not seem to show much promise either. United Press International (UPI) reported that Black men who are employed full-time year round earn 73 cents for every dollar earned by White men.

There are those who say that the trends don't show any signs of improvement. Experts say that the pressures on Black men have caused them to leave their families. *U.S. News and World Report* wrote that 80 to 90 percent of births to Black teens is out of wedlock. It also claims that one in every two Black children grow up without a father.

The problems that Black males face were recently the subject on "The Phil Donahue Show" on television. The show featured an all-Black male audience. His panel guest was Sylvester Monroe, author of the article "Brothers" which appeared in the March issue of *Newsweek*. Monroe went back to his urban home in the projects of Chicago to discover the cause of the Black man's dilemma. He wrote about his

male friends whom he grew up with and how their lives were a reflection of the male, Black population.

Donahue's audience was given an opportunity to tell the viewers what they felt the cause of the crisis is. Many of those participating said that White America has created a problem that they now want to ignore. One gentleman said that any initiative that Black men have had has been drummed out of them since slavery. "America has spent the last 150 years destroying strong Black men," he said. "They destroyed Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey."

In spite of all the bad press, Gregory Powell, a student at Morehouse College, writes in the February issue of *Essence* magazine that good Black men are not extinct. In the article he tells of his experiences growing up with his father and grandfather.

"I'm the product of a male-headed household (with a strong mother) and a powerful extended family. The men are strong and sensitive to their family's needs; the love they have for their children spills over into concern for their well-being and happiness," he writes. "I'm a witness to the fact that good Black fathers are not extinct."

Atlanta Ranks First In Business

Atlanta has been ranked as the number one city in the nation in which to locate a business, according to a 1986 survey by Louis Harris and Associates. Many students, career-changers and entry-level professionals, come to Atlanta seeking experience in their chosen field.

Charlene Brewton, owner of the Atlanta franchise of Uniforce Temporary Services, said, "In 1986, we placed a considerable number of students in temporary positions. Some of these students were native Atlantans while others came from throughout the state to spend the summer in Atlanta."

Temporary employment offers students and other first-time professionals the opportunity to explore their fields of interest through hands-on experience, Brewton said. They can also gain valuable exposure to many different businesses and industries which often helps with long-term career decisions. Brewton believes students make contacts while working as a temporary may open the necessary doors in the future.

"Many of our student temporaries use the jobs we

provide as stepping stones to their careers," Brewton said. "Students can gain valuable business skills in addition to earning money for tuition or savings."

Flexible scheduling, improved job skills, exposure to the business community and the possibility of full-time employment after graduation are a few of the reasons hundreds of thousands of students register with temporary employers each year, according to John Fanning and George Sullivan, co-authors of "Work When You Want to Work."

Many students start their temporary careers while on summer vacation. During the summer flexible scheduling allows them to plan their own work days and hours. Once summer is over, students can continue to work for temporary services during their non-class hours and holiday and spring breaks.

Many students return to the same temporary service each year during their college education. Brewton said if both the temporary and the company request, some temporaries may be given an assignment with the same company each time they work.

Atlanta's Uniforce franchise is located near Cumberland Mall at 2814 New Spring Road. Students interested in seeking employment should call 435-8781.

Change In Diet Helps Patients

BOSTON (UPI) — Some patients with severe cases of hardening of the arteries can live longer and less painfully if they make changes in their diets aimed at lowering blood cholesterol levels, researchers said Wednesday.

"The quality and quantity of life improves," said Dr. Jacques D. Barth of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif.

Barth and researchers from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands wrote a letter to *The New England Journal of Medicine* in which they reported a followup they did to a study they originally published in 1985.

The original study involved 39 patients with severe cases of hardening of the arteries, or atherosclerosis, who were placed on strict diets aimed at lowering their blood cholesterol levels to determine whether it would improve their conditions or slow the progression of disease.

After two years, the original study found that 18 patients

either stabilized or improved while 21 continued to worsen.

The researchers continued to follow the patients for an additional 42 months. During that period, five patients died. All five had not responded initially.

Seventeen of the 21 patients who had gotten worse still had chest pain while 11 of the 18 who had improved were pain-free, demonstrating that dietary changes can be beneficial for some patients, Barth said.

"It helps," Barth said in a telephone interview. "You can predict from the initial response from the dietary intervention if the quality of life improves."

Health officials recommend diets low in red meat and whole milk products to reduce the amount of cholesterol in the blood. Cholesterol can accumulate in arteries, setting the stage for heart attacks.

Researchers from Beth Israel Hospital in Boston reported Tuesday that a study they conducted suggests changes in

the diet to reduce cholesterol are unlikely to make the

average healthy American live much longer.

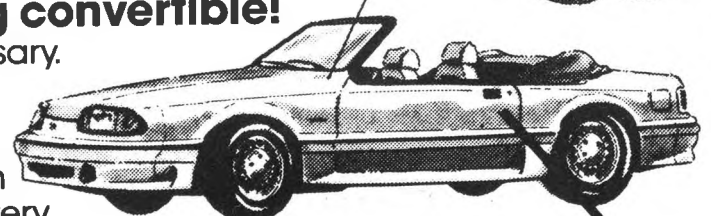


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Editorials

Arrive Alive: Wear Seatbelts

By Angela Greene
GUEST EDITORIAL

Everyday 140 people are killed in motor vehicle accidents. It has been proven countless times that in the event of an accident, seatbelts hold a person in the seat and prevent injury and death. How many dead people do you think wish they were alive to wear their seatbelts?

In the event of an accident, when no seatbelt is worn and the car crashes, the car then stops suddenly, but unfortunately the passengers do not. The passengers are thrust forward into the dash board, the steering wheel, the windshield or maybe out of the car completely.

With the protection of a seatbelt when the car stops, the passengers slow down gradually also. The belts then keep the head and chest from crashing inside the car or from being thrown. It has been said that it is the second crash that kills people. Although people argue that seatbelts are uncomfortable which may be true for some, seatbelts are designed for comfort. This, in turn, means when the car stops short the belts lock up and force is extended over time and the person.

"Those who survive accidents are too often seriously injured, maimed or disfigured for life."

It is true that it usually takes a person or someone close to them to have an accident before they begin to wear a seatbelt but the fact remains that deaths caused by motor vehicle accidents are 10 times greater than deaths among people ages 1 to 38. And most dreadful is that those who survive accidents are too often seriously injured, maimed or disfigured for life.

So why should seatbelts be made a law, not only in Georgia, but worldwide? One reason is we cannot control the other driver and seatbelts are the best defense against drunken drivers. Also, because three out of four accidents occur within 25 miles of home.

Seatbelts prevent injury and make quick escape possible, because flying objects, including people, land destructively when they hit the ground. And most importantly because seatbelts save lives.

So buckle up! It's a habit we can all live with.

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It's almost the end of the semester.
Time to talk to your instructors!



Well, Jones, I'm sorry to hear that you had two grandparents, three cousins and an uncle to die this semester. But, according to my records, you have not passed a quiz, you failed the mid-term and

you've turned on only two assignments. Still you seemed to have found time to pledge. What makes you think you deserve a passing grade?

Pulse Of The Campus

Custody Battle Continues

By Bernadette Burden
GUEST EDITORIAL

The Baby M custody battle seems to be a game for the parents, but it may be a life long tragedy for the child.

The Baby M custody battle that took place in Hackensack, N.J. reminds one of a good game of monopoly. Poor little Baby M is becoming a mere property on a street in New Jersey with uncertain ownership.

The custody battle between surrogate mother Mary Beth Whitehead and William and Elizabeth Stern has finally ended.

Whitehead, 29, agreed under contract to be artificially inseminated with the sperm of Stern and bear the couple's child for a \$10,000 fee.

Upon signing the contract Whitehead declared that she would not form or attempt to form any type of parent-child relationship with the baby.

But Whitehead after giving birth changed her mind, refused the money and fled to Florida.

After police found Whitehead and Baby M, who Whitehead calls Sara and the Sterns call Melissa, the child was given temporarily to the Sterns.

While lawyers argue and both Whitehead and the Sterns try to look like model parents, has anyone stopped to think about the problems the child faces later on depending upon who gets custody of her?

Baby M would probably be better off with the

Sterns. After all, William Stern is a biochemist and his wife is a pediatrician. Baby M would probably not have to worry about financial support; she would probably be sent to the best schools; and her mother would be able to care for her as she grew since Ms. Stern is a children's doctor. And most importantly she could be shielded from the harsh attack she may later face from the media due to her controversial birth.

But if Ms. Whitehead, who is the mother of two other children and the wife of a sanitation worker, received custody, Baby M may have a far more devastating future. The child would probably not have the financial future that the Sterns can provide nor would she probably be able to be protected from the press as the Sterns may be capable of.

Dr. Harold Koplewicz, director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, was first to recommend that joint custody be given to both parties.

Superior Court Judge Harvey Sorkow has finally decided who will receive custody of Baby M. Though it is his job to firmly consider the positions of both the Sterns and Whitehead, hopefully the well being of Baby M was his first priority.

The Sterns were sitting on a board walk holding all the property. They have now passed go while Ms. Whitehead's pull of the cards has sent her to the space that says go directly to jail.



Photo By Jim Alexander

Carmen McRae, jazz singer, is one of the featured artist that will perform at Clark College and WCLK's presentation of the jazz masters,

April 25. The concert will take place at Symphony Hall.



Photo By Jim Alexander

Members of the Undergraduate Program in Social Work display their new accreditation papers. Instructor Melvin Williams is shown with Anita Curry-

Jackson, coordinator for Field Instruction (center) and Victoria Burke, assistant professor in the department.



Photo By Whitney Young Jr.

Dr. Lillian "Favichi" AshcraftEason, who is on leave from the chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Clark sings traditional African songs with her husband Louis "D'Jisovi" Eason. Their performance was a part of the recent Tyehimba II persentation, African Aura: A Celebration of Life.

In The News

Features



Ishmael Reed

SPEAKER AT WRITERS WORKSHOP

Writer's Workshop Slated This Week

By Angela Kay Greene
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The English Department will host its Eighteenth Annual Writers Workshop Conference April 7 through April 8. This year's theme "The Black Writer and Modern Technology" will be addressed by two very distinguished guests: Ishmael Reed and Gordon Parks.

Reed is poet, novelist, and social critic. He is the author of articles, essays, several volumes of poetry and seven novels. His poetic works include: "Conjure" (1972), "Chattanooga" (1984), and "Secretary to the Spirits" (1977). His novels are: "Freelance Pallbearers" (1967), "Yellow Back Radio Broken Down" (1967), "Mumbo Jumbo" (1972) and "Reckless Eyeballing" (1986). In addition to the outstanding recognition his works have received from

sources -- The Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, The National Institute of Arts and Letters Awards for Fiction -- Reed was also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1973.

Gordon Parks' 25-year career as a photographer, photojournalist, writer, and film director led him to do photography work for Roy Stryker's Farm Security Administration. He furthered his career by doing documentary projects for *Life* magazine. Parks addresses issues on social injustice and social consciousness.

The English Department welcomes everyone to attend the following scheduled events: April 7, **Gordon Parks**, "Fiction, Poetry, and Technology," 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Davage Auditorium; **Ishmael Reed** "The Writer and the Filmmaker I," 2:25 p.m. to 3:30

Easley Spreads Campus Love

By Anita Canada
STAFF WRITER

It's 5 a.m. on a cool, crisp spring morning.

Clark's campus minister, Rev. Paul Easley, awakes to walk the dog to the mailbox, read the newspaper, meditate and sit down to breakfast. An early start due to military influence.

At 8 a.m., he leaves home for work. Unless there is a meeting to attend. Rev. Easley arrives on campus before it opens at 9 a.m., ready to mingle with students on their way to classes.

Later this morning, he will hold what he calls an "open office," for students who don't have a telephone and for those who live off campus. He said, "Sometimes it poses a problem when everyone comes in at once, but we always work it out."

As campus minister, Rev. Easley's responsibilities include directing the moral, spiritual and ethical life of students. He is also responsible for performing the rights and rituals of the United Methodist Church, which include holy communion, baptism and marriage.

Rev. Easley said that Clark's gospel choir, the Inspirational Voices of Faith, aided the religious life of the campus, adding that its formation grew out of necessity, not duty. He said, "Without the choir, we would not have had a good chapel service."

"Community involvement is also my responsibility," said Rev. Easley, especially in the

p.m., Davage Auditorium; **Ishmael Reed**, "The Black Writer and Modern Technology," 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Davage Auditorium; April 8, **Ishmael Reed**, "Writers Workshop," 10 a.m. to noon, Kresge Hall (lower level); **Ishmael Reed**, "Black Writers of the Third World and Modern Technology," 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Kresge Hall (lower level).

John Hope Housing Project, where what happens there affects our campus." He has organized the donation of food baskets to the elderly, verbally supported families with eviction notices and has helped fire victims to re-establish themselves through the use of food and clothes drives. He added that some of Clark's sororities and fraternities, including the Women's Resource Center, have prepared dinners for families in John Hope.

"Students need to get totally involved with City Hall concerning our community," said Rev. Easley. He went on to say that, "Just because the liquor store on Fair Street offers check cashing services to students doesn't mean that problems surrounding the store should be overlooked." He said, "Sometimes we become slum lords by not getting involved and letting them do their thing. . . we speak about the issues, but not the symptoms."

When most of the faculty and staff head for home at the end of the day, Rev. Easley may rush to make an appearance at a campus bible study, or to speak at a church benefit or to assist someone by listening, praying and counseling. His work rarely comes to a stand-still.

Throughout the night, Rev. Easley answers the cries of students in crisis. He said, "Students call to talk about male-female relationships, death of a family member or friend, financial problems, stress, and most of all, loneliness." Once in a while, a student may require transportation to a hospital. More often, calls of encouragement

are made to those who are ill or out of touch with society.

"There are times when I need to be ministered to as well," said Rev. Easley. Silence fills his office. As he sighs and fixes his eyes on the desk in front of him, he recalls the adjustments made in his life since the death last year of Sarita Elvira, his wife of 32 years.

He said, "Now I head a single-parent household. My sons, Paul Jr. and David, a senior computer science major here at Clark, make the adjustment challenging. . . you see, we all live under the same roof." His daughter, Verita Easley Green, resides in San Francisco with her husband and their 2½-year-old son.

Rev. Easley went on to say, "Close friends take me under their wings when I need to share my total being, and our loss has brought me and my children a lot closer. The military prepared me to accept death, but I was prepared with the notion that I would go first. Love is so powerful that it enables you to grow and adjust."

His wife, who suffered from a terminal illness, knew that it was a matter of time before she had to depart from her family. Rev. Easley said, "She told David to take care of your daddy and don't become weary. She expressed to me her blessings for me to remarry. I'm not looking though. When a minister seeks a mate, it's a very delicate matter. My wife devoted a lifetime of unselfish love and dedication to me. . . we ministers are human too!" said Rev. Easley.

A former Army chaplain in Vietnam, Rev. Easley describes

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Rev. Paul Easley
CLARK COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

About Blacks:**Play To Show Positive Images****Entertainment**

By Harriet Hall
and Kim Hemphill

While dismissing her class and giving directions, she prepares the program for "Home," one of the Annual Spring Arts Festival productions. She is Joan W. Lewis, associate professor of mass communications and director of theater and dance at Clark College.

Although Ms. Lewis is a scholar of Tennessee State, the University of Southern California in L.A., the University of Ohio and Emory University, she says she is most happy working with students and working on productions like SammArt Williams' play "Home."

In the midst of all the activities for the day and preparation for the play, Ms. Lewis reminds the Clark College Players that the Negro Ensemble Company will open "Home" in Japan at approximately the same time that the Clark College production opens.

Over a 20-year period, Ms. Lewis has directed more than 100 plays and has worked with many talented people including Baldwin Burroughs for whom Spelman College's theater has been named.

Ms. Lewis is now directing "Home" which will open next week. The play is about the journey of a Black man's life, covering a time span of about 40 years. "Home" will run April 14 through April 16 and April 20 through April 22 in Davage Auditorium.



Photo By Jim Alexander

The Clark College Players and the cast for "Home" by Samm-Art Williams. (L to R Maria Thompson, woman two;

Eric Jordan, Cephus Miles; Stephanie Summerville, woman one, Pattie Mae. Directed by Joan Williams-Lewis.)

Through the process of "open auditioning and call backs" Ms. Lewis said she has chosen many talented actors for this play. The cast of "Home" includes Clark College Players Eric Jordan, Stephanie Summerville, Maria Thompson and Earl Jackson.

Ms. Lewis said she is very concerned about children, the elderly, and the images of Black people in the arts. "We are a

people within ourselves that should be concerned about our own culture. "Home" is a story about our culture."

The advice that Ms. Lewis

gives is that, "You must face realities and never stop trying to reach goals. You must also look at the good in yourself and others and do the best you can

in life and never forget from which you have come. Most of all, be proud of what you do and who you are."

Easley Spreads Campus Love

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his strong points as the ability to lead a disciplined life, to be highly motivated, and to constantly strive and love people, a quality he inherited from his mother. On the other hand, he said that he can be too sensitive and very unorganized. He added, "My strong points handle my weak points. The more I get involved, that's where people can help me. We expect people to be perfect, and don't give them room for weak spots. We need to learn how to make the transition."

In the future, Rev. Easley said he would like to see a chapel at Clark. He said, "Davage Auditorium has multi-purposes. Students need a place where they can meditate and feel the presence of God." He also said that a permanent college musician is needed to play the organ during services, adding that music is traditionally an important part of the institution and student body.

Rev. Easley, who wants his children to be happy with their endeavors in life, has always desired to build his own home. He said, "I had hoped to do this

for my wife. The plans are already drawn up, now all I need is the money. Someday I'll have a bedroom big enough to accommodate my tall frame."

This giant, who appears to be gentle, offers advice and a smile to old and new students. Rev. Easley said, "Clark's campus presents an atmosphere of culture and opportunity. Here,

students can have experiences with failures, and still be allowed to pick up the pieces and move on." He added, "Students should develop a rich self-image, take college seriously, with an attitude to rise and not fall, and remember that their spiritual life is important."

What's Hot!**Photography Exhibit**

Photographs by Ann Johnson will be on exhibit at the Callanworlde Gallery within the Fine Arts Center located at 980 Briarcliff Road. The exhibit will last until April 24. For exhibition times and additional information call 872-5338.

Theatre

The Arts Exchange is dedicating the Paul Robeson Theatre April 9th at 7 p.m. The Yellow Earth Singers, Askia M. Toure, Total Theatre Dance Company and Lorne Caseli will be featured performing artist. The Arts Exchange is located at 750 Kalb Street and admission is free. For additional information call 624-4211.

Brazilian Music

Nana Vasconcelos, renowned Brazilian musician and composer will in a benefit concert for The Atlanta Third World Film Festival and the Film Program of the High Museum of Art. The concert will take place April 5 at 3 p.m. in the Richard Rich Auditorium, Woodruff Arts Center. For ticket information call 377-7777.

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Sports

Clark's Blanding: A Winning 'Lefty'

By Allison Samuels
SPORTS EDITOR

Great tennis and left handed players seem to be inseparable. For instance, McEnroe, Connors, Navratilova and Clark's Mary Beth Blanding.

Though the other 'lefties' might be a little better known, Mary Beth is pretty well known as a member of Clark College's tennis team.

Growing up in what she describes as a 'tennis oriented' family, the computer science major began seriously playing the game at what is considered a rather serious age—7.

"My grandfather gave me my first racket at around that age," said Mary Beth. "I remember it very clearly; it was a red and blue Wilson-Kramer Jr."

While in junior high and high school, she participated in a variety of sports including basketball and track, but tennis was never far from her mind.

"My sister and my cousin were always so much better than I was in tennis. That's why I branched out into those other sports. So, maybe I could excel in them."

She added that her most memorable experience happened in junior high when she met top-ranked Black tennis player Zina Garrison.

"It was at the ATS Championships here in Atlanta that we faked a match and played a set together," she added jokingly. "And I almost won!"

Mary Beth also feels that expense is the reason so few Black players enter the pro circuit.

"It can really get costly: coaches, equipment and most Black parents just can't afford it. Also, even if we have the training it's still hard to get a sponsor when you are on tour," said Mary Beth.

Ironically, there was a period when she did consider joining the pro ranks, but her lack of

participation on the tennis team in high school left her skills slightly dulled.

"Not playing in high school hampered my ability; I wasn't as fast or as quick," said Mary Beth. When I began playing again I had to relearn a lot of moves."

She became a member of Clark's tennis team in her sophomore year and with the encouragement of Coach Oliver McClendon regained her skill and confidence.

"I originally wanted to play basketball but Coach McClendon encouraged me to go ahead and try for tennis. He said I played with a lot of heart," said Mary Beth.

Using her backhand as her weapon, Mary Beth played her way into the finals of the SIAC Conference last year. But thus far, this season hasn't been as successful as Mary Beth would like.

"I haven't performed as well as I know I can. And I know there have been matches that the team depended on me and I didn't come through. But all of us have the desire to get on the winning side," said Mary Beth.

But despite the fact that the team's record is 1-2, it hasn't dampened Mary Beth's or the team's spirit.

"For us, everything is team play; we win together and lose together," said Mary Beth. "We practice together when we are supposed to and even when we're not."

As the season draws to a close, Mary Beth is sharpening her racket for the last few matches.

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stoves. Water pipes are the hopes to accomplish in the future include getting better cooperation from different departments about following the proper procedures for repairs and service, beautifying the campus to make a more pleasant atmosphere and developing a more effective security system in the Courts, so that repairs such as cut fences can be alleviated, he said.

There are maintenance people on campus 24 hours a day and anyone in need of assistance can call 681-1560.

Kinard Soon To Be On Track

By Theanthony Curry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Terry Kinard is a rarity. He is a free safety who was a number one draft in the National football league. Pro teams hesitate to use a high draft pick on a free safety because they prefer to select a collegian who can step in as an instant starter. It was a first for the New York Giants. But in 1983 the Giants' top pick was Clemson's Kinard.

Terry became a starter midway in his rookie season after spot performances and special team work showed he was capable of taking over. Beasley Reece, an 8-year veteran, had been starting for years until Kinard came along. As soon as the coaching staff judged Terry ready, he was given his first start on Oct. 16 at Kansas City, the seventh game of the season. He has been there ever since.

But on Dec. 7 last year, T.K. was in man-to-man coverage in the Washington Redskins game, when he turned to read the lineman to find out if it was a running play.

"My first reaction was to pursue," he said. "I saw Lawrence Taylor come from the strong side, so I knew I'd be able to turn the play to the inside. But Kevin, Washington Redskin's running back (Kevin Bryant), cut up field. I met him about the same time he cut, and was a little out of position to make a stopping tackle. By the

time I hit Kevin, L.T. hit him pushing my leg under his body," he said in an interview.

"I got up a minute later with a funny feeling in my leg. Four plays later in the third quarter I took myself out of the game."

Six hours later the Giants lost their best defensive back for the rest of the year with a knee injury.

"I had no idea it was that bad, but the team doctor said it would be best if the knee was taken care of before the problem got worst."

When asked about missing the Super Bowl, Terry said, "It hurt at first, but I'm happy we are the best team in professional football and it helps a lot to know I helped the team to get to that point."

"I know I have to work hard, so I can be in shape come time for training camp."

"He'll be there," said head coach Bill Parcells. "Terry always gives you his best effort. He doesn't drink or smoke and he knows what it takes to make it in this league."

There is a long list of unsung players in the National League but Terry Kinard is more than that. Terry's a gentleman who possesses altruistic characteristics in that he cares for the well being of others. In his own quiet way he should be headed for All-Pro status on and off the field very soon.

Drug Avenue: Dangerous Trap

By Phillip Jelks
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Athletes trying to do the best that they can have led many to "Drug Avenue." The pressures of trying to perform night in and night out make an athlete look for something to keep him going, and to some, drugs are the answer.

The death of Len Bias, the all-American forward for the Maryland Terapins basketball team, has had a tremendous

impact on the feeling about drugs for many college players.

"When Lenny Bias was killed by using drugs, as strong as his body was, it made me think twice about using aspirin," said Kelsy Weems, the point guard for the North Carolina State Wolf Pack.

Richie Armstrong, the point guard for the Austin Peay State Governors said, "Drugs are a cop out; players use them to convince themselves that they

are ready to play, when in all actuality, a good night's sleep and good food is the answer."

Drugs drove John Drew, the former Atlanta Hawk, out of his career. All-star forward Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76'ers said, "When I get the ball and I look into the eyes of my defender and it looks as if he has been using drugs, I take him straight to the basket and let him know that his high was not the answer."

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