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Scholars and students participate in a forum that took place recently as part of the C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship. The respondents include (left to right) Sherry Austin, a student majoring in Religion and Philosophy at Clark College;

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of Religion and Culture at Duke University, and Professor John Diamond, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Systematic Theology at I.T.C.

Photo By Les Smith

## Lecture Focuses On King's Views

By Lynn Hayes  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Today we seldom take time to engage in serious philosophical reflection. Who do we look to for philosophical insight?" asked Dr. Ralph D. Ellis, a professor at Clark College, as he introduced the speaker of the 5th annual C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship in Social Ethics.

"The Ethical Pillars of Dr. Martin Luther King's Thought" was the focus of Dr. Cornell West's address at the convocation which took place recently in Davage Auditorium. Dr. West, a professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at The Union Theological Seminary in New York and one of the youngest Black theologian leaders in Black

theology, suggested that King's ideas were influenced by four major sources.

"Dr. King was a highly trained and educated minister who struggled with the power of Christian love to make a difference in Christian life. The major institution controlled by Blacks is the Black church," said Dr. West "and this was one of Dr. King's most influential sources." King's thoughts were also influenced by the philosophy of M. K. Gandhi, an advocate of non-violent social and political change in modern India.

Dr. King also placed emphasis on survival through liberal Christianity and kinetic

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SGA President:

## Many Contribute Homecoming Ideas

By Sonia White  
STAFF WRITER

This year's Clark College Homecoming theme is "Metamorphosis: the Beginning of Change."

The series of events starting Nov. 1 will feature activities ranging from the annual worship services, that will enhance the spirituality status of each individual, the fun and games day including the talent show, to the Homecoming game between the Clark College Panthers and Alabama A&M. The big highlight of the week is the Miss Clark College Coronation at the Vivian Wilson Henderson Center at 8 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Royalty and elegance is the motto for this year's coronation. "We expect this coronation to be better than ever because the main focus will be placed on Miss Clark College. Total respect will be given to her and her court," said Beretta Smith, the Homecoming coordinator.

"The difference this year in the planning of the Homecoming events and the events sponsored in the past is that this year the level of cooperation has increased," said Whitney Young, the Student Government Association president. The student body, faculty members and some administrative staff members have been pouring their ideas and resources together to make this year's Homecoming a success. Even the parade is expected to be well-organized and entertaining.

The Red and Black Ball is the last event scheduled to take place. It will be at the Omni International. This semi-formal event is free to all Clark students. The doors will open Saturday at 10 p.m. on Nov. 7. There will be fine music, good food, and plenty of dancing. Whether you go alone or with someone, the Red and Black Ball will be a classy event you wouldn't want to miss.

Helping The Needy:

## Students To Fast Next Month

By Maria Odum  
MANAGING EDITOR

Many generous Americans would forfeit eating a meal so that someone in a developing country who is starving can eat.

Now those benevolent people have a chance to do so during Oxfam America's Fast for a World Harvest, an educational and fund-raising program.

This year, the fast will take place on Nov. 19, exactly one week before Thanksgiving. Thousands of fasters around the country will give up one or more meals and donate the money they would have spent on food to Oxfam America.

Oxfam America, which is headquartered in Boston will then fund self-help development projects and disaster relief in poor countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The name "Oxfam" comes from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, founded in England in 1942. Oxfam America, founded in 1970, started the Fast for a World Harvest in 1974. It is one of seven autonomous Oxfams throughout the world, as there are Oxfams in Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Quebec and Hong Kong.

"The challenge of international development confronts us most staggeringly in Africa," said Dr. Florence Ladd, associate executive director of Oxfam America. "For historical as well as social and political reasons, Black Americans have a special role to play in meeting this challenge."

Betty Richardson, campaign director of Oxfam America, believes that "students are the key to turning the world around," and she applauds the consistent involvement of Southern colleges in the annual Fast for a World Harvest.

"Southern colleges, since many of them are land-grant colleges, have a special connection to our work overseas. Many southern students are dealing directly with the techniques of agriculture seed development and irrigation, which are the very core of the self-help projects we support in Africa," said Ms. Richardson.

Ms. Richardson reminds others that poor peoples' struggles are similar all over the world. "The trickle-down economic theory is not working anywhere. What is working is people organizing at the grassroots. Southern cooperatives that are doing literacy training and basic legal training to secure land rights are doing in the United States what Oxfam is doing in the Third World."

The Fast for a World Harvest is Oxfam America's major fund-raiser. It accounts for nearly 10 percent of their annual income.

Officials from Oxfam America visited Atlanta Oct. 13 through Oct. 15. Dr. Ladd spoke to Atlanta University Center students, addressing fasting and career opportunities in what she calls "the peace profession."

Funds can be sent to Oxfam America, 115 Broadway, Boston, Mass. 02116. For more information call (617) 482-1211.

# Special Homecoming Issue

# NEWSBITS

By Jacqueline Reid  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Clark students Goanna Parker and Tammi Baker have each been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from General Motors. The scholarships, which are part of the General Motors-Clark College Dual Degree Program Grant, are renewable on an annual basis (contingent upon academic status and General Motors work performance).

Dr. O.M. Puri, chairman of Clark's Physics department, has been awarded a \$287,400 research grant by the U.S. Department of Energy. The grant will provide training for undergraduate and graduate students during the academic year.

The Need Committee of the American Nuclear Society has awarded the Clark College Rowland Standard Oil Scholars Summer Program \$2,500 in support of Clark's work to stimulate minority students' interest in engineering.

Daisy Putnam, relief director for the Clark College dormitories, is hospitalized in the intensive care unit of Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital. The hospital lists her condition as fair.

Dr. Milford W. Greene was recently appointed the new director of engineering for the Atlanta University Center's Dual Degree and Pre-Enrollment Engineering Programs. The Dual Degree Engineering Program is offered jointly by the AUC undergraduate institutions, the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Rochester Institute of Technology, Auburn University and Boston University. Under this arrangement, students study at an AUC college for three years and at one of the engineering institutions for two years, earning both a bachelor's degree and an engineering degree.

"Promoting the Health of Black Americans" is the theme for the first national conference held to address the primary health issues facing Blacks in the 80s. The National Center for Health Education and the Campbell Soup Company will sponsor the conference on Nov. 13 and Nov. 14, at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza in Atlanta. The main focus of the conference will be the leading causes of death among Blacks and the national government and private programs that are dealing with these programs. Registration for the conference is \$195. For additional information, contact The National Center for Health Education, 30 E. 29th St., New York, N.Y. 10016.

## Students Urged To Be Leaders

By Velisa Smith  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

An associate professor of Business Education at Clark College told student leaders recently that being a role model is a quality no leader can deny.

Dr. Charletta B. Clark, speaking at a leadership luncheon sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, pointed out the importance of student leaders being good role models. According to Dr. Clark, one of the reasons it is important to be a good role model is because other members of the organization

tend to imitate the leader.

"Group members and other would-be members tend to imitate the dress, the language, the mannerisms and the conduct of a leader," stated Dr. Clark.

Her speech, entitled "Effective Leaders Quality," focused on leaders in terms of some of the qualities they should possess. Several qualities she pointed out were positive attitudes, setting meaningful goals, motivation, respect for authority and "a strong sense of pride in your school, organization, and yourself."

However, Dr. Clark emphasized to student leaders of the Women Resource Center and other organizations on Clark's campus the responsibility they accepted. "When you accepted the position of a leader for your organization at Clark College, you accepted a great deal of responsibility," she said.

The leadership luncheon is just one of the many activities that involve the Women's Resource Center. Previous activities such as the facilitator's luncheon and upcoming activities such as the Little Mr.

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## Dekalb Chapter To Host Alumni

By Terri Shell  
STAFF WRITER

The DeKalb Alumni Chapter is the host for Clark College 1987 Homecoming and Alumni Fall Conference. A number of events are planned for Nov. 5 through Nov. 8. The headquarters will be at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center.

According to the reservations assistant at the Hotel, "The block reserved for Clark has been filled but we have other accommodations available at the same rates."

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Alumni has scheduled conference registration and business meetings. That evening will feature a reception to formally greet Clark's new president and Board of Trustees.

On Friday, Nov. 6, innovative workshops and

business meetings are planned. Later in the day, the Annual Alumni Luncheon is scheduled. To top off the evening, the coronation of Miss Clark College and her court is scheduled.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Homecoming day, the morning will begin with a pregame breakfast followed by the parade. The afternoon will be highlighted by the Homecoming game against Alabama A&M. To bring the evening to a close the Alumni will dance the night away at the Red and Black Ball.

To conclude the festivities Sunday, Nov. 8, the Alumni is scheduled to attend the Homecoming concert featuring topname entertainment. Proceeds will benefit the college endowment fund. A special suite will be open for alumni to say goodbyes to their classmates which will be the finale of the Alumni Fall Conference.

## Clark Honors Area Alumni

By Velisa Smith  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Atlanta area alumni contributors to Clark College for 1986-87 were recently honored by the Alumni Office in the Exhibition Hall of the Robert Woodruff Library.

According to alumni director Harold Hamilton, this is the first year for Clark alumni contributors to be honored in person.

"Generally in the past, the alumni awards were mailed. This year we decided to express our appreciation to them in person," said Hamilton.

The 250 alumni who attended the honorary reception were awarded plaques by several clubs depending upon the size of their contributions. The President's Club award, which is presented to the alumni who contribute \$5,000 and up, was awarded to John Redmon who contributed \$6,000.

Also recognized at the reception were the top three

area agents, who assist in soliciting contributions from other alumni. The first, second, and third place winners were Benjamin Burks, Ida Wolfe Ross, and Vivian Snellings Baskerville, respectively. Hamilton described first place winner Burks as a person who "knocks on a lot of doors and rings a lot of phones."

He added, "Ben is with us through thick and thin."

The total amount contributed by Clarkites nationally

was \$178,029, which was an average gift of \$200. Out of 3,132 Atlanta area alumni, 428 contributed 82,188.47. Hamilton told the alumni contributors that "this is a significant amount, but it's not the best we are going to do."

However, Hamilton's major goal for the reception was not only to honor the alumni contributors but also to "strengthen the alumni relationship with the school."

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## Now There's A M'eating Room

There is yet another new eating place which has been added to the diversity of restaurants in the Atlanta University Center vicinity. It is called the M'eating Room Grill and is located on the Clark College campus in its "rec room."

"We wanted to give the 'rec' a name that would create a feel for what we want it to be—a nice place for people to come together to eat good food. Add meet with eat and you get the 'M'eating Room,'" said Geri Blanchet, coowner and former public relations director of Clark College.

"When I left Clark in 1986, it was with the idea of coming back to the area to offer a place with good food and a pleasant environment for students, faculty, staff and even the community to get to know one another. For the five years that I worked here, there was no place for people to meet in a nonthreatening, nonacademic, social environment. That part of the college experience was missing and it's important. It's where everyone gets to see the other as a human being, not just as 'teacher' or 'student.' Late in the summer I found out that Thayer Hall had been renovated and the 'rec' was available so I seized the opportunity in order that my dream for Clark College could come true, and yes, for myself as well."

The M'eating Room offers the basic snack bar items—hamburgers, fried chicken, hot dogs, french fries—but it also offers a bit more.

Geneva Francais, the cook, specializes in AfricanFrench cuisine and her Wednesday "Cook's Special" will feature the creative dishes that have garnered her a glowing review in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and a possible future appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

All food is fresh, not prepackaged. "We boil

our own chickens. We have our meat ground. We serve a variety of breads, we're offering the kind of food we would want to eat," boasts Ms. Francais. "Each week, items will be offered to see what sells and everyone is invited to make his or her wants known now."

Owners Geri Blanchet and Patricia Anderson opened the grill on Oct. 9 and it's gotten a lot of attention since then. Ms. Anderson stated that she and Ms. Blanchet were college class mates at Fisk University. "We had lost contact with each other for the last 10 years. Then this spring, something made me find Geri. We talked about joining in a business venture but kept meeting dead ends. One day Geri called and said, 'This is it, Pat', and I flew in from Charleston that weekend. Now, I'm here for duration. It seems like a worthwhile thing to do."

Ms. Anderson is the former personnel director and manager of Seabrook Island Luxury Resort outside Charleston on the coast of South Carolina.

The three ladies have joined to provide the best snack bar food in the area and with the "cook's Specials" hope to offer something different for the more sophisticated palate.

The new Caribbean Cool drink from Trinidad was offered first in Atlanta at the M'eating Room. It's selling like hot cakes, Ms. Blanchet said.

Faculty, staff and students are all invited to come to the M'eating Room, located at the bottom of Thayer Hall. Try the Caribbean Coolers, try the Wednesday Cook's Specials, try the fresh sliced chicken sandwich, the fresh ground hamburger or the wing special!

Come see what the talk is about. It's the M'eating Room for good food and good company.

## Students Start PR Firm

By Regina Boyd  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The school year is moving onward and so are the mass communications public relations majors. Just what are all these posters for in the Mass Communications Department? Well, they represent hard work and determination of the public relations majors.

A new school year to these students also means 'new ideas'. PR majors are renewing and reorganizing their Public Relations Student Society (PRSSA) charter. In addition to that, on Aug. 28 of this year, they began the first black student-run public relations firm, Creative Outlet Student Media Organization (COSMO).

PRSSA is a professional student organization that earned the distinction of being the second largest public relations society in the world. Albert McCorvey, president of Clark's PRSSA chapter said, "The organization's goal is to provide students with learning experiences pertaining to public relations." PRSSA has already had four meetings this semester. Topics discussed ranged from the importance of networking to tips on preparing resumes and cover letters.

McCorvey was instrumental in organizing COSMO of which he is also president. The student-run firm is a source for developing professionals. It represents a very innovative way for public relations students to put their skills to work in practical ways and get experience in running a business, working with and meeting clients' needs.

Robert Knowles, COSMO's professional adviser, helped the student firm obtain their first contract with A. Brown-Olmstead Associates, campaigning for the first National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta next summer. COSMO will also be campaigning for the Atlanta University Center Mini Arts Festival next semester. Not only does the firm provide an opportunity for the students to make money, but it provides the kind of learning that can't be found in textbooks.

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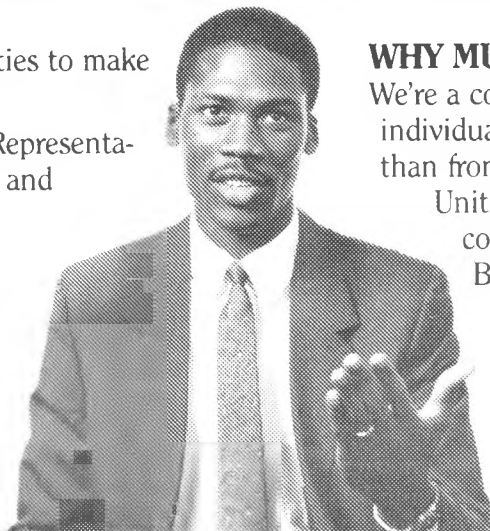
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# Editorials

## Repeal The Gun Law

By Sharon Maxwell  
STAFF WRITER

With the passing of the Florida gun law there will be a lot of innocent people being hurt or killed because they "look" suspicious.

This law is an outrage and must be changed before it's too late. Florida lawmakers can only blame themselves for the mass killing that may occur.

This law allows residents to carry a gun on their hips as long as it is in plain view. But, for \$125 a person can get a permit to carry it concealed. This will allow any gang member to blow another person away without him having a fair chance to defend himself.

Also, with the passing of this law, guns have become more accessible in the home where children can come into contact with them. Therefore, this will probably bring more deaths of children playing with guns than ever before.

The citizens of Florida must come together and abolish this law from its books. Potentially, it has some very serious consequences.

## Give Us Some Respect

By Susan E. Cooper  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Why are students at Clark College being treated the way they are treated?

With people in the administrative offices showing little or no respect for us students, it may sometimes make a student stop to wonder, "Why am I here?" But then an even better question comes to mind. Why are they here (administration)?

People with professional attitudes should be working in a professional setting.

This does not apply to all of the administration. But on any given day, you may walk into an office and be ignored. Even worst than that, they may treat you as if you are wrong for trying to find out about personal business, such as accounts or loan checks.

Giving one the runaround about things that should be taken care of, is another art these offices have mastered.

With all the money being paid to attend school here, you would think there would be more compassion shown when students are't able to pull out bundles of cash, for registration or other purposes.

As for registration and distribution of refund checks, these systems have been tested and proven not to work fast and efficiently. So why aren't they changed?

More time should be taken out to explain to administrators that even though we are students, they need us.

There would be no school without students. We help to keep this place running.

"Hey, Baby! How 'bout me and you goin' to the Red and Black Ball together!"

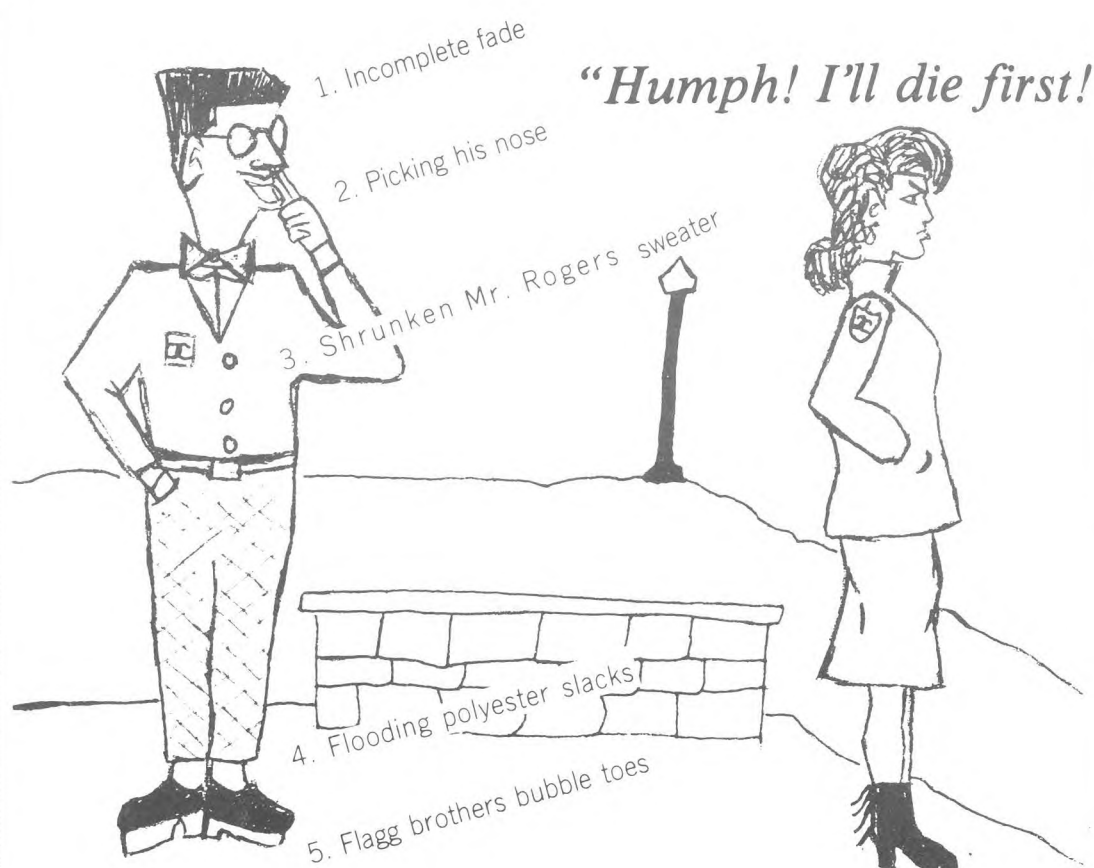


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## Get Ready For Homecoming 2000!

By Albert McCorvey Jr.  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the 1987 Homecoming approaches, imagine if you will, the many changes that an alumni of Clark has experienced over the years since his or her last Homecoming week. Now, place yourself in that same mode of dejavu and imagine yourself walking to the mailbox 13 years from now and opening an envelope with a greeting that says, "Dear DAOC, (Distinguished Alumni of Clark). . . This letter is a message to inform you of the festivities during our 2000 year celebration of Homecoming."

Without delay you immediately reserve plane tickets and brush the dust off your freshman week visor. When you arrive on campus, you search for what used to be Brawley Hall. A security guard zooms up to your car in a flying BMW and asks you for some identification. You show him your DAOC card, he nods and asks you to follow him to the reception for all DAOC's. Your 911 Porsche is in no way a match for hydrolic vehicle so you flash your lights to slow him down.

When you reach the reception area you are greeted by a small crowd. A student, who asks to park your car, recognizes that it is a classic from the 80s. He glances at your old freshman week visor and immediately knows you are a DAOC.

A moving sidewalk takes you into the building and over to an elevator. In less than four seconds you have reached the fifth floor.

As you patiently wait in a small reception area, a wide screen television entertains you during the passing moments. Clark's cable station is showing a re-run of the last year's Homecoming defeat over Howard University. As you gaze around the room you begin to notice

how elegantly it is decorated. A thick velvet carpet under your feet reminds you of the cold dorm floor you used to stand on while attending school.

Finally, your hostess arrives. She takes you to a departure chamber in the next room filled with other DAOC's who are feasting on complimentary shrimp and champagne. The small craft you are sitting in is a tour-copter (You know, like Buck Rogers). Its doors close as the engines begin to roar.

The first stop is the Clark College Pantherdome. There the lacrosse team is practicing for its next game. Next you hyper-space to the Clark College School of Mass Communications where the students are filming a movie for Warner Brothers Pictures entitled, "The Life of Bill Cosby."

Breaking for lunch, you and the rest of the DAOC's dine in a small cafe located in the Clark Court Townhouses. The menu is petay and French bread.

The rest of the school is underground. You and your peers must now transfer to the school's rail system to reach your destination. The train pulls up to a tri-level student center complete with a small mall, skating rink, library and bar. (Yeah, that's the ticket). You and the rest of DAOC's do moderate shopping and tour a new health spa that is under construction.

As the tour comes to an end, you day dream of the old Clark that you used to know. Where is the old Mcpheeters Dennis building that once towered the campus? Where are the engraved sidewalks with names of all my old friends?

When you get off the tour-copter and watch it Hoover away, you know then that you have been to Clark 2000.

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## We Can Print What We Please

By Sheila Y. Thomas  
STAFF WRITER

The issue of student press freedom is at issue again.

A high school journalist wrote on the topic of teenage pregnancy. In this article the student interviewed three pregnant students that attended the school. The article was to inform other teenagers of their ordeal with becoming a parent so that they may try to curve the rising pregnancy rate.

But the principal did not see that this article was needed. He felt it was "too controversial" and "too sensitive."

How can the problem of teen pregnancies not be important enough for teenagers to read about?

The student's First Amendment rights to freedom of speech was violated. All newspapers

have the right to publish articles on all topics. If a school newspaper cannot publish students' opinions, then why can other papers? Is it that the First Amendment is for protection outside the school doors?

All Americans are guaranteed protection under the First Amendment.

If pregnant teens can attend school, the school paper can write about the news or ordeal of the teenager. They have to learn sometime.

Should the United States Supreme Court decide in favor of the Hazelwood School District, the administrators may be listed as winners. But the true losers would be the citizens of America.

Gradually our rights to free speech and the freedom to express our opinions would be limited.

## Set An Example For Others

By Wenda Brown  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Several days ago, two students decided to settle personal differences in public. Through an opened dorm window, their shouting match sounded like it was taking place just next door.

In fact, the incident caused such a disturbance, it not only took the attention of those in listening and viewing distance on campus but also it drew the attention of residents from John Hope Homes.

Voices of young kids from the Homes were heard telling others to look at "the kind of stuff that's going on at Clark College." Replies in adult voices swore if something as disturbing as the brawl happened in the Homes, the police would have been on the scene in no time at all. As the residents predicted, no police ever showed up to the scene.

Nevertheless, the more important thing to note from this event is how closely the kids in John Hope Homes watch the actions of the students on campus. Sometimes you see them lined up with boxes and sticks claiming to be the Clark College Marching Band. Unfortunately, this time their youthful voices could be heard saying in tones of disappointment, "I thought they were supposed to be college."

Hopefully, every student on campus, and

especially the two students in the shouting match, will know that he is supposed to be "college." While this does not make him better than anybody else, it does make him an example for younger brothers and sisters who may dream of being in college one day.

Therefore, college students must put forth an extra effort to set good examples in character and in conduct for those who follow behind them. Those kids in John Hope Homes do not have to leave their apartment complex to see people arguing and fighting. Moreover, they can find any drunkard or mentally disturbed person to show them how that's done.

Yet, when they look at the Clark College campus or any campus, they should be able to race to the scene on that campus and see two students settle differences by talking out their conflict or by merely, walking away from the scene before a brawl can start.

Certainly, the blood of those two students boiled too much for them to consider the impact their private-but-public dispute could have on the kids in John Hope Homes. Hopefully, the next time, they will both think before they react and in a similar situation, they will show that they have learned at least one thing from college—how to use their brains and not their brawns.

## It's Not Financial Aid's Fault!

By Gail U. Ross  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Have you ever wondered why the refund process at Clark takes as long as it does? The process is simple, but it's a lot of paper work involved.

One reason the school cannot issue a refund after registration is that the school can't give money that it doesn't have. "Past records have indicated that 95 to 98 percent of the students are receiving some type of aid," explained Sheila Brown, director of Financial Aid.

Clark has over 1,200 students enrolled at this time on financial aid. On the average, 1,000 of these students require six documents for their file which causes financial aid to handle a total of 6,000 documents. That's a lot of documents for one office to prepare for processing.

All aid recorded on the charge card at registration is pending until the student's file is verified with the Financial Aid office. "If the school tried to issue refunds to students early we would be in the red," explained Roy Bolton, business manager.

The process begins with the student submitting the FAF (financial aid form) at registration. This information is then entered into the computer and put into the student's file. Accompanying the FAF are two copies of the parent's tax form if the student is dependent or two copies of the student's tax form if they are

independent. A needs form, two tax forms, SEOG, NDSL and a Pell form are all kept together in the student's file to verify the figures for the government.

Once all the figures on the needs form matches, the information can be sent to Pell which will issue Clark a check. Any information missing from the file can slow the process down to a halt. During the waiting period for Pell, Clark is then able to issue refunds because they know they will be compensated. Pell is the central processing center for all aid.

The Financial Aid Department is reorganizing from last year. They have moved from the stage into the Admissions Office. In the past, the Financial Aid Office had been understaffed. They are working on rectifying the problem.

The Financial Aid office has a large stack of student files that they cannot process because the students failed to provide them with the proper documents or information. It's not Financial Aid's fault if the students do not take time to find out if their financial paper work is in order.

Therefore, students should take initiative by watching for informative bulletins and periodically checking with Financial Aid to find out where they stand and what necessary information is needed for their records. Don't wait. Take care of your business.

## We Dedicate This Issue

As we embark upon daily challenges that require time and effort, we often put off until tomorrow what could be done today. Live each day to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

The *Panther* newspaper dedicates the Homecoming issue to Patricia Hurse. We offer our condolences to Ms. Hurse in the loss of her daughter, Traneisha. Traneisha was killed in an auto accident recently.

Ms. Hurse is the former secretary and administrative assistant to the chairperson of the Mass Communications office, Dr. Frank Johnson. Because she once worked in the department, Ms. Hurse is a very close friend to many *Panther* staff members and students.

## Remember Your Heritage

By Ronnette V. Smith  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Black is a color. African American is a people — No. Not Afro-American because an afro is a hair style.

In an effort to give Blacks back a little of what they've lost, Blacks should start admitting that they are African Americans.

Black skin tones come in many shades. Shades go from blue-black to cold-black to dark brown to carmel brown to red bone brown to high yellow.

People from Russia are called Russians; people from England are called English; people from Poland are called Polish; people from Japan are called Japanese, but people from Africa are labeled Black. First, it was Negro, then it was Afro-American; now, Blacks have arrived and been labeled a color.

Now, it is recognized that most people feel like they are from a city in the United States, but somewhere down the line Africa was home for a proud ancestor.

Have you ever filled out an application and encounter those little boxes that ask you to designate your race? Next time, check out the boxes' listings. You'll find (Latin American, Native American, Black and other) Does anything look strange here? Yes, America is where you live now.

You must never be ashamed of the second largest continent because it breeds a first rate people. If you are still confused, let those perms, relaxers and curls grow out; you will know where your native home is. After the realization hits you, start checking the box other and fill in AFRICAN AMERICAN.

## Who's Bad?

By Keith Allen  
STAFF WRITER

The question is, who's bad? The answer is Michael Jackson. "Bad" is the latest single and album from superstar Michael Jackson.

Jackson, whose 1982 album "Thriller" broke all record industry records with over 38 million copies sold worldwide, according to *Billboard* magazine. The album "Thriller" had seven top 10 singles, including "Beat It" and "Billie Jean."

Jackson's latest effort entered *Billboard*'s pop album chart at number 1. His two singles from the "Bad" album "I Just Can't Stop Loving You" and "Bad" are top 10 pop hits.

The media's attack on Jackson stems from his busy activities since his recording of "Thriller" in 1982. Firstly, Jackson outbid former Beatles Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr for the rights of the original Beatles recordings. Secondly, Jackson bought a sleeping tank in an effort to keep from aging. Thirdly, he also was bidding for the remains of the "Elephant Man," John Merrick.

Coming to the defense of Jackson's was Comedian Whoppi Goldberg in *Jet* magazine. "An artist should only be judged on his talent and nothing else," she said.

Jackson's critics, however, are pressing on the singer's cosmetic surgery. As Jackson's manager, Frank Dileo, put it in *Ebony* magazine, "There's probably no one in Hollywood who's hasn't had plastic surgery."

Jackson is on his first solo world tour without his brothers, the Jacksons. The tour started in Japan and once it finishes there it will hit Australia and then eventually end in the United States.

After, first rising to fame with his brothers, the Jackson 5, he and his brothers later changed to the Jacksons. Jackson started his solo career with the album "Got to be There" in 1972. Later he released the disco smash album "Off the Wall" in 1979.

# IN THE NEWS



*Dr. Cornel West, professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological*

*Seminary speaks at the 5th annual C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship in Social Ethics.*



*An Atlanta University Center student talks with a recruiter during the annual Graduate Professional School Information and Recruitment Day which recently took place in the Woodruff Library.*

*Photos By Les Smith*



# Features

## 'Black Colleges Will Survive'

By Donnese Cannady  
STAFF WRITER

Bishop College in Dallas, Texas lost its accreditation and will file for chapter 11 bankruptcy. Morristown and Knoxville Colleges, both in Tennessee, barely avoided having their accreditation revoked and both are placed on public probation.

According to a recent article in *The Atlanta Constitution*, "For several reasons ranging from declining enrollments to dwindling endowments, more than a dozen historically Black institutions have closed their doors within the past 20 years."

In recent years, more and more historically Black institutions have been faced with financial difficulties.

What are the major problems facing these schools today? Will more Black colleges close? Have historically Black colleges outlived their usefulness? What is the status of the colleges in the Atlanta University Center?

Dr. Calvert H. Smith, president of Morris Brown College, Dr. Winfred Harris, interim president of Clark College, and Dr. Leroy Keith, president of Morehouse College, shed some light on these and other questions about the state of Black colleges today and in the future.

"There is a need for a great infusion of additional funds to take care of the pressing needs, such as deferred maintenance on the facilities," stated Dr. Keith. All three presidents stated that the need for additional funds is one of the major problems facing historically Black colleges today.

Dr. Harris says another problem facing Black colleges "is the pressure that Black colleges have to face from the public." He says, "There is a view in some quarters that Black colleges have really outlived their usefulness, so that we are still in a posture in which we have to almost justify our existence."

Dr. Smith believes that another problem is "redefinition of their role, their mission and purpose in light of changing sociological developments in our society, and the technological developments within the industrial community."

He says that although "most historically Black colleges have been primarily liberal arts institutions, and there is nothing wrong with that, you must remain committed to the liberal arts to ensure students get a broad general education. But I think we have got to be more in tune with the technological developments in the private sector. We must be more career-oriented in terms of our curriculum."

"I think that funding sources use confusion about purpose and mission as a rationale for not giving," says Dr. Smith. All three men believe that Black institutions do have a harder time raising funds than most other colleges.

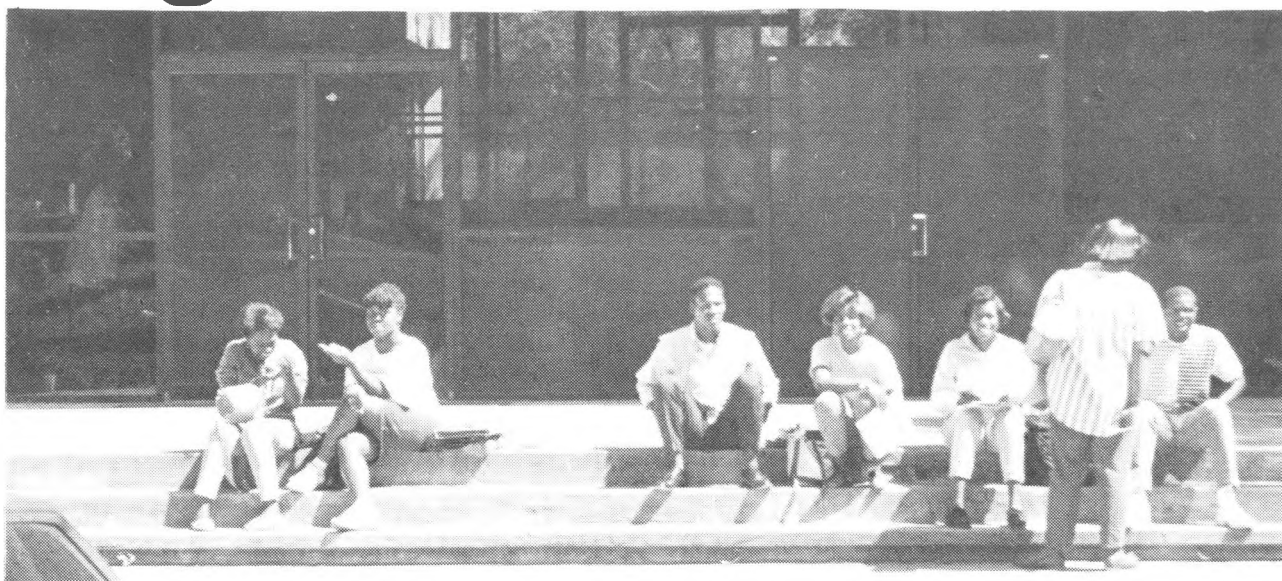
Dr. Keith said, "I think we have to do a better job of marketing our colleges, and articulate the importance of Black colleges and the essential role that Black colleges have played over the last 120 to 125 years." Dr. Keith believes that this will help to raise more funds.

Dr. Harris said, "Colleges are going to have to look at certain kinds of organizations and see how the programs they have fit the funding priorities of that organization, and gear their fund-raising activities to match those kinds of things."

Dr. Smith believes that another way to raise more funds "is to get maximum utilization of relationships. That is to say, we have alumni everywhere and those alumni are in all kinds of companies and they have developed all kinds of relationships. We need to be sure that we capitalize on those relationships to the degree that we work with those alumni who are in strategic positions to help us generate the income that is needed appropriately."

All three men feel that they do receive adequate support from their alumni and the Black community, but they say that they can always use more support.

In fact, Dr. Harris says that, "In terms of the dollar



The Atlanta University Center is the largest consortium of Black schools in higher education in the world. Photo By Albert McCorvey

amounts raised, Clark probably is about the third in the nation of Black schools in terms of their alumni support."

Dr. Smith said, "Our alumni have increased their giving to the college since I have been here, sufficiently."

Dr. Smith said, "I do not see as many Black colleges in the future." He also believes that the colleges that do survive will remain committed to quality education.

Dr. Keith said, "I predict that most of the Black colleges will continue to strive to a high quality, and many of them will survive this very critical period of time."

Dr. Harris says, "There are going to be some that will close, but I do not see most of them closing." He also said, "state schools will increase their white population," in the future. Dr. Harris believes that the United Negro College Fund schools will survive in the future.

"I think the concept of cooperation in the AU center is one that is very admirable, and I do think that we have a number of programs that are beneficial to all the schools in the Center. But, I think that we have to continue to improve on the level of cooperation that exists between the individual institutions," stated Dr. Keith.

Dr. Smith said, "A lot of people do not agree with me, but I think that we need a combined football team, because we are all small institutions and we cannot compete with schools like Savannah State and Fort Valley State." He did say that the level of cooperation between the schools is good, but that there is room for improvement.

Dr. Harris also believes that the cooperation between the schools is good, but that we need more cooperation. He says, "We need to investigate the possibilities of what kinds of savings and what kinds of protection we could get from a combined university center-wide security force."

Dr. Keith stated, "There are many out there who believe that because limited access is available in a predominantly White college, that there is no need for predominantly Black colleges or historically Black colleges, and that is a total misconception."

Dr. Keith also said, "The fact that we enroll 20 percent of all students (Black students) who are pursuing a bachelor's degree, but we graduate 50 percent of all students who graduate with a bachelor degrees: that statistic within itself indicates very clearly that there is a strong need, a strong justification for the continuation of Black colleges."

"It is evident that the strides that Black people made were made because we always had some mechanism for educating Blacks, and the educated Blacks have been the basis on which we are moved. If you remove those things which form that basis for progress, then

you at the same time have eliminated one of the major forces of Black progress," stated Dr. Harris.

Dr. Smith says, "There are certain needs that Black colleges will continue to supply Black students, that they cannot get at a White college."

"The mere fact that the colleges have existed for more than a hundred years says something," stated Dr. Harris. Dr. Harris and Dr. Smith do not feel that Black colleges are run less efficiently than other colleges.

Dr. Keith stated, "I think non-profit organizations in general have been more lax about the efficiency and the management, but I think that it is changing because it is absolutely necessary that it change, that we become more efficient managers of our institutions, because if we don't then we will have sufficient problems in terms of avoiding deficits; so we do have to take on the latest in management practices to bring that to the daily management of our institutions."

Dr. Smith believes, "The fact that the Black colleges have survived, so long with a lot of financial difficulties is evidence that they are not run less efficiently."

Dr. Keith stated, "Morehouse College to my knowledge has never run a deficit, at least in the last 50 years. We are financially stable. We have an endowment that allows us some income that is fairly sufficient, but that needs to be improved; but we are, I would say, relevant to some colleges, in very good shape."

Dr. Harris said, "We are financially stable. We do not have a great big endowment, as large as we want it, but the institution is fiscally sound."

Morehouse College's enrollment has nearly doubled in the last three years and the college has moved from year-end deficits to year-end surpluses, according to Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith also stated that the entire first class of nurses to graduate from the college's new nursing program achieved 100 percent passage for licensure by state boards in Georgia and North Carolina. The college also had a successful \$5 million capital funds campaign.

Spelman College's president, Dr. Johnette B. Cole, was not available for an interview. However, in a press conference at the beginning of the fall term, she stated that Spelman College has an endowment of \$48 million with an operating budget of approximately \$19 million. She said, "We feel comfortable in describing ourselves in good, solid health."

Perhaps, Dr. Keith said it best when he said, "I think that Black colleges historically have had a mission of providing access to many students who would not otherwise be able to pursue a college education, and I think it is important to the future of this country that these institutions remain in place and prosper."



# *Miss Clark College & Court*



Photo By Jim Alexander

*JACQUELYN BUTTS*  
*Miss Clark College*

*NICOLE LOFTON*  
*Second Attendant*

*TRACY WILLIAMS*  
*First Attendant*



## Miss Clark College:

# A Glorious Beauty To Behold

By Staci Beasley  
FEATURE EDITOR

She is as loveable as a teddy bear and eager to be all that she can be and more. Her name is Jacquelyn Butts and she is Miss Clark College 1987-88.

"Being Miss Clark College means being very honored and it is a part of my life that I will always cherish," said Jackie. She added that if the clocks were to be turned back to last year, she would still run for Miss Clark. "I love it!" she exclaimed.

Jackie said being Miss Clark has not been any different for her because she has always been active in school activities. She has been a member of the Pre-professional Health

group is the Smallwood Singers," she said.

Jackie said she is glad that she has good friends. "I love being with my friends, because I can always be myself," she added. She went on to say that she also enjoys the simple things in life. "I enjoy a simple walk in the park," she added.

She chose Clark College because she wanted to attend a Black school. "I wanted a chance to receive a good education and be able to learn about my heritage at the same time," said Jackie.

"I do not feel that I have accomplished everything I set out to do at Clark; however, I am proud of the accomplishments that I have made," said

**"I wanted a chance to receive a good education and be able to learn about my heritage at the same time."**

society, yearbook staff, Allied Health Club, Student Recruitment Association, Inspirational Voices of Faith Choir, Kresge Hall Center and the Alpha Phi Alpha sweatheart. "I think that it is very important that students get involved in school activities," noted Jackie.

Jackie finds herself able to communicate with people well. "I think that Miss Clark should be a motivator. As a spokesperson, her positive role model would unify the staff and student body of the institution," said Jackie.

She has many plans for Miss Clark. "I plan to start recruiting students for Clark that live outside the state," said Jackie. Her list also includes attending Black awareness programs, meeting prominent alumni, doing service projects and other school related activities. "If I get involved, then I have something to bring back to my classmates," said Jackie.

Jackie said that she sees herself as being level headed, outgoing, sincere, organized and "fun to be with." She also added, "I wish that I could stay on a steady diet."

She enjoys going to jazz concerts, jogging, drama, singing, debating, and listening to music. Gospel is one of her favorites. "My favorite gospel

Jackie.

Jackie said she is a strong believer of Black history. She admires Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. "I look at them as strong Black women who succeeded against the odds," said Jackie. She also added that she hopes to some day contribute to the Black community, a non-profit, charitable nursing home. "I think that Black community is in a need of a lower income nursing home that would offer the luxuries of high income nursing home."

Jackie said that the most important individual in her life is God. "He is the center of my life and without him I would not exist."

Jackie was born in Atlanta and she attended Brown High School. She lives with her mother and brother. She said that she comes from a very strong family background and she feels that family support is most important in everything that she does. "My family always supports me in everything that I do," said Jackie. "Mom, I love you very dearly; keep trusting and praying and we both will succeed," said Jackie. She also added that she does not have plans for a family of her own for at least 10 years. "I want to become well established before I start a family," noted Jackie.

Jackie is a senior majoring in



Photo By Augustus T. Burke

**Jacquelyn Butts**  
**MISS CLARK COLLEGE**

community health education with a concentration in hospital administration. She said that she wanted to major in something that would involve business, social work and hospitals. "I hope to one day be a hospital administrator," added Jackie.

After graduating in May Jackie plans to attend Georgia State for her master's degree in hospital administration. She also has hopes for attending Atlanta University for a master's in business administration. "I love business, management and communicating," said Jackie.

Jackie said that she is glad

that she will have the opportunity to spend her last semester with the new president at Clark, Dr. Thomas W. Cole Jr. "I think he was an excellent choice," she said. She also added that he will be able to interact with the students well. "He will bring lots of funds and new ideas to the institution," noted Jackie.

Jackie said being Miss Clark College requires patience and time. "If you are thinking of becoming Miss Clark College you should be a very level headed and patient person," she added.

Jackie said that being Miss Clark College is a dream come

true. "The job is not easy, but it is well worth the time." She went on to say that being Miss Clark also gives her a chance to represent a dynamic family. "I have gained not only a good education but I have a very supportive extension to my life," she added.

Jackie said that she is looking forward to the remainder of her year as Miss Clark College 1987-88. She said to all Clarkites, "Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future."

# Attendants Shine Like Stars

By Lynn Hayes  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Nothing will ever happen that I, along with the Lord, cannot handle. For I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me," professed the 21-year-old senior from Indianapolis, Ind.

Born the youngest of 12 siblings under the zodiac sign of Taurus, Tracy Sheanne Williams has reached a plateau of dignity and pride within the Clark College family. She is the first attendant to Miss Clark College for the 1987-88 school year.

Being chosen the first attendant is a great honor for Tracy. She said, "It is a privilege to represent my school to the highest degree possible. According to an excerpt in *The Legacy*, written by former Clark president the late Dr. James P. Brawley, 'being selected is the highest gift that one could receive in the eyes of the student body.'"

In the past, Tracy represented Clark in various capacities but sought to make a change for herself. Aside from the academic qualifications, the role of Miss Clark College and court is very challenging, she said. "You are representative of the school body and are always challenged to be in tack, she continued.

While Tracy strives to always be conscious of the views of the students and others, she finds that she is often judged critically because of her title. "But," she said, "When you look for faults, you'll find them."

She believes that her title presents a strong, supportive role model to the younger generation. Although Miss Clark and her attendants do not officially assume their duties until coronation, Tracy has already begun work. She is working on a proposal to recruit students to Clark for academic study.

She is described by many as an outgoing, mature, down to earth individual who is very sociable. The president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Pi chapter, a freshman guide and a member of various campus-based organizations including Clark College's Inspirational Voices of Faith and the Student Government Association, Tracy keeps her hands full. She does, however, keep her priorities in line. "We need to put our priorities in order and stop majoring in the minor," she said.

Her warm-heartedness prompted her to take particular interest in the recent story about 18-month-old Jessica McClure who was trapped in a well for 58 hours in Texas. "The most current event that has had a great impact on my life is the story of the baby who fell into the well. It reminded me of how good my God is and that he is still in the miracle-working business," continued Tracy.

She is a broadcast management major whose ultimate goal is to become a renowned newscaster. She chose Clark College because of its strong communications program stating that she wanted to attend a predominately Black institution. After graduation, Tracy hopes to attend the University of California, Berkley to receive her Master's Degree in either broadcast management or international communications.

Her interests and hobbies include sports, collecting pennies, singing, public speaking, traveling and writing both short stories and poems. Because of Tracy's willingness to help others, she desires to someday give a priceless gift to the world. "If I could give one gift to this world, I would definitely give the greatest gift of all, *love*. One can't give love unless he has experienced it; therefore I'd give all the opportunity to experience love so they can pass it on. The world would then be full of love and a much better place to live," she said smiling.



Tracy Sheanne Williams  
FIRST ATTENDANT

Photo By Jim Alexander



Nicole Danielle Lofton  
SECOND ATTENDANT

Photo By Jim Alexander

By Donnese Cannady  
STAFF WRITER

"Sometimes Dr. Jeckel and sometimes Mr. Hyde." This is how Nicole Danielle Lofton sometimes describes herself.

Nicole, who is the second attendant to Miss Clark College, says people often describe her as a "cool-laid" type of person. But she said that she can sometimes be a very stubborn person and somewhat of a worrier. She says overall she is a nice and very kind person.

Nicole, who is a English major with a minor in mass communications, is in her junior year at Clark.

She is a member of the NAACP and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. She is also the producer of a show called, "Community Journal," which can be seen on Channel 46 at 8 a.m. on Saturdays. The program can also be seen on Clark College's Cable Channel 3 on Mondays. Nicole also won second place in the UNCF writing contest.

Nicole says she chose Clark College because "I had gone to a predominantly White high school and I felt that Clark College could help me get in touch with my roots." She says that the fact that she has relatives who live in the Atlanta area, is another factor in her choosing Clark.

She says that her grandmother, whom she calls mother, has been the greatest influence on her life. She says, "I have a great deal of respect for my grandmother." Although her grandmother raised her, there were no problems with a generation gap, because she says "my grandmother is a very open-minded person."

Nicole says that the teacher who has had the greatest influence on her since she entered Clark is Dr. Dillard Buckner, director of the English Department. She says, "Dr. Buckner is always concerned about my work, especially my poetry writing."

During her high school years, Nicole said that her drama teacher, who was Jan Brown, had the greatest influence on her. She says, "Ms. Brown showed me that color did not matter once you got on the stage."

Nicole believes that there are some positive and negative aspects of life at Clark College, but she says that that is to be expected in any institution.

Nicole says, "I am glad to see the changes taking place at Clark." She hopes that the school's new president will bring in some new people, so that new ideas and new concepts will be brought into the school.

She added, "I entered the Miss Clark College pageant to represent my class and because I like doing things for the first time." She says that at the time she entered the pageant, no other sophomore had ever entered the pageant. She also said that she is working closely with Miss Clark College to help solve some of the problems on the campus.

She said, "I will not enter the pageant this year, because I do not feel that I can top what I accomplished last year in the pageant."

She says that once she entered the pageant, she really found out who her friends were, because a lot of people offered to help her at the start of the pageant, but few people really gave her any support. The Berkeley, Mo. native also says, "The pageant also helped me to realize that you need a strong relationship with God, because I believe that you must be strongly grounded in God to do something like enter a pageant."

Nicole says her dream is to be an actress or a poetry writer, but she knows the reality of a dream like that. She says for now she will concentrate her efforts on becoming a talent coordinator or a broadcast manager.





Lynn Hayes  
Miss Sigma Delta Chi



Bridget Harris  
Miss Merner Hall



Nnegest Likke  
Miss Freshman



Paulette Walker  
Miss Honors Program



Cynthia McCormick  
Miss Women's Resource Center



Millicent Glover  
Miss Beta Psi Omega Psi Phi



Delyane Stephens  
Miss Sophomore

## 1987-88 Campus Queens

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Staci Beasley  
Miss Panther Newspaper



Dewana Kennedy  
Miss Pfeiffer Hall



Kimberly Lindsey  
Miss Delta Sigma Theta



Sonya Evans  
Miss Senior



Diedra Thornton  
Miss Junior



Sonia White  
Miss Eureka Club



Tiffany Walker  
Miss Holmes Hall



Kimberly Times  
Miss Clark College Courts



Iilonka Jenkins  
Miss Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority



Jessica McClardy  
Miss UNCF



Arlene Grobes  
Miss NAACP



Andre Cheek  
Miss Brawley Hall



Monica Randall  
Miss Zeta Phi Beta Sorority



Tracey Alexander  
Miss Purple & Gold of Omega Psi Phi



Latengela Reese  
Miss Philharmonic



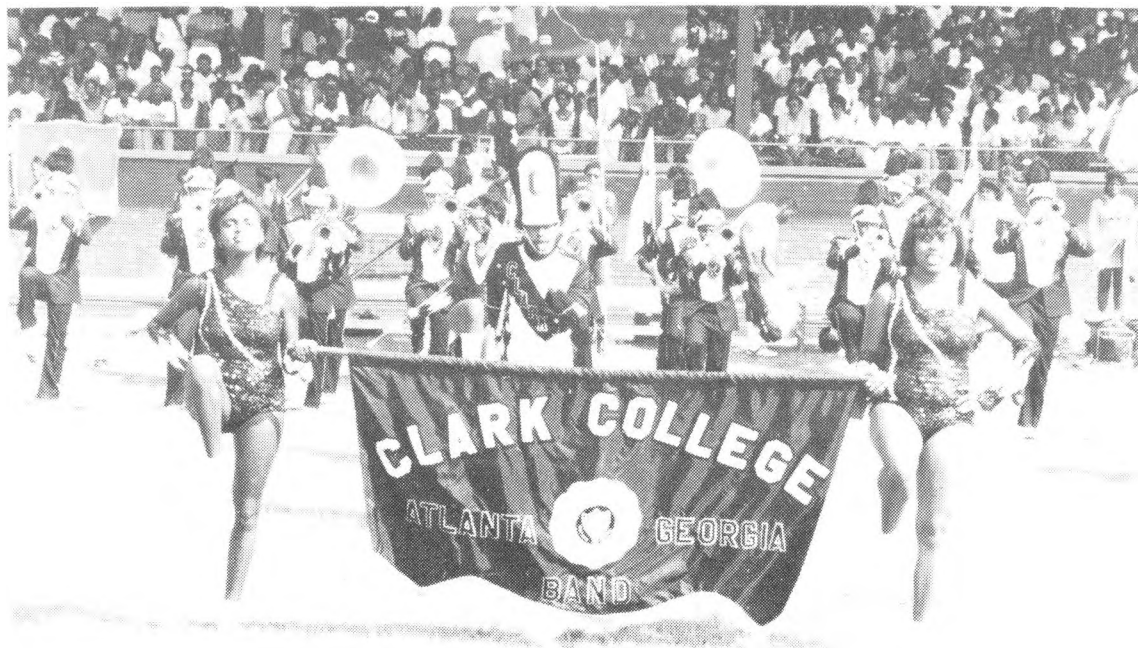
Tracey Meredith  
Miss Justice of Eureka Club



Veronica Parham  
Miss Psi Chapter Phi Beta Sigma



# Stepping To A Different Beat



Clark College Majorettes

Photo By Jim Alexander

By Robert G. Drummer  
STAFF WRITER

They don't carry flags, nor do they carry pom poms.

They don't march in the rear of the band and they don't play any musical instruments.

So who are these ladies with the lovely legs, pretty smiles and dazzling dance routines? (Oh, and silver batons too).

They are the Clark College Marching Panther Majorettes.

These vivacious young ladies are blessed with the true skill of hand-eye coordination and perform on Saturday afternoons during half-time of Clark's football games.

Using a combination of precision, twirls, tosses, and baton exchanges, the squad makes up over 20 years of majorette experience among its members.

Sherry Couch, a junior business management major from Atlanta, is this year's captain. She attributes the squad's uniformity on the field to their closeness away from practice and game time.

"We all get along very well. We're like sisters... we talk to each other over the phone and even go out together sometimes."

Although there are only six members on this year's squad, Sherry says that number is normal, plus easy to manage.

Dr. Eula Cohen handles most of the managing for the squad and is assisted by Lucy Stevens.

Joining Sherry on the squad are fellow Atlantans Thelesia Lowery, a senior speech education major, and the 'Kim' connection of Kim Harper, Kim George and Kim Smith.

Ms. Harper is a junior, studying early childhood education. Ms. George is interested in biology, while Ms. Smith prefers to concentrate on sociology. Both are sophomores.

Winona Maolud rounds out the unit and is the lone non-Atlanta native. She is a sophomore from Boston studying early childhood education.

## Cheerleaders:

# Keeping School Spirit Alive

By Allison Samuels  
STAFF WRITER

When the going gets tough, nothing keeps a team's morale up more than school spirit.

And no one knows that better than this year's Clark College cheerleading squad. This season the 14-member team has had to supply more than their share of jumps, yells and cheers to compensate for the ailing football team's 1-5 record.

But for most of the girls, perking up when the chips are down is what cheerleading is all about.

"You get used to it," said Charea Clark, an alternate for the squad. "You make the best of it and you just keep cheering. That's what cheerleading is—being, peppy and letting our enthusiasm show."

Peppiness and enthusiasm are the deciding factors in just who is chosen to wear the colorful short skirts and warm bright school colors.

"We look for what kind of facial expressions they have when they try out and what type of precision they use when executing their movements," said Valerie Jordan, the squad's co-sponsor. "We get them to do a home cheer from their high school and try to see how well they can catch on to new moves."

Try-out clinics are held in September for two days with the actual elimination process being held on the last day of the clinic. This year over 20 girls



Photo By Sharon Maxwell

**1987-88 Cheerleaders (Left to Right Front Row) Tracey Andrews, Djuana Harris, Lisa Jewel, Jacquelyn Johnson and Carla Bellamy. (Top Row) Latricia Coffey, Cassandra**

tried out for the squad.

Spirit isn't all the girls have to keep up during the season. Maintaining their grades even with a hectic everyday practice schedule is also a must.

"It is very hard to do," said Carla Bellamy, a freshman from Alabama. "It takes a lot out of you, having to deal with the rules of college, practice and school work. Yes, grades

do suffer sometimes."

Along with that disadvantage Ms. Bellamy cited overall disorganization as another downfall of the squad.

"Coming straight from a high school squad where my sponsor was always there and on time, I was quite shocked at the laxity of group," said Ms. Bellamy. "I thought, hey, this is college; it's supposed to be even

**Haywood, Shandra Harris, Katrina Johnson, Sondra Bryant and Susie Richardson. Not Pictured: Deneen Owens, Charea Clark and Mai Rozier.**

more organized."

But when game time comes around all disappointments, and complaints take a back seat to what really matters. Smiling faces, cheerful voices and the hope of maybe winning a game overshadows all.

"They won last week and it really shocked us, but we're happy and looking forward to Homecoming and whatever it

brings," said Charea Clark.

Cheerleaders for the 1987 football season are: Lisa Jewel, co-captain; Deneen Owens, captain; Katrina Johnson; Jacquelyn Johnson; Tracy Andrews; Cassandra Haywood; Susie Richardson; Shandra Harris; Djuana Harris; Carla Bellamy; Latricia Coffey; Mai Rozier; Sandra Bryant; and Charea Clark.



# Band— Excitement

By Lisa M. Harriston  
NEWS EDITOR

At the annual Homecoming football game, what enhances the excitement of the game itself are the sights and sounds of the Clark College Marching Band. The "band" not only consists of the foot-stompin' musicians, but it also introduces the Pantherettes (flag girls), majorettes, and banner holders—all of which combine to make the band solid.

The Clark College Marching Band has been changing and improving over the years. It has been under the direction of Dr. Alfred D. Wyatt for a long time. "I've been with the band since 1965. I've been chairman of the band staff since 1967, and I finally took the actual title of band director five or six years ago," he said.

Eric Morgan, a freshman, feels that the band is small but it still does its job—it entertains the Clark College family. "The percussion section of the band is excellent, to me it's the best part. We have a pretty good band. It's just smaller than I thought it would be, but all in all, it is on the same level of the other Black college bands," he said.

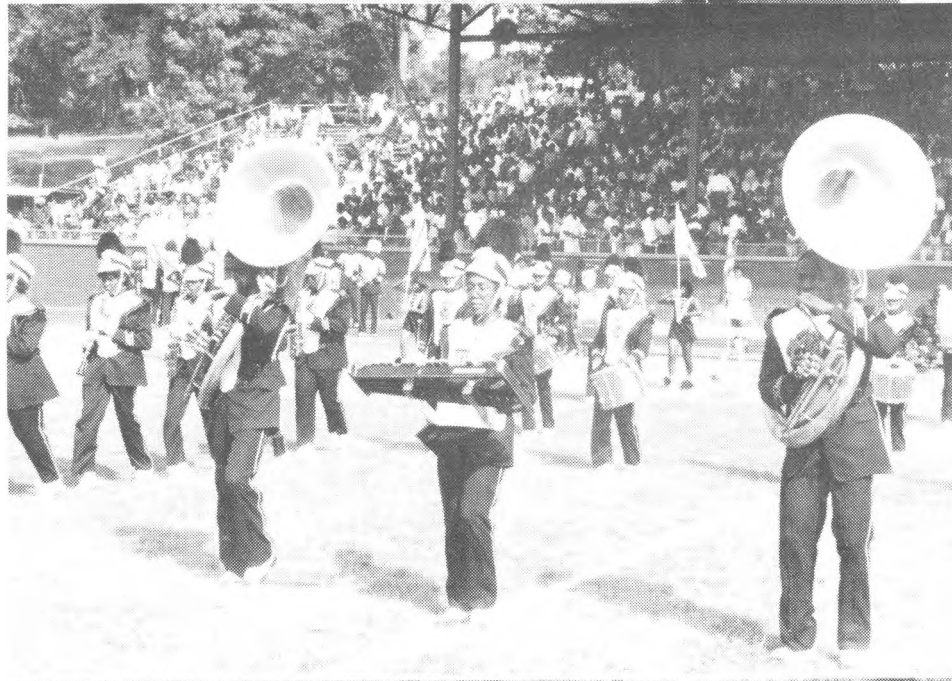
Dr. Wyatt admits that his band is not as large as he would like it to be, but he also feels it has not suffered because of its size. The band consists

of some fine young musicians, but there are still more fine musicians on campus who are not involved with the band, said Dr. Wyatt. "We could enhance our sound and band population if these people would come out and join us," he continued.

Other students think that the Clark College band serves a great purpose. "During halftime of the game, the band keeps the crowd very excited. Our band has good acoustics and many of the songs they perform are current so it is easy to identify with the music."

When asked if he saw a difference between his band performances and other Black college bands, Dr. Wyatt said that his band was not so much different from all of the rest. "I don't know what other bands concentrate on, but our number one priority is how well our band sounds. We perform college band literature which is not restricted to one race," he added.

Dr. Wyatt and his band are encouraging alumni to come back and perform the Homecoming routine with them. He feels that a number of alumni participating during Homecoming will add an extra special touch to the performance.



# Pantherettes— Attraction

By Jacquelyn Johnson  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"We add attraction and color to the band," said Viva Jester, describing the Clark College Pantherettes main purpose at games.

Ms. Jester is the co-captain for the Pantherettes. Her duties include assuming responsibilities when the captain is not present at practices and games. She is also in charge of the dance committee.

Ms. Jester said, "I keep a record for tardiness, tend to disciplinary problems, and make sure we have our music."

"However", she said, "We seldom have any problems out of the girls because they are always willing to learn."

Ms. Jester said that some of the girls on the squad have never twirled flags before, so they try to make the routines as simple as possible.

Linda Abbott, a medical clinic assistant, is the Pantherette's sponsor. The squad consists of 14 Pantherettes and three alternates. They are: Delores Harrell, captain; Viva Jester, co-captain; Melissa Pool; Zindrea Hooks; Tyranne Roberts; Tiffany Walker; Yvette Hill; Tonya Williams; Alberta Sanders; Audrea Bradford; Frantress Jackson; Melvia Crane; Rhonda Newings; LaCretia Tucker; Paula Carroll; Victoria Harris; and Sheretta Blackshear.

Ms. Jester said, "Since we have 16

flags and poles, every Friday before a game we choose two alternates to perform.

She said, "The alternates are chosen to participate if they have knowledge of routines, show enthusiasm and attend practice regularly."

"We are trying to include our flags in a lot of routines because Mr. (Alfred) Wyatt, the band director, said that we are a flag corps and not a bunch of dancing girls," said Ms. Jester.

The Pantherettes should enjoy using their flags more, because they received new flags and shorter flag poles last year. In addition to the flags, they opened the season wearing their new uniforms.

For Homecoming, Ms. Jester said that the Pantherettes will be wearing red and black ribbons to help promote school spirit.

"There is also a traditional pep rally during Homecoming week in which the Pantherettes will perform," she said.

She said that there is a possibility of the Pantherettes getting capes to add to their wardrobe.

"Students need to support the band more, especially during the Homecoming week because of the size of the band," she said.

Ms. Jester is urging any students with talent to come out and join the band to make it the biggest and best band in its region.



Photos By Jim Alexander



## MBC Chooses Burgess

By Kymerly Gaines

When one hears the word queen, he immediately visualizes a beautiful young woman who has only beauty to display. Morris Brown College's queen and court are a bevy of beauties. They possess many additional qualities that are found within themselves. These young ladies have proven to be ambitious and are determined to make the most of their education.

This year's Homecoming queen is Juliette Burgess, a native of Bermuda. She comes from a family where Black heritage is often discussed. Because her father was the dominate source of income, it was considered a major accomplishment when she enrolled in college.

"When I got to college becoming Miss Morris Brown was the farthest thing from my mind. I was lucky to be the first from a family of nine to even attend college," says the proud queen.

Ms. Burgess considers her title a challenge and an honor — an honor which has bestowed many valuable opportunities to her. She is a member of the National Dean's List, Who's Who Among America's Colleges and Universities and the American Achievement Academy. Juliette says these organizations have enhanced her determination. She believes

that there is nothing too high for her to reach as evident by her 4.0 GPA. "The organizations give me the chance to exemplify the characteristics of a proud Black woman," proclaims Juliette.

Upon receiving her degree, she plans to return home to pursue a career in therapeutic recreation. She intends to "shoot for excellence not mediocrity."

Pamela Daniels sees her position as an opportunity. "Having been chosen first attendant to Miss Morris Brown has taught me how to manipulate time to my benefit which I consider a great asset," says the native of Augusta, Ga.

Although Ms. Daniels' time is limited, she seems to be in control of her studies as evidenced by her 3.0 GPA. She is engaged in many activities which has proven to be beneficial to her. For example, Pam was chosen for the Governor's Intern Program which enabled her to meet very prominent people, such as Gov. Joe Frank Harris, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Dr. Larry Guest (Assistant to former President Jimmy Carter). According to Pam, "This experience presented a very unique challenge to her."

She is also involved with Black awareness, voter registration and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. One of her

ultimate goals is to be a better person than she was yesterday. She quotes one of her favorite mottos — "If you are a doer, do it!"

The second attendant is Connie Spencer, a native of Sparta, Ga. Ms. Spencer considers it a privilege to have been fortunate enough to go to college. She says that her title is more than an honor. Connie likes to think of herself as a dedicated queen as well as a dedicated person.

"Whenever I start something I'm not completely satisfied until I finish it," says Ms. Spencer. Enrolled as a governmental accounting major, she has excelled with a 3.0 GPA. Affiliated with the Presidential Stay-in-School program at Fort McPherson, she is also an active member of the MBC Student Government Association.

According to Connie, her success is solely based on her determination with help from the Lord. She goes on to quote one of her favorite Bible verses... "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not into thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."

Morris Brown College's queen and court are living witnesses that to the often repeated statement that all queens are beauty and no brain is only a myth.

Basketball:

## New Season Begins

By Denise M. Davis  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 1987-88 collegiate basketball season brings a new set of Clark College Panthers to the ranks.

The last four years have been centered around All-American, All-Division guard, Ernest Lee. Lee is gone. Does this indicate the end of the Panthers' success? Not by far!

The Panthers return with four Honorable Mention All-Conference players. These include 6 foot, 9½-inch senior, Anthony Ikeobi; 5 foot, 9-inch

sophomore, Damon Williams and 6 foot 9½-inch freshman Uverlyn Brown. Laying the foundation, is the 6 foot, 5-inch junior, Micheal Stephenson.

Many students believe that the loss of Ernest Lee is a devastation to the team. On the contrary, the absence of the almost sure 30 points should bring forth the strength and talent that this team possesses.

Sophomore and starting point guard on the Panther squad Elgin Pritchett said of the team, "In order to be a success at basketball or

**"We depend on each other and always contribute our best."**

senior, Robert Pritchett Jr.; 6 foot, 4-inch sophomore, James Martin; and 6 foot 2-inch sophomore, Elgin Pritchett.

To support these dynamic four are the staggering talents of leading scorer, 6 foot, 7-inch advanced freshman, Tracy Murray; the board-crashing, 6 foot, 9-inch advanced freshman, Shawn Haskins; 6 foot, 7-inch sophomore, Sean Sheppard; 6 foot, 6-inch freshman, Steve Jackson; 6 foot, 2-inch junior, Peter Jacobs; 6 foot-junior, Rodney Maddox; 5 foot, 10-inch

anything else for that matter, one must be committed totally and without reservations. If we as a team have to give up what others see as social necessities, we will, in order to better ourselves. We depend on each other for support and always contribute our best."

The conference's leading rebounder, shot blocker and team captain Anthony Ikeobi, believes that the good academic standing that the team puts so much importance in seems to be reflected in the team's good ball playing.

## What's Hot!

### Special Performance!

The National Dance Company of Senegal is coming to Atlanta Civic Center for two performances only on Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. Direct from the African nation of Senegal, the original authentic and only national dance company has jazzed audiences with magnificent spectacles described by *The New York Times* as "Superb... Exciting... This group of extraordinary dancers, singers and musicians must not be missed." Tickets are on sale now at all SEATS Outlets. To charge tickets, or for group sales information, call 873-4300.

### Theatre Happenings

Ever wondered about people's American dreams? Nov. 4 through Nov. 21, at the Alliance Studio, you can hear the characters of "American Dreams: Lost And Found," speak of their dreams of wealth, of a simple country life, of power, of fame, or even just living through another day. For information, contact Susan Cohn at 898-1137.

### Comedy!

In this month of ghouls, ghosts, and goblins, Jaz Kaner makes sure there is a little room for giggles at the Sandy Springs Punch Line. Oct. 27 through Nov. 1, Kaner will have audiences in "stitches!" For details, call 252-LAFF.

### Haitian Tapestry And Collage Exhibit

A variety of Haitian tapestries and a collection of impressions of Haitian life in collages is on exhibit in the Fine Arts Building at Spelman College through Nov. 15. The show features the designs and exciting colors created by fiber artist Ginnette Taggart in a unique collection of new tapestries. Also, the works of Emil Viard, a newcomer to Atlanta, expresses a wide range of social and political commentaries in collages. William H. Ransom, U.S. representative for Taggart art, is organizer of the exhibit.

## Lecture Focuses On King's Views

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orality. "He (Dr. King) was a product of the Black church who displayed sincerity, integrity and showed no arrogance," stated Dr. West. "Dr. King had profound trust in God and his Christian world view placed emphasis on the struggles and survival of his people," he continued.

In addressing the issue of kinetic orality, Dr. West stated that it was expressed in many forms, including hymns and oral prayer. Today, he said, it is also expressed through rhythmic, stylish rhetoric. He made reference to the vocal talents of L.L. Cool J, a rapp artist, saying that his style of singing goes back to the Black Church.

In response to Dr. West's speech, both guest scholars and students from Clark College's Religion and Philosophy Department participated in a forum entitled, "Pointing The Way: African-American Resources for Reconstruction of American Social Values—Thematic Responses to the 1987 Lincoln Lecture." These respondents included scholars such as H.R.H. Oba Oseijeman Adefunmi, pioneer and priest of the Yoruba traditional religion and culture in North America; and Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of Religion and Culture, Duke University. The student respondent was Sherry Austin.

Following the forum were preview readings from Dr.

Lincoln's forthcoming novel, *The Avenue, Clayton City*. Dr. Lincoln was a professor and a former student at Clark College, receiving an honorary degree from Clark in 1982. He is one of the foremost Black scholars in the country. While the publication date of his book is not until March 1988, Dr. Lincoln has already sold the distribution rights of his book to Literary Guild and has made provisions for a mini television series.

In addition to the readings, the Atlanta African Dance Ensemble, featuring H.R.H. Adefunmi performed traditional African dances including "A Tribute to the Ancestors" and "A Ceremony For The Children."

## Students Urged To Be Leaders

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As far as how well the other activities will go this year, Ms. Mitchell is optimistic. "We anticipate a good year, in fact, one of our best," exclaimed Ms. Mitchell.

Ms. Mitchell does, however, encourage the students and other faculty members to become involved in the activities of the Women's

Resource Center.

and Miss Clark College pageant are a part of a calendar of events planned for the school year. According to Nellie Mitchell, co-director for the Women's Resource Center, the first three activities on the calendar included a membership drive, facilitators luncheon, and the Annual Leadership Luncheon. "They were very successful," Ms. Mitchell said.

# Sports

## Panthers Win First Game Of Season



Photo By Les Smith

Panthers are fired up against Johnson C. Smith University in recent game.

By Eric Morgan  
STAFF WRITER

The Clark College Panthers won their first game of the season last week by defeating Johnson C. Smith University 6-3, in a defensive battle.

Clark got on the board first with a 60-yard pass from runningback Charles Evans to wide receiver Mailard Hamilton. The extra point was no good and Clark led 6-0 with 4:17 left in the first quarter.

Johnson C. Smith University kicked a field goal late in the second quarter which made the score 6-3, Clark, at the half.

The Panthers came out fired up in the second half and although they didn't score any points, they managed to hold Johnson C. Smith, preserving a 6-3 win.

Willie Hubbard led the defense with 15 tackles

followed by Calvin Simmons who had 10 tackles.

"I thought everyone played well, especially the defense. I wish we would have scored a few more points, but a win is a win," said coach Jesse McClardy.

Jeff Tarver had 95-yards rushing on 15 attempts and Mailard Hamilton had four catches for 124 yards.

"We played well as a defensive unit. We were able to hold them and we came up with the victory," said free safety Chris Cody.

The victory proved a costly one as the Panthers lost starting running-back Charles Evans for the season with a severely sprained ankle.

"We have a lot of injuries and the schedule is getting tougher, but as long as we put forth the effort, we will be competitive," said coach McClardy.

### A Heartbreaker

## Tigers Upset Panthers, 16-14

By Eric Morgan  
STAFF WRITER

Despite great individual performances and an impressive overall team effort, the Clark College Panthers football team lost a 16-14 heartbreaker to Savannah State College.

Savannah State put the only points on the board in the first

half, scoring a touchdown and missing the conversion attempt, making the score 6-0 at the half.

The Panthers scored first in the third quarter, keyed by a 68-yard run by Charles Evans and a 28-yard touchdown reception which made the score 7-0. The Savannah State Tigers were forced to punt on

the next drive.

On the first play from scrimmage, freshmen quarterback Marlow Roberson completed a 72-yard bomb to Mailard Hamilton, making

the score 14-6.

Savannah State kicked a field goal on their next drive, making the score 14-9 in favor of Clark College. The tigers were held in check until late in the fourth quarter when they scored a touchdown making the final score 16-14, Savannah State.

Marlow Roberson had his best day as a Panther, completing 13 of 23 attempts for 242 yards and rushing for another 61 yards, according to Randall Strawbridge, a punter on the team. Mailard Hamilton had 156 yards receiving and Charles Evans had 78 yards rushing on 14 attempts.

## Defying Odds

By Kathy Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

Clark College's track and field teams continue to perform well despite the odds against them.

The men's and women's teams have not been very visible in the past but they have made many commendable accomplishments, said Augustus Pritchett, head track coach. Pritchett was also selected the 1987 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's "Coach of the Year."

"These accomplishments were achieved through sheer determination and extremely hard work," said a member of the track team.

The most difficult obstacle that the teams still face is the fact that they have no track field. Because of this, the runners get their practices in by utilizing the track fields of various surrounding high schools. Transportation also is not provided for the teams to and from practices and track

equipment is very limited.

Last year's season for the men and women proved to be a successful one according to the SIAC track results. The men dominated the entire meet in all sprinting events by winning nine first-place finishes, three second-place finishes and two third-place finishes. The team broke two conference records: one in the 400-meter relay and another by Denson Sterling in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

The men also secured The Most Valuable Runner On The Track Award and The Most Valuable Runner On The Field Award. After the conference meet, six members of the men's team qualified for the Division AA Track Nationals which took place in Missouri.

At the nationals, the men performed extremely well, says Pritchett. According to the Division AA track results, Clark College facilitates the



Last year's men's track team finished second in the conference and 15th in the nation. Left to right standing are: Phillip Neely, Jerry

Thornton, Steve Smith, Denson Sterling (sitting), Benjamin Favors, and Derrick Mack.

third fastest 400-meter relay team in the nation, the third fastest 1600-meter relay team in the nation, the fourth fastest 400-meter runner in the nation and a runner with the second fastest time in the nation in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

"For the women, the SIAC meet showed a major improve-

ment from the previous track season," says a junior member of the women's team. The women secured a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter relay, a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash, a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter dash and a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter dash.

Despite the problems that

the 14-member men's team and the five-member women's team has had to face, the teams go on to practice each day motivating themselves to be as good as they can possibly be, says Phillip Neely, member of the men's track team. "In order for us to outdo last year's performance, we're going to have to work harder than ever."



# McClardy Optimistic About Panthers

By Keith Glover  
STAFF WRITER

During practice the Clark Panthers football team forms a huddle in the center of the field. Coach Jesse (Mack) McClardy speaks to his team. His message is the scouting report of their next opponents. The mood of the team is relaxed and enthusiastic. Their attitudes are the attitudes of winners; their record (1-5) is the record of losers.

The Panthers are hungry for a victory, according to coach Mack. Prior to the Johnson C. Smith game, coach Mack had this to say: "Before this season is over, we are going to kick somebody's a-- (expletive deleted)," he predicted. "I can feel it. These guys want to win bad."

Coach Mack is optimistic about the remainder of the season, even though he has 11 players sidelined with injuries. He makes no excuses for the 1-5 record but he points out that at least a couple of the losses should have been victories.

Senior player, Eric Goins attributes some of the problems of losing to the lack of financial support from the school. Goins, a business major, revealed that Clark's football program is limited to a \$30,000 budget. "There is no way we can get top quality ball players to come to Clark with that kind of money." The Panthers do not have one player on the team with a full scholarship.

Curtis Crockett, equipment manager, talked about the problem with the equipment: "The night before the Morris Brown game I was fixing helmets that had just come in." Before the helmets arrived players had to alternate helmets in practice. The uniforms that the Panthers wear are old uniforms that the Atlanta Falcons used.

"A guy told me the other day that an old lady who once lived in the spot where the Atlanta stadium is now built put a curse on the Falcons and everything involved with them," coach Mack said jokingly. The Falcons have never had a winning team.

Goins pointed out another situation involving the upper classmen on the team. "Most of the guys have jobs, working 25 to 30 hours a week," he stated. The reason for the players working is to help pay their way through school. He went on to say, "Clark needs to cut out the football program for a few years so that the money can build up and we can get some quality players. On second thought that might not be such a good idea because knowing Clark, they might cut out the money altogether," he added.

Becoming a bit more serious, Goins said, "If we had the money to offer players some

**"If we had the money to offer players some full scholarships we would have a better program."**

full scholarships, we would have a better program."

Chris Cody, another senior player, is a defensive back for the Panthers. He divides his time between football, school and work. Cody set a Black collegiate record when he intercepted a pass and raced 102 yards for a touchdown this year. He feels that not all the coaches are motivated, due to the lack of pay. He is a gifted player who has played this season with a shoulder injury. Cody maintains a winning attitude and looks forward to winning each time he takes the field. "I know we can kick some butt," he replied.

Coach Mack refused to comment about the financial problem the team is facing. He walks the field snapping instructions to his coaches and players. "If we had more depth we could do more," he asserted.

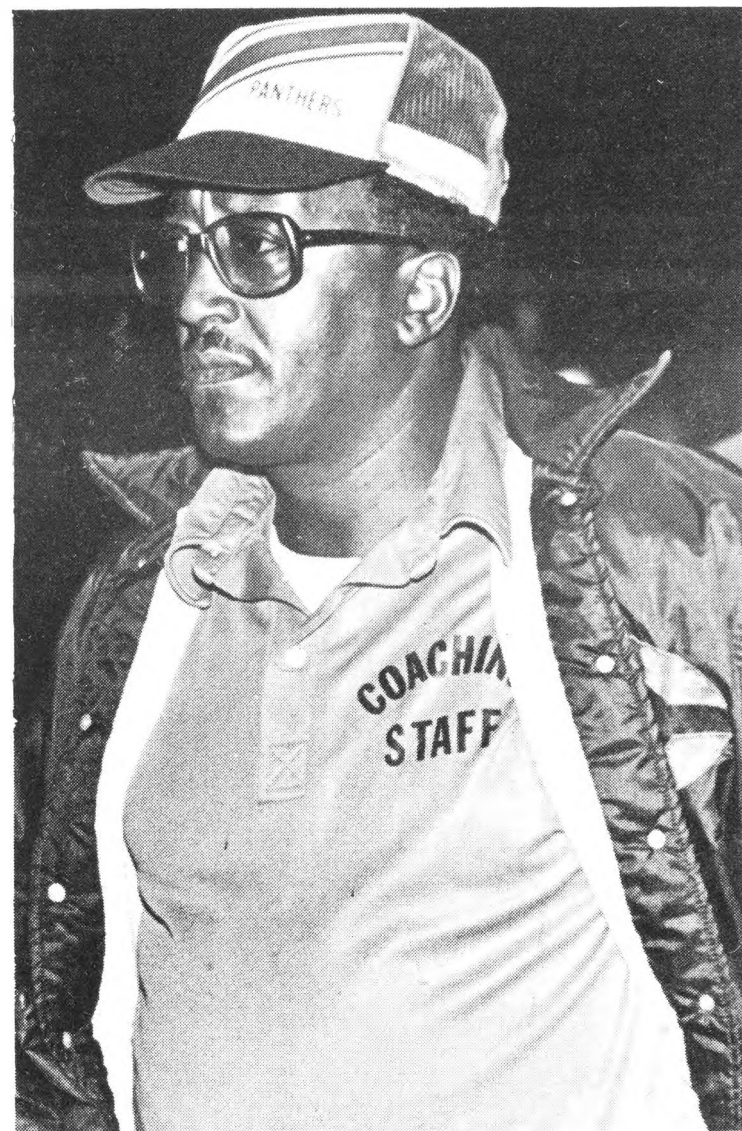
"Doug Moore, our center has two hurt ankles; Willie

Pitts, the free safety, has a pulled groin; Kevin Dean, the full back, has a dislocated shoulder; Cody has a bad shoulder; Donny Williams is out with a broken foot; and we have six more with bad ankles," he explained.

Coach Mack is pleased with his starting quarterback. "He had three scholarships to good Black colleges but decided to come to Clark."

Marlow Roberson's statistics before the Johnson C. Smith game were 83 attempts, 40 completions, 5 interceptions and 2 touchdowns for a total of 489 yards. His two top receivers are Maillard Hamilton and Charles Reed. Each has scored one touchdown.

The practice field is small, the funds are low, the future seems blurry to many but the Clark College Panthers have the attitude that makes winners. And on top of this, Coach Mack is optimistic.



**Coach Jesse McClardy**  
**HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

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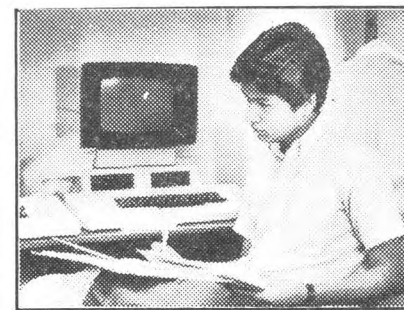
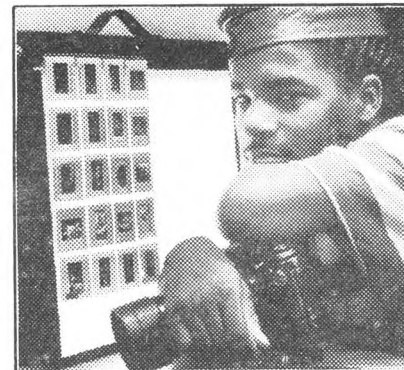
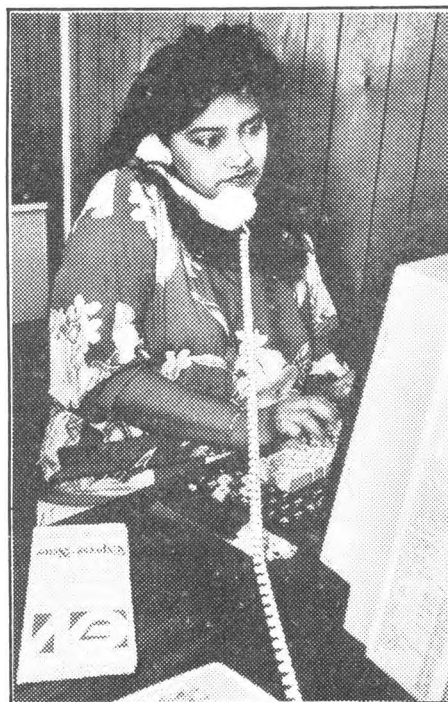
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