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## President Cole receives DuBois Award

By Angie Harmon  
Contributing Writer

Clark Atlanta University President Thomas W. Cole Jr. was awarded the W.E.B. DuBois Award, Oct. 14, for outstanding leadership, community excellence, and improving the quality of life through education.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, held its 37th annual Atlanta Branch Freedom Fund Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Atlanta. The theme of the event was, "Celebrating Our Legacy: A vision for the 21st Century."

The dinner is the major fundraising for the civil rights organization. Proceeds will benefit programs of the local branch.

Many awards were given out that night including the Charles L. Harper Award received by James Moffitt, the Economics Justice Award received by Eugene McCullers, the Thurgood Marshall Award received by Judge Glenda Hatchett and the Roy Wilkins award received by the Honorable Emma Darnell, Fulton County Commissioner.

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President Cole

## SGA president threatens mass demonstration

By Clarence Rolle  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association, SGA, is poised to organize a massive student protest after Thanksgiving break if, according to SGA undergraduate President Samuel Bell, Jr., "The administration does not improve its treatment of SGA members and the student body."

Bell said he will ask all students to walk out of class in protest of what he claims is the administration's "disrespect" and "lack of concern for SGA members and the student body."

"When you hear the phrase 'one exceptional university,' you envision a university with an administration that goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve their constituents," Bell said. "However, we have found that this is not the case. A question has been posed to the SGA that we sometimes cannot answer ourselves: 'Does the

administration really care about us (students)?'"

However, SGA Graduate President Rick Robinson said he has not had an opportunity to discuss a demonstration with Bell. However, he said it is a possibility.

One of Bell's reasons for proposing the demonstration is his claim that high-level administrators have generally ignored SGA since the beginning of this semester.

"The President of this institution, the President of Academic Affairs (and) the Dean of Student Life have literally disrespected me as a student leader by not even making an attempt to hold one meeting with me or the graduate president throughout this school year," he said.

According to Bell, meetings with Vice President/Student Affairs Dr. Doris Weathers and Assistant Dean of Student Life Peggy Hampton have been

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## Crime statistics highlight property theft, lost property

By Antonia Peagler  
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Property theft leads CAU's campus crimes, according to the Department of Public Safety's Crime Statistics Report for September indicated.

The report indicated, 22 incidents of property theft occurred. One arrest was made for property theft. The report showed that four burglaries, two incidents of motor vehicle theft, one robbery and one case of simple assault and battery were reported. No arrests were made for the crimes.

The department made two arrests out of three reports of drug violations. The crime report also disclosed a total of \$13,537 in property loss for September. None of the property was recovered.

The Department of Public Safety publishes monthly crime statistics to inform the campus community about reported criminal activities.

The reports are in accordance with the Student's Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.

Public Safety also has to forward all crimes to the Georgia Crimes Information Center, GCIC, and the GCIC in turn forwards this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be included in the FBI Uniform Crime Report.

The Student's Right-to-Know Act states that all students attending any school have the right to know all of the criminal incidents on and near the campus, and the Public Safety Department of that school must compile and release a record of all incidence

for public access.

"None of this information can be kept from the students or parents that want to know," Secretary of Public Safety Beverly Gordon said.

Since January, Director of Public Safety Jackie Patterson said he has been striving to make CAU a safer place for the students. Patterson said he's added more police and public safety officers on patrol on and around campus.

He has also instituted a new emergency phone system that is handicap-accessible. The emergency telephone booths are located around the Thayer Hall and Trevor Arnett Hall quadrangles and near the library.

"I think that CAU has a very safe atmosphere, but being in an urban area there are going to be criminal incidents," Patterson

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# School of Social Work considers relocating fire-ravaged hall

By Regina Roberts  
Staff Writer

In order to prepare for the 21st century, the School of Social Work has discussed plans with alumni to rebuild and relocate Quarles-Washington Hall, according to Dr. Richard Lyle, Interim Dean of the school.

During a briefing session at the 75th Anniversary Celebration/Rebuilding Fund, held Oct. 6-8, a group of alumni was taken on a tour of the campus. While touring, the group visited the site of the school, 80 percent of which was destroyed by arson last semester.

"They were very depressed," Lyle said. "The alumni recommended that we relocate the school from its current area to the area near the Presidential Parking lot, so we would have adequate space to expand for the 21st century."

Robert Davis, an alumnus of the school, was one of the members who suggested the school be moved to the Parsons Street and James P. Brawley Drive site, but he had reservations about the relocation.

"I wish it could be maintained where it is," Davis said, "but it is not adequate enough to meet the needs of the 21st century."

The co-chair of the planning committee for the 75th Anniversary Celebration/Rebuilding Fund, added, "In order for the school to fit the needs of the students, faculty and staff...the faculty, students and staff should all be housed in one building."

In addition, Dr. Lyle said the alumni

suggested the school get an architectural firm to develop the drawing for the state of the art building that would have "all of the technology we would need for researching, teaching, meetings and things of that nature."

Moreover, talks sparked regarding a fund drive to raise a large amount of money - which Dr. Lyle wishes to keep anonymous - within the immediate future for rebuilding purposes.

However, the interim dean said while the School of Social Work supports these "excellent" recommendations, "we have to look at that in light of the economy and the political climate to generate that amount of money in a reasonable amount of time."

And although the resources aren't there, Dr. Lyle said, "we would expect to get a drawing very soon so that we can proceed with launching the fund drive (for the rebuilding of the school)."

Currently, he added, "We have not finished our calculations of that (the sum raised at the rebuilding fund from the anniversary celebration). We still have some bills that are outstanding. As soon as we clear those, we could get a tally on what our profit is from the celebration."

Asked about the school's future within a year, the dean replied, "The school would continue to remain in temporary quarters and work toward generating funds to rebuild Quarles-Washington Hall. Simultaneously with that task, the school would then continue planning for or making preparations for its reaccreditation by the Council on Social Work Education."

## Improvements noted in seniors' graduation clearance process

By Kenneth Burnett  
Contributing Writer

Seniors preparing to graduate must endure one final process before it all becomes official.

While some contend the ritual of being cleared is still in need of improvement, many students and faculty contend they've noticed a considerable upgrade.

"I have seen 774 students [to be cleared for graduation] in a four week span of time," said Janice Hardnett, undergraduate graduation coordinator. "That leaves only 100 students left to be seen."

"This is opposed to last year," Hardnett continued. "I saw 497 students in a six week process. Each year, I find the process can be revised to work easier for the students."

Kimberly Beavers, a senior in the Mass Media Arts Department, "It went well for me. I knew where I was supposed to go and what I was supposed to do. In my senior seminar class, I was kept well-informed."

Senior Seminar is a required course that must be taken during the first or second semester of the students' graduating year, but Beavers suggested taking it in the first semester of the graduating year.

"They [graduating seniors] might miss an important deadline or not know what is going on, if taken in the second half," Beavers said.

One former student said she did not know what she had to do to get cleared for her graduation.

"CAU is a word-of-mouth school," Kisha Dennis, a 1994 graduate, said. "I sometimes saw advertisements about senior meetings, but there were times when nothing was posted. A few times I received things in the mail after the event happened."

Meanwhile, Hardnett said, "This year, the process went well because of good cooperation between the graduation coordinators, deans and the chairmen in the different departments. I'm trying to move to

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canceled every time they were scheduled. Sometimes, he said, they were canceled after a postponement.

However, Dean Hampton said Student Life had only one meeting with SGA members this semester and that it was the only one scheduled. Hampton also said she called the only meeting with SGA just before Homecoming and she did not cancel any meeting.

"Doors have never been closed to SGA or any student," Dean Hampton said. "And, in most cases, I'd probably go beyond if anything."

Not only did Hampton say she did not believe that administration has "disrespected" SGA and the students, but she added that she was concerned that Bell feels his office has been ignored. She said she was interested in finding out whether other members of the executive board felt the same way.

Hampton declined to comment on the proposed student protest but agreed dialogue between administration and SGA is needed to clear up grievances that the student body may have.

And Robinson said, "I don't think any attempt has been made to meet with Dean Hampton. But, she has not initiated any attempts either."

Robinson also said the school's problems are related to the roles that high-level administrators have assumed.

"The highest administrators on campus have too many responsibilities and become ineffective in their supervision of campus," he said.

For instance, Robinson believed Dr. Weathers has not kept weekly meetings with SGA because she is responsible for 15 departments. SGA is scheduled to meet with Dr. Weathers every Wednesday between 11 a.m. and noon, Robinson said.

He said University President Dr. Thomas W. Cole has made attempts to meet with SGA. Robinson said Dr. Cole "literally" walked over to the SGA office to meet with its executive board when he believed there was a meeting. Robinson added there were no meetings with Dr. Cole this semester because of miscommunication between the president's office and SGA.

Dr. Cole agreed with Robinson. "I attended a meeting and they didn't show,"

Dr. Cole said. "And they had indicated that there was miscommunication on their part."

Although meetings between SGA and administration have not taken place this semester, Dr. Cole said neither he nor Dr. Weathers have been reluctant to meet with the student representatives. He said it is sometimes hard to contact SGA executives due to their class schedules. But Dr. Cole said the miscommunication between SGA and administrators can be avoided if regular meeting times are established and both sides ensure that they always attend. However, he said, administration has never had a problem meeting with past SGA executives.

Robinson said that the only meeting SGA had with Student Life's Hampton this semester was to discuss concerns about Homecoming expenses. He and Bell are compiling a post-Homecoming report in which they may recommend the dismissal of certain university employees because they had not performed satisfactorily during Homecoming.

Hampton believed some of the Homecoming problems were caused because of a sudden change in the date for the event. She said Homecoming was originally scheduled to begin Oct. 15 instead of Oct. 22. However, she did not believe administration should carry all the burden of Homecoming disappointments.

"There's enough blame to be shared by everyone for Homecoming, and SGA carries some of that," Hampton said. "The responsibility for homecoming is shared (by SGA and administration)."

Hampton said that SGA is traditionally responsible for organizing Homecoming activities, but she said she would like to see Homecoming as a responsibility of the university "as a whole."

But according to Bell, students will protest if administration does not improve its treatment of students by the end of Thanksgiving break. He said students will walk out of class for the demonstration.

"Everything will be shut down," Bell said. "As student leader, I will not be pimpled. I will not let the student body be pimpled."

Bell may have support for a

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demonstration from students like Timothy Bembury, a graduating senior. Bembury said he expected to participate in student demonstrations of relevant issues when he entered the university. So far, he said, he has been disappointed by the apathy of the student body.

"Well, I think I would walk out, but if Sam Bell wants us to walk out, he'd have to tell us why," Bembury said. "I wouldn't just get up and walk out. But I do have certain problems of my own with the administration. So if there are any ways we could voice our opinion and let them know about our displeasure, I think I would support that."

But Candra Reid, a sophomore, was more weary of the proposed protest. "There are a few problems [with administration], but I don't think anything is going to be resolved by walking out," she said. "I don't think it's going to be that effective since we haven't had a general body meeting with the SGA and sat down as a body. I haven't heard anything about that."

"I think we need to take steps and measures and actions, preliminary steps, before you go and do something this drastic. It might backfire on the students, and even though students may not have participated, it might backfire. Personally I don't think I would take that route."

**President Cole**  
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The DuBois award is given to an individual who has committed their life to the scholarly pursuit of racial justice and social and economic equality and Dr. Cole was the most deserved person.

Doris Smith, an attendee at the reception, said, "It was a beautiful program and I am sure that all who attended enjoyed it."

Director of Student Activities Michelle Rhodes, who is adviser to SGA, said she is not aware of any plans for a student demonstration. She said executive board members may not include her in the planning of a demonstration if they decide to have one because she is a member of the university's staff.

Among SGA concerns are rising tuition and the university's budget, Bell said. He said students should be able to identify improvements in the university when tuition increases. He said SGA should be aware of how all the funds are being used.

"I'm ready to go to the Board of Trustees and ask them to intervene on my behalf," Bell said.

Bell said he was also upset because he paid \$379 of his own money to prepare Homecoming concert tickets because the university would have taken too long to issue the money for the tickets. He also said he paid another \$1,500 for a generator for the concert because the university could not supply enough electrical power. Hampton declined to comment on Bell's concert expenses or expenses Bell said he incurred because Student Life would not give him access to long distance calling codes.

"I'm having a hard time understanding if they really care about us," Bell said.

Dr. Robert Threatt, Atlanta branch president said, "Everyone should support this event and organization and the event will be a night of celebration for all who attend."

**Graduation Process**  
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a smoother and faster process." According to Hardnett, the Registrar's office would like to move the clearance process to the student's junior year.

# News Briefs

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Government halts due to congressional impasse

Thousands of federal employees were sent home Nov. 14 as a consequence of the congress' "balance the budget" war.

Congressmen are haggling over the Republican proposal to balance the budget within seven years. The Republican proposal would allow the government to spend \$12 trillion between Oct. 1, 1995 and Sept. 30, 2002. The sum is approximately \$300 billion less than the sum President Bill Clinton had proposed. Current law allows the government to spend \$890 billion more than the sum.

President Bill Clinton's internal polls indicated that he is a more popular candidate than Dole in the 1996 election. On Nov. 15, Clinton's approval ratings were about 50 percent and his disapproval ratings were dropping. Disapproval ratings for House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) were rising.

### Powell declines to enter presidential race

Former military Gen. Colin Powell announced this month that he will not run for president, leaving Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) as the forerunner for the post in the Republican camp.

### Five Americans die in Saudi bombing

Five americans were killed Nov. 13 when a bomb exploded in a parking lot in Saudi Arabia.

A building that housed the U.S. Army mission headquarters was next to the parking lot. The mission trains the Saudi National Guard. The bombing prompted the U.S. to tighten security at military stations in the Mideast.

### Drugs fight Aids in Monkey's body

An experimental drug prevented monkeys from catching the AIDS virus even when the virus was pumped directly into their bodies.

### Student threatens family by way of the Internet

A college student is arrested in Massapequa Park, N.Y., and charged with terrorizing an Indianapolis family via the Internet by threatening in e-mail messages to hunt them down, rape a 12-year-old girl and kill them.

### Black candidate runs against experts predictions

Cleo Fields, 32, shocked the political establishment by finishing second in the October gubernatorial primary. No Black in Louisiana history has ever advance to the run off. The youngest state senator at age 23 and the youngest member of Congress at age 27, Fields plan to beat the odds in a state divided politically more and more by race. Experts and polls

predict he will lose in Saturday's runoff to his opponent, 65-year-old Mike Foster. But Fields is undaunted. Three days before the election, he exhorted a large and euphoric crowd of mostly black students inside the Xavier University gymnasium. He implored them to set their alarm clocks at 5 a.m. on election day, to vote early and then work to get others to the polls.

## WORLD NEWS

### Tomb of Maccabees believed found

A tractor leveling ground for a new highway broke open a 2,000-year-old burial cave believed used by the Maccabees, a tribe of Jewish warriors whose revolt is celebrated in the festival of Hanukkah. Friday, Nov. 17 Site Director Shimon Rikkin said this was the first time archaeologists have evience that this family existed. They were only known, until now, from ancient Jewish writings.

### Algerians defy threats to vote for president

Defying death threats by Islamic insurgents, Algerians streamed to heavily guarded polling stations Thursday, Nov. 16 for their first multiparty presidential election since their independence in 1962. The military-installed president, Liamine Zeroual, was the favorite in the election. At 7pm, a preliminary count from several small towns indicated he had 60 percent of the vote, and three opponents shared the rest. State radio said an exit poll gave Zeroual 66 percent.

## LOCAL NEWS

### 28,000 affected by shut down in Georgia

The partial government shutdown that resulted from the conflict between Republicans and Clinton's supporters affects 28,000 workers in Georgia.

### Students rally against financial aid cut

The color green brings black and white students together at Kennesaw State College in Cobb County. Students from campus organizations including the college's NAACP chapter and the Student Center, that often are at odds on racial issues, rallied Thursday, Nov. 16 against proposed federal cuts in financial aid.

### Board plans to change racial bias within Georgia's schools

Currently, Georgia is one of the only states in the county where an IQ score alone determines who is gifted. Partly as a result, Georgia has the second most racially skewed gifted classes in the nation, with whites five times as likely as blacks to be admitted, a 1994 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* study found. However, according to the state Board of Education, by next fall no student with extraordinary ability will be shut out. They voted to include criterias such as;

- Allowing students who go through the four-part evaluation and meet only the IQ cutoff to get in anyway, as they do now.
- Making the use of multiple criteria optional this year but mandatory the next school year.

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## C A U P A R E N T A W A R E N E S S S O C I E T Y

## Student parent forms collegiate parent awareness society

By LaRell Lee  
Contributing Writer

Nikia Lawson, a mother and Clark Atlanta University student, recently organized the Collegiate Parent Awareness Society, CPAS, whose primary goal is to acquire a board certified nursery on campus.

Currently there are no day care services provided by CAU for its students.

University administrators suggested students with children apply for the federally funded Head Start program.

But for some it's not that easy.

"One problem with Head Start is that eligibility begins for children age four," said Lawson, whose daughter is just over a year old.

Many student parents pay between \$65 and \$100 per week for child care services. "For a lot of parents in school that is very expensive and, if the facility is located far from campus, it can be inconvenient," Lawson said.

She said sometimes she and other student have to take their children to meetings and classes.

"I know that my daughter can be distracting," Lawson said, "but sometimes I can't avoid bringing her to classes with me."

Stacy Bell, vice-president of CPAS, is

the single mother of a two year old son and can empathize with Lawson.

"So far I've only had to bring my son to class twice, because of emergency situations and both times the professor and students were supportive," Bell said.

Life for students with children can be hectic at times.

Lawson, who has been married for three years, goes to school in the morning while her husband cares for their daughter.

Lawson's school day must end by 2 p.m. so that she can be at home to take care of her daughter while her husband goes to work at night. Lawson does not have a job because she doesn't have time, but she said she does nail part time.

Lawson feels that students who are parents have gone unrecognized.

"We want students, teachers and administrators to know that we do exist and our numbers will continue to grow," she said.

Her efforts to find out the total number of students with children have so far been unsuccessful.

"Our goal for membership is to reach every student parent raising a child while in school and that includes fathers," Lawson said.

Notices will be going up soon on campus buildings and bulletin boards for the CPAS meetings.

## VOLUNTEER CAU ENCOURAGES STUDENT PARTICIPATION

By Felicia R. Jones  
Contributing Writer

Serving as a network that links students with volunteer agencies of their choice, Volunteer Clark Atlanta University aids students with their search for an organization that fits their needs and interests.

However, many students are unaware of the program, which was reestablished three years ago on CAU's campus but was originally started at Clark College.

"Maybe if we knew the process we'd become more involved," CAU senior Kelly Walton said.

Headed by Peggy B. Hampton, assistant dean of Student Affairs, Volunteer CAU is completely staffed by students.

Their goal is to enhance positive community relations through student volunteering and other outreach related activities, focusing primarily on community needs in areas such as health, recreation and cultural affairs.

Hampton said students don't know about the program because there isn't enough

publicity given to the group.

"We are aware that the service has gone unknown and we are working to improve the area of PR. Hopefully by sponsoring and emphasizing projects such as the "Volunteer Leader Luncheon" the service will become well known."

She said this project is planned to be held once a month, and will allow volunteer CAU student staff to invite chairpersons or project coordinators of college associations or organizations, (i.e., Student Govt. Association) to become involved in better promoting the service.

Eddie Hughes, a staff member and graduate student at CAU, feels the Office of Student Affairs should focus more on promoting the service and recruiting students.

"It helps that [work-study students] are involved, but the organization needs more people who have the skills and the drive to make it successful."

Volunteer CAU targets college students who are required to complete 30 hours of

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## Thanksgiving Picture Poll



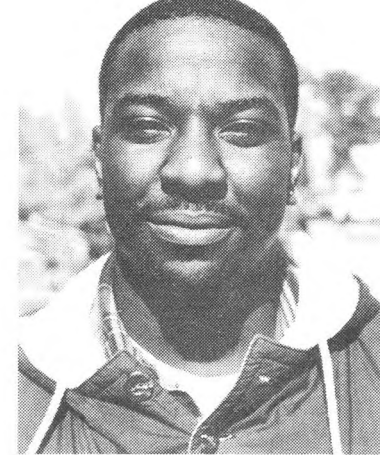
Jermaine Archer, a CAU junior, does not celebrate Thanksgiving but he said he plans to go to New Orleans during the holiday.



Akosua Imara, a Spelman senior, says she does not celebrate Thanksgiving, but she plans to go to her fiance's house.



Nyema Taylor, a CAU sophomore said, "No, I do not honor the holiday, but I do eat!" and she adds, "Yes I am going home!"



Tutu Durant, a CAU senior said, "No, but I eat a whole lot of turkey!"

*photos by Melvin Jackson*

## Thanksgiving doesn't necessarily mean home for the holidays

By Tarsha Burton  
Staff Writer

Family and friends plan to get together to celebrate the holiday season and share cranberry sauce and dressing, roasted turkey and pumpkin pie. These are all symbolic of Thanksgiving.

For many students, this is their first time being away from home for an extended period of time.

The Thanksgiving holiday will not only give them a two day break from classes, but will provide them with an opportunity to reunite with family and friends.

First year student Stacey Boozer plans to return to his Baltimore, MD home claiming, "This is my first time being away this long. I miss it."

Eighteen-year-old Meesha Harris agreed saying, "I miss my mom and my little brother and sister." Harris will spend the holiday season at home in Philadelphia.

International students like Dentra Dixon of Bermuda is not going home. Dixon, a freshman, will spend the holiday

visiting relatives in Mississippi.

However, there are also students who will not be reunited with family this November. After paying tuition, many students said they are unable to afford transportation cost to return home for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many simply stay in Atlanta for the two day break, opting to spend the three week Christmas break at home.

Freshman Tamar Gant of Los Angeles will spend his first Thanksgiving holiday away from home this year. "I may visit my auntie in Gwinette," Gant said.

In fact, many students will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Atlanta. Gant, however, is one of the few students at Clark Atlanta University who is fortunate enough to have family in the Atlanta area.

Second year MBA student Carlotta Swain, a native of Alabama, turned the tables. She has invited her parents to Atlanta this year for Thanksgiving. "My mother is going to help me cook."

For people like junior Danyella Rucker, flying home for the holidays is an ordinary occurrence. "I always go home for every break, but I do miss it [home]." Rucker lives in Denver, Col.



## Features

## Pre-Alumni Council boasts of high member morale

By LaRell R. Lee  
Contributing Writer

The Pre-Alumni Counsel, PAC, a fund-raising community service based organization has been actively involved at Clark Atlanta University and with the local community for the past seven years.

According to Albert Brownlee, PAC president, this is the largest organization on campus with a membership of 175 students.

He said members are kept busy with numerous activities.

"This semester we hosted a Miss United Negro College Fund Pageant, CAU Homecoming Coronation, Chapel service, a canned food drive and several other events," Brownlee said.

Members are expected to comply with the goals of the

organization even though their reasons for joining may differ.

"I would hope that the uplifting of CAU, other black colleges and the community would be the motivation of prospective members," Brownlee said.

As a result of high attendance at national and local conferences and excellent community service work, PAC was rewarded with "Best Attendance" award for the 1994-1995 school year and "Chapter of the Year" award for the past two years.

PAC encourages anyone with enthusiasm, energy and the willingness to make a commitment to join.

"Joining is also a way to learn and develop skills concerning communication, organization, and how to run a business," Brownlee said.

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community/volunteer service during their first year.

Since many students apply to fulfill their first year student orientation community service requirement, the service hopes to encourage students to continue volunteering their services after the requirement is met.

Hughes said he hopes to broaden the spectrum of the service by using his own ideas to implement a program that will be educational and beneficial for disadvantaged children in the surrounding Atlanta University Center community.

Though not highly visible, Volunteer CAU has also coordinated activities that introduced students to various volunteer opportunities. On Oct. 18, the staff held a "Volunteer Fair" on CAU's campus. Representatives from The American Red Cross, the Fernbank Museum of Natural History and other organizations were present.

"The concept was to create a space where students and agencies could interact," Hughes said.

Volunteer CAU will sponsor the Empty Stocking Drive Nov. 30. This event will allow students and faculty members to participate and donate items such as food, clothing and toys that will be distributed to needy families and charity

organizations.

If interested, students can obtain an application from the Volunteer CAU office, located in Kresge Hall, Room 204. For further information, please call (404) 880-6360.

**The Panther wishes  
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## BV STUDY

### How can I find out more about BV?

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## 1995-1996 Calendar of Events

**Thursday, November 23- 26**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**Monday, November 27**

Classes Resume

**Tuesday, November 28**

How to Run An Effective Student Government-Video presentation for the Student Government Association and Class Officers to enhance their leadership skills.

4 pm - Science Research Center Room 1043

**Wednesday, November 29**

CAUSGA- Roundtable Discussion

Thayer Hall Room 121- 12pm

**Wednesday, November 29**

University Counseling Center Social for Graduate Students

Thayer Hall Room 121- 6 to 8pm

**Thursday, November 30**

Organization Officers In Action!- Video Presentation for the Organization Officers to build their leadership skills and team building skills.

4 pm - Science Research Auditorium

**Friday, December 1**

Campus Christmas Decorating Party - Campus Organizations and Residence Halls decorate the designated areas on campus. Get in the Holiday Spirit and join us in this campus decoration beautification project.

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# Perspectives

## Black colleges at the crossroad

By Jahi Issa  
special to The Panther

"A new civilization is emerging in our lives, and blind men everywhere are trying to suppress it"  
*The Third Wave*: Alvin Toffler

Anyone who is looking at the world intelligently can tell that a change is taking place globally. The 90's have brought about a wave of political and social change. The collapse of the former Soviet Union, the 30-year trade embargo lifted by the United Nation against Cuba, and the 1993 elections in the Canadian government that the ruling party dropped from 153 seats to 2. And here in the United States "The Contract for America" headed by Newt Gingrich.

Yet in spite of all the things that are happening in the world, the black college seems to be operating in a 19th century fashion. It is evident with all the budget cuts going on in Congress that black people in this country will suffer the most.

Not only will these cuts hurt poor none working families, but they will have a tremendous effect upon Historical Black Colleges and its students. Which leads me to wonder, why hasn't there been much of a protest by black university officials about the proposed bills that will cut the amount of money giving to these schools?

It seems that our university leaders are walking around blind and deaf.

In 1991, former president George Bush proposed a Bill that would make black colleges force the students who need student loans to have a credit check. And if they do not pass the check, they will not be able to get a loan. Congress has also passed a law that will cut federal grants that are given to universities by 65%. The Supreme Court headed by Clarence Thomas voted last year that Affirmative Action is against the Constitution. So this means that all the race-based scholarship that blacks and other people of color depended on to get through school are now gone. These and many more laws will go into effect in the coming years.

All the things that we have seen happening in Congress in the last few years have not hit us as of yet. But in the coming issue, I will deal with the historical reasons for the changes that are occurring in this country and the rest of the world.

Black colleges must deal with the issues facing Black America, or the number of black colleges will decrease.

**At present there is a petition sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha and the Political Science Association of Clark Atlanta University being taken around campus.**

*See P7 for more on the petition*

## Letter to the Editor

### Does The Administration Really Care About Students?

An editorial by the Student Government Association

The Clark Atlanta University Student Government Association (CAUSGA) serves as the liaison between the administration of the university and the students. The relationship maintained between the administration and CAUSGA is a mirror of the relationship maintained between the administration and the students at large.

Thus, the question emerges:

### Does The Administration Really Care About Students?

During the past six months of our tenure in office, CAUSGA has not met with the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Doris Weathers. In addition, CAUSGA has not been able to hold an exclusive meeting with the Assistant Dean of Student Life, Ms. Peggy Hampton. Several meetings have been scheduled, but each one has been canceled, or postponed and then canceled. Despite the fact that these two administrators should be operating as advisors as well as supervisors to CAUSGA, neither has placed any priority on communicating with us.

### How Does This Lack Of Communication Affect You, The Student?

If CAUSGA does not have the opportunity to meet with Dean Hampton or Dr. Weathers, the link between the "voice" of the students and the "ear" of the administration breaks down. It is the responsibility of CAUSGA to not only listen to the concerns and interests of the student body, but also to relay those issues to the applicable administrators. However, if neither administration maintains availability, how can any issue be relayed?

### What Specific Concerns Need To Be Addressed?

There are several issues that have been lingering for the entire semester that have been neither confronted nor resolved:

#### \* Budget

The Student Government budget, which is YOUR money, is completely inaccessible. Your SGA treasurer can not access any account holding SGA funds except through bureaucratic steps. In addition, CAUSGA had no input on the allocation of funds to the budget. In other words, YOUR opinion, through your SGA officers, was not sought in reference to

YOUR money, i.e. student activity fees, tuition, etc.

#### \* Maintenance

Dozens of students have voiced legitimate concerns about the maintenance of university buildings. The air conditioning has not been converted to heat in some buildings, others have showers that flood, or strange smells... It is interesting to note that the administrative buildings are maintained, but student facilities do not receive the same care, i.e. Thayer Hall, the student activities building, Crogman, the student dining hall, and all of the student residential facilities.

#### \* Pre-planning For Homecoming '95

Homecoming festivities represent one of the biggest events for students throughout the year. Dean Hampton called one meeting for the Homecoming committee and CAUSGA approximately one week before Homecoming began to discuss policies and procedures. However, both Dean Hampton and Dr. Weathers were not accessible during the plenary stages in the summer and the month of September. As a result, CAUSGA had no administrative backing or information - in other words, no one was working with CAUSGA to make YOUR Homecoming a success. Thus, there was proposal to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies requesting that midterms occur either the week before or the week after Homecoming; there was no conversation with the Athletic Director about scheduling for Homecoming events and the Women's Volleyball Tournament...

### What Is CAUSGA Doing To Remedy This Situation?

CAUSGA is in the process of addressing these and other concerns to those administrators above and beyond the division of Student Affairs. President Cole has always been receptive to the needs of students, and we are currently deviating from the chain of command by pursuing a meeting with him to ensure that these issues are confronted. We will be insisting that Dr. Weathers maintain the weekly meeting schedule that has been in place since September, and that she and Dean Hampton keep the lines of communication open.

### How Can You, The Student, Help?

**Demand a higher level of performance from upper-level administrators.** Demand higher visibility from these individuals, and more respect for CAUSGA, because a demonstrated lack of

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## Perspectives

# CAN FARRAKHAN BE CONSIDERED A MUSLIM?

Hafeezah S. Mahdi  
Contributing Writer

"What's your leader's name?" a fellow student once asked me. "You know that man that says that white people are devils?" the student continued.

My response to this question was that my only leader is Allah [God]. I follow no man.

People constantly assume that just because I am a Muslim, that I follow Farrakhan. And I want to let everyone know that even though Louis Farrakhan considers himself a Muslim, he is not.

When I told some of my peers that Farrakhan was not a Muslim they asked me, "Then what is he?"

First of all, Farrakhan is not a Muslim because he believes that God is a Black man named Fard Muhammad (who is currently alive) who had intercourse with Mary, whom he considers to be a white woman. The Muslim believes that there is only one God, Allah, who is not a man but a spiritual interpretation. Second, Farrakhan has stated on several occasions that he believes "White men are devils." This statement leads people to think

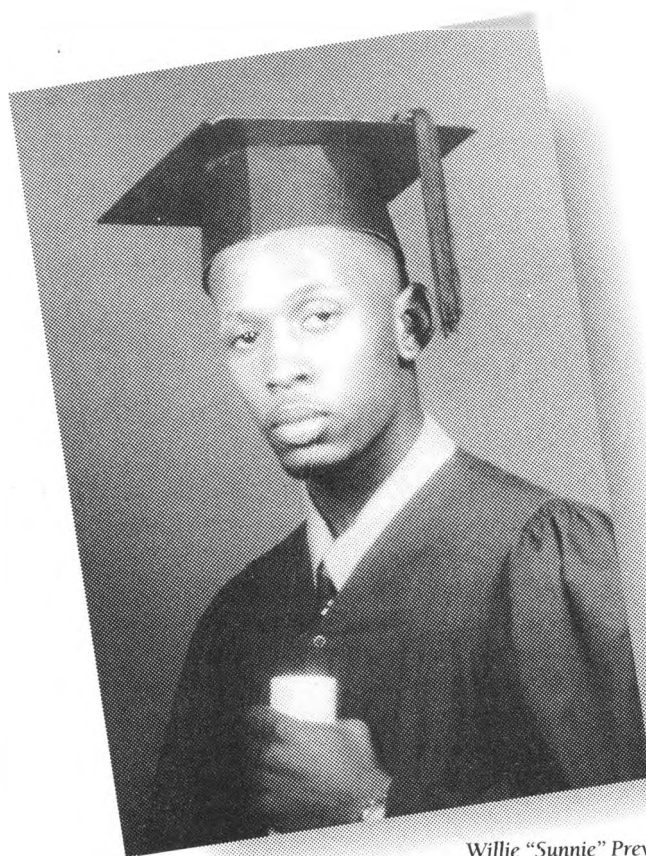
that Muslims are racists, and often people have passed me and in their way saluted me by holding up one fist and saying "Black Power," or something to that effect.

What bothers me is that people think that Muslims are the only people, the only black people who want equality for their race. Everyone, whether they be Muslim, Christian, Buddhists or whatever, should want to have high standards or love for their race.

Furthermore, we must remember that all Muslims are not only African-American. There are people in Europe, Asia, Australia and even the former Soviet Union that practice the Islamic faith.

For Farrakhan to make such anti-semitic statements only proves the fallacies within his hypocritical campaign. For me to accept and follow such hypocrisy would make me the equivalent of a follower of the cult leader David Koresh, the Televangelist Jim Baker and even Jim Jones, the leader of Jonestown in South America.

Therefore, if anyone wants to know who my leader is, I am obliged to say, "Allah."



Willie "Sunnie" Prevo  
Graduating: June 4, 1992.  
Killed: May 28, 1992  
Cleveland, OH

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

**FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.**



U.S. Department of Transportation

## The real meaning of Thanksgiving

Stacey Hoyt  
Contributing Writer

The fourth Thursday in November is not just an ordinary Thursday-Nov. 24 is Thanksgiving Day. In the United States, Thanksgiving is an annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year. It is an historical, national and religious holiday that began before Christ.

The Bible tells of the Hebrew feast of the tabernacles or tents. For seven days in the fall, the Hebrews lived in tents or huts made from boughs. These were like harvest in Palestine. The shelters were decorated with fruits, palm leaves and other branches. The people feasted and thanked God for the Harvest.

But the Holiday was more than a harvest festival. It was also in memory of the Hebrews' 40-year search for the promised land.

In the United States,

Thanksgiving was not celebrated annually until Nov. 26, 1789, when President George Washington issued a proclamation of a nation wide day of Thanksgiving. It was made clear by the proclamation that the day of Thanksgiving should be one of prayer and giving thanks to God. It was to be celebrated by all religious denominations, a circumstance that helped to promote a spirit of common heritage.

Today, Thanksgiving has become a time of family gatherings as well as helping those less fortunate.

Of course, we always think of a big family dinner when we think of Thanksgiving. We feast on many of the same things our ancestors did: cranberries, corn, pumpkin pie, and turkey.

Thanksgiving afternoon, all over the United States, football games are played and parades are watched.

## Petition

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The 104th Congress is proposing to cut financial aid (i.e. loans, grants and work-study) by over \$15 billion within the next seven years. The proposal of S.B. s1198, otherwise known as the Student Loan Privatization Act of 1995, if passed, it will terminate the Federal Direct Student Loan Program (adversely affecting funding for subsidized and unsubsidized STAFFORD LOANS, PERKINS LOANS AND PLUS LOANS). S.B. s1198 will also severely limit the availability of PELL GRANTS and it will eliminate the WORK-STUDY Program. If you do not support S.B. s1198 and you are prepared to fight against its passage by voting and civil protest, please sign this petition!

## Letter to the Editor

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respect for student government illustrates a lack of respect for the voice of the students, YOUR voice.

Your job as the student body at large is to rally behind us, YOUR representatives, as we fight to make YOUR voices heard.

Attend all SGA meetings,

beginning with the general

body meeting on Tuesday,

November 21st between 6-8

p.m. Attend the round-table

discussion with Dr. Weathers

in Merner Hall on Monday,

November 20th, at 5:30 p.m.

## entertainment

# An afternoon with Charles Dutton

By Nikki Roberts  
Staff Writer

Although Charles Dutton is dressed in a conservative blue suit and his voice is as coaxing as it is powerful, you can't help but affectionately relate to him as the rough-edged, garbage-man who entered America's living room every Sunday night as the character "Roc."

The recent divorcee of actress Debrah Morgan and ex-boyfriend of Hollywood star Angela Basset, leans back in the folds of the reclining chair and tells you why he chose the character "Huey" in the upcoming Paramount Pictures release "Nick of Time."

"I thought the plot was totally implausible at the first reading. But it was actually a challenge to play the character of Huey. I didn't give an ounce of concern to his occupation being a 'shoe-shine-guy' because anything I play, I'm going to give it some dignity and integrity. He just wasn't a guy who shined shoes," Dutton said in the roundtable interview.

Viewing "shoe-shine-men" and black barbers as "philosophers," Dutton expounds on this reasoning.

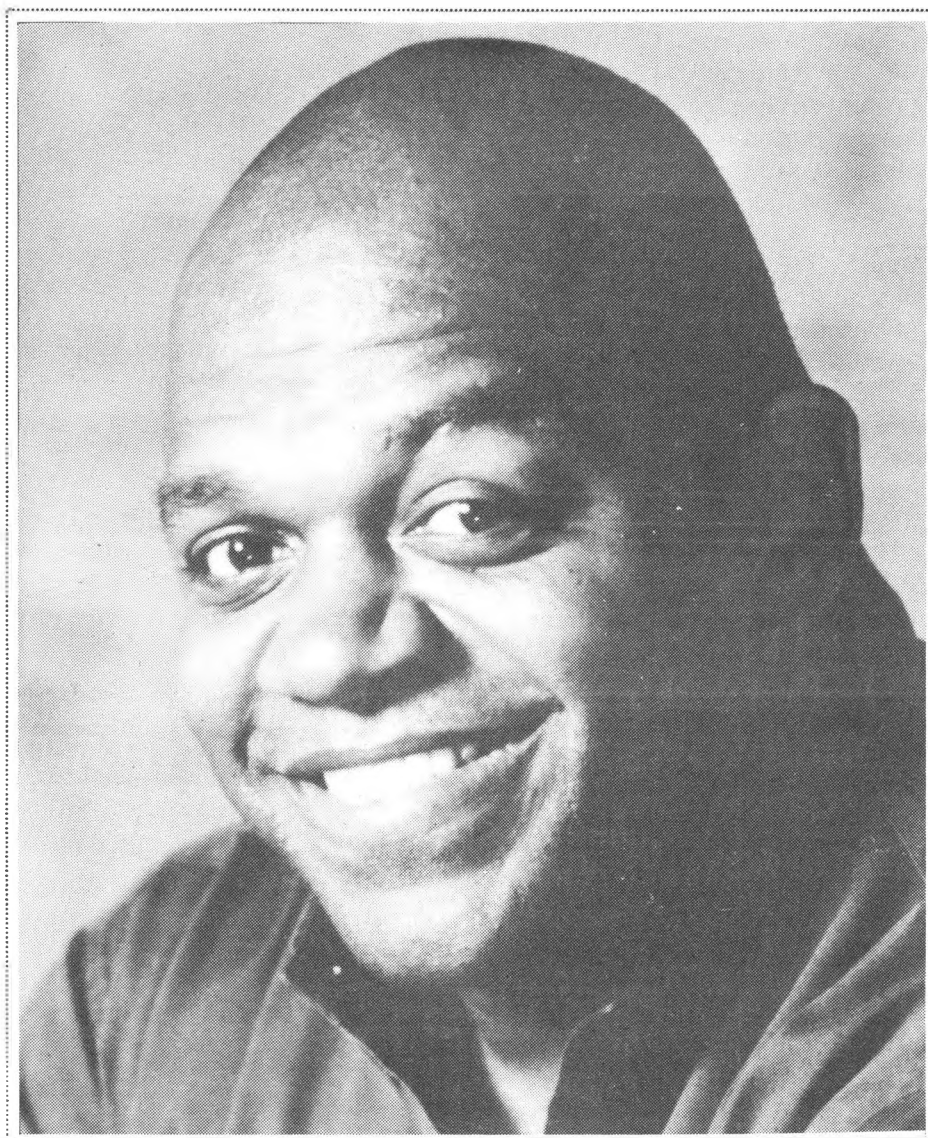
"You're not gonna go into a barber shop or a shoe-shine-stand in the black community and not come away learning something about the world and life. Now, you may want to get out the chair and hurry up and get the hell out of there, but you'll learn something."

Although Dutton enjoys his personal success, there are still several issues in the arena of black actors/actresses that still disturb him.

"I have less criticism of the film industry than television because I think the film industry is a choice. You get a script, you do it or you don't. The problem I see with film is that there aren't enough black women working in it. There are several black men that are doing well in film, they're constantly working. I still have a major, major beef with TV. I don't see any progress since I've left it."

So, why isn't the highly acclaimed television series "Roc" on television anymore?

"Having worked in television for three years, I don't think it has anything to do with money. I think it's all bigotry. My example is, whenever we did episodes of "Roc" that were social episodes about something, those shows always received the highest ratings. [Fox] would take all



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the accolades and the great reviews and on Monday they would call [me] and say: 'that was a great show, but you can't do that every week.' My answer was 'are you out for ratings or are out to suppress my artistic views?' With the exception of The Simpsons, "Roc" was the highest rated show on Fox three or four years ago."

Dutton reclines a little more in his chair. His face is calm, but there is a subtle hint of anger as he speaks adamantly of present-day black sitcoms.

"I feel if I were doing what Martin Lawrence is doing, I'd still be on the air. If we were doing light-weight, fluffy episodes like "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "Family Matters" and "Living Single," the show would still be on television. Unfortunately, nice guys and nice girls finish last in television. That industry only responds to power. I know all of those people I just mentioned and I've seen what they do on their shows," Dutton said, his

voice becoming slightly shaky.

So, is there any hope for blacks in the television industry?

"Where TV is concerned, when someone from the television industry gives me a satisfactory explanation why there hasn't been a black drama after 9pm on television that goes beyond six episodes in 50 years of TV, then I will stop complaining about it."

Turning the subject to his popular phrase: "From Jail to Yale," Dutton delves into the true struggle behind that statement.

"I started acting in prison. A girlfriend of mine sent me a book of plays around 1972 and I had never read a play before at the time. I dropped out of school in seventh grade, 12 years old. I read this play in prison called "Day of Absence," a political satire. As destiny would take it, it sort of fit my consciousness as a human being at the time because I was a communist, socialist revolutionary who really

believed, at the time, that there was going to be an armed overthrow of the government and I couldn't wait for it to happen. I was going to be the first one on the line—shooting or doing whatever was necessary," Dutton recounts with a bit of contention in his voice.

After gathering fellow inmates together to perform the play during talent night because everyone else just "did imitations of 'The Temptations' and 'The Four Tops,'" Dutton was so impressed with the response of the crowd, he knew acting would be an intricate part of his life.

"It was a moment in the play, when my character was speaking, that I looked out in the audience and I saw that I had these guys in the palm of my hands. I actually felt this eerie kind of power. I could make these guys laugh. I could make them cry. I could make them quiet. I could make them pensive, reflective. It was at that moment, on the stage in the penitentiary, that I had discovered what I was born to do."

That same determination landed him a spot in the prestigious drama department at Yale University.

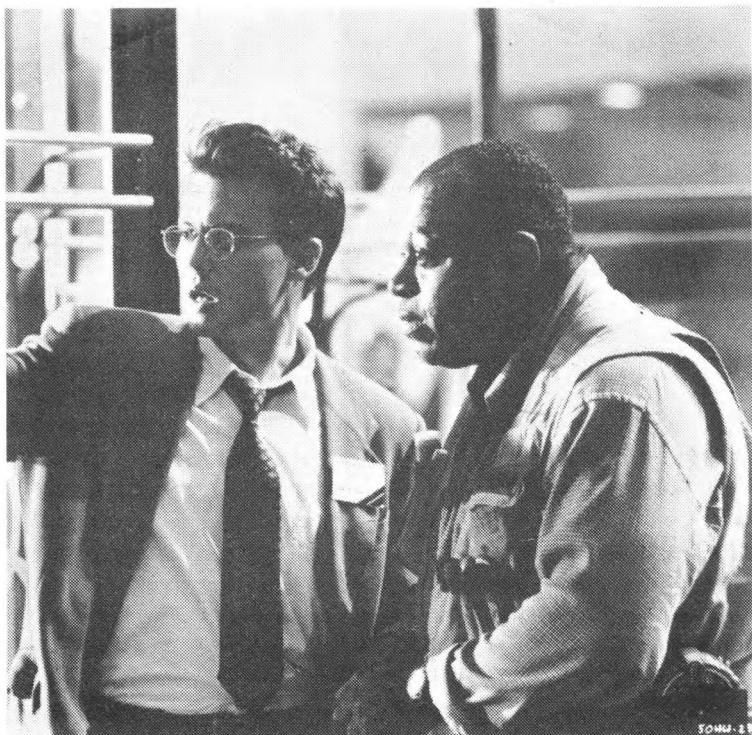
When asked if his success had any effect on the other young men who started acting with him in prison, Dutton responds: "Unfortunately, out of the 10 or 11 guys, I'd say that probably three of them are still living. They're either dead or back in the penitentiary."

**"I feel if I were doing what Martin Lawrence is doing, I'd still be on the air. If we were doing light-weight, fluffy episodes like "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "Family Matters" and "Living Single," [Roc] would still be on television. Unfortunately, nice guys and nice girls finish last ..."**



## Entertainment

## Screen vibes



Gene Watson (Johnny Depp, left) tries to involve hotel employee Huey (Charles Dutton) in derailing an assassination plot in the suspense thriller "Nick of Time."

## "Nick of Time" clocks action, suspense

By Nikki Roberts  
Staff Writer

Tiptoeing past the silhouette of critically acclaimed "Speed," comes Paramount Pictures' action-filled suspense thriller, "Nick of Time."

On Nov. 22 viewers will be offered a cumbersome leap from the rueful world of Hollywood fantasy into what is commonly known as real life, when Gene Watson (Johnny Depp) experiences the sort of drama that holds your morbid fascination when splashed across the evening news.

Arriving at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles, Watson and his six-year-old daughter Lynn (Courtney Chase) are suddenly taken hostage by police

impostors played by Christopher Walken and Roma Maffia.

Watson is told he must commit a murder within the next 90 minutes or his daughter will die. This aspect of the plot could use some developing. For instance, beyond the blood-tie and, of course, sentimental value attached to his daughter, the audience could have been offered something more of a father-daughter relationship before the drama began. Case in point, what happened with his wife that the daughter would be such a vulnerable ransom?

The target of Watson's deadly assignment is an innocent public figure (Marsha Mason) who tends to court "broken promises." Any effort Watson makes to destroy the plan is stymied by

the sure knowledge that the kidnappers will retaliate by killing his daughter.

Co-starring as Huey, a hotel employee enlisted to help Watson, is Charles Dutton, whose savvy and creme de la creme acting skills give an air of importance to the otherwise disabled veteran who shines shoes for a living. Huey adds a sense of urgency and twisted humor—check out the wooden leg action—to the acting and physical production demands.

"Nick of Time's" Director/Producer John Badham has constructed the film's length to be nearly identical with the time span of events taking place in the movie, which thrills the audience and keeps one guessing of the seemingly impossible resolve.

## L y r i c a l l y s p e a k i n g



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## CAMEO WAY 2 FUNKY RECORDS

In the beginning, Cameo created "funk-rock-and-soul."

And they saw that it was good.

And the earth was filled with masterpieces like "Candy" and "Word Up."

And all who witnessed these creations "cabbage-patched" and "wopped" in disbelief.

Between 1980 and 1985, Cameo had seven gold albums: **Secret Omen, Cameosis, Feel Me, Knights of the Sound Table, Alligator Woman, She's Strange** and **Single Life**.

And lest we forget Larry Blackmon, sporting a skin-tight black jumpsuit under a fire-red, plastic athletic supporter while chanting the infamous "W-O-RD...UP!"

On Dec. 2, the Fox Theatre will host the final tour of seven cities, featuring the likes of Cameo, The Ohio Players and the "computer lovers" themselves, Zapp and Roger.

For further information on time and ticket prices, call (404) 881-2100.



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## 'THA DOGG POUND' DEATH ROW RECORDS ALBUM: DOGG FOOD

It's raining hits and dogs!

After much anticipation and amidst controversy, ganster rappers Delmar "Daz" Arnaud (22) and Ricardo "Kurupt" Brown (23), better known as "Tha Dogg Pound," are on the prowl again.

The Los Angeles duo, who

barked into the music industry with their mentors Dr. Dre and Snoop Doggy Dogg, are serving up the crowded kitchen of "show bidness" with a juicy wax bowl of funk entitled "Dogg Food."

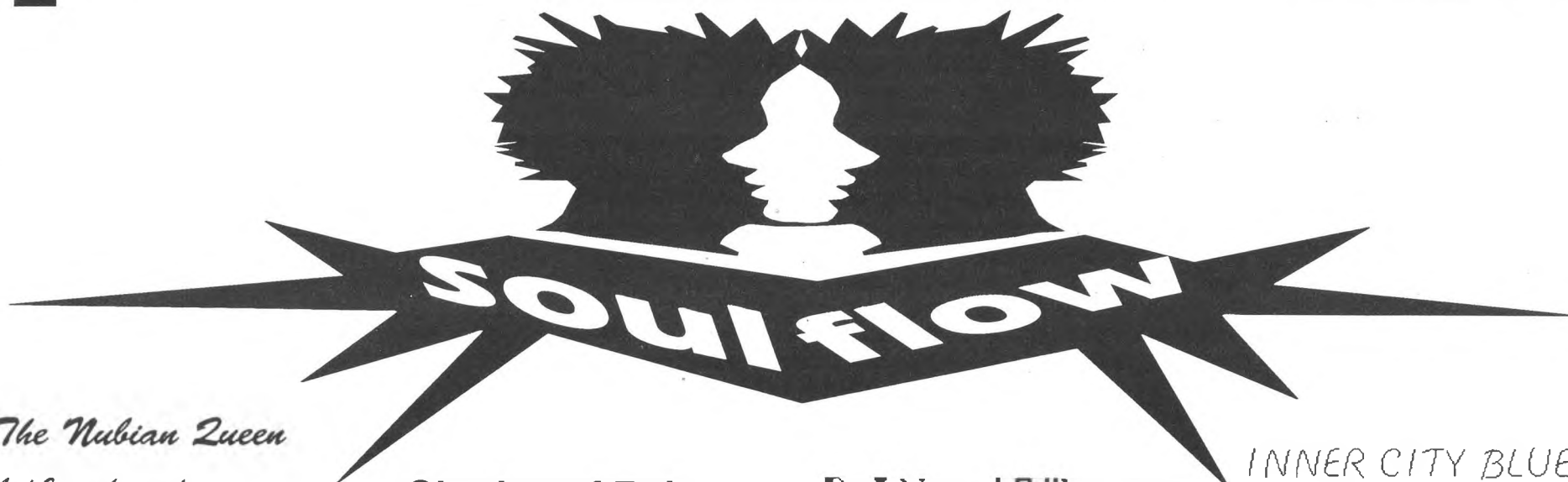
This debut album, which is produced by Daz, is full of the authentic "G-Funk" sonic

trademarks that catapulted its big brothers (Dre and Snoop) to the forefront of hip-hop: heavy bass lines, catchy rap phrases and enough all-stars to compete with the big dipper.

"Dogg Food" takes its listeners to a world of '64 convertibles, survival skills and the quelling rays of California sunshine. The mid-tempo groove of "New York, New York" challenges the credibility of East Coast performers (without being overly-cynical) and displays the versatility of Daz and Kurupt's lyrical prowess. Other favorites are "Smooth," featuring none other than the "tilted grinner" himself and the gangstaromantic vibe of "Let's Play House," showcasing the almost-forgotten talent of Michel'le.

Although the official Dogg Pound is also comprised of chart-topping artists such as Lady of Rage, Nate Dogg, Jewell and Sam Sneed, when it comes to "representin'," Daz and Kurupt are in full effect.

Sitting blue and gray as their favorite colors, the talented duce are destined to increase the sales of the already hit-churning label, Death Row Records. Since its conception three years ago, DRR has sold approximately 14 million records accounting for receipts in excess of \$100 million.



## The Nubian Queen

And I saw her smile  
 And thought of the warm sun  
 Basking the Motherland  
 With its glow  
 And I saw her eyes  
 And remembered when they spoke  
 So softly and gently  
 To me  
 I heard her laugh  
 And delighted in the beauty  
 Of each radiant second  
 Of its melody  
 I saw her face  
 Made not of granite but ebony  
 Lovingly created  
 By the Master Sculptor  
 She danced for me  
 Her movements flowing  
 Like the River Nile  
 In Summertime  
 Her arms the reeds  
 Along its banks  
 Her legs the trees  
 That bring forth life  
 From its fountain  
 I felt her spirit  
 Shared her pains  
 Marvelled at her beauty  
 Because she was  
 The Motherland  
 The Only Land  
 My African Sister  
 The Nubian Queen.

Eric Rose

## Shades of Rain

My eyes watching God, he seems to be  
 crying; his tears a token  
 of the pain  
 illuminated by my life's fallen rain  
 The rain of brotherhood - united for a  
 righteous good  
 A million raindrops, falling,  
 calling, in unison  
 Pounding the world,  
 purging the black man's soul, a secular  
 communion within this union  
 The rain falls for my sisters, the ebony  
 queens silhouetting  
 my chocolate dreams  
 who for so long fought racism,  
 sexism, antifeminism, reverse  
 blackism, but whose beauty still  
 shines a thousand times  
 over, similar to the defiant eyes  
 of a supernova  
 Feel the cold droplets beat upon the  
 brow of my people; so often  
 brutalized, chastised, eulogized  
 at the hands of Eurocentric  
 evil  
 Can someone, something, shield me  
 from this massiv wet embrace,  
 the tear stains drain my blackface  
 The morbid taste of black disgrace, if my  
 sun is to smile again,  
 then my people must prepare  
 to bear arms like a Trojan  
 If we must, let us fall together, like the  
 liquid crystal gems  
 which descend from the  
 stratospheric dimension  
 Let us storm the earth, a thousand black  
 fists, the world ain't  
 neva seen the likes of this  
 The precipitation born from racist  
 agitation, now the  
 emancipation, the vindication of the  
 Nubian nation  
 Black rain never felt so lovely  
 When my sun does rise- a black phoenix  
 complimenting a black  
 sky  
 Tears of joy will forever flow, as I glance  
 upon the shades  
 of my rainbow

JeVon

## Do I Need A Change

Do I need a change  
 In the way I walk, talk, and  
 state my claim  
 In the way I dress to impress,  
 don't hate me because I am  
 the best  
 Or is it in my Afrocentric era  
 change, Me!  
 Is it just because I am the  
 Black Beautiful Princess that  
 God made of me  
 with mellow in my skin,  
 slavery as my next of kin  
 marches that my ancestors  
 fought in  
 and the revolution that I am  
 living in,  
 Do I Need A Change!  
 Maybe yes or no  
 It all depends on how this day  
 is going to flow,  
 A change is going to come!

Shakira Grizzard

## Prettier than a flower

When God created you  
 it was a perfect mold  
 Your beauty causes  
 many stories to be told  
 Beautifulier than a butterfly  
 bursting out of its cocoon  
 You produce more beauty  
 when it burst out of your womb!  
 Your beauty overshadows  
 the birds and the bees  
 Your beauty grows like  
 a thousand year old tree  
 Your beauty encompasses  
 everything like the sun.  
 I love the Beauty of my Black  
 Women!

David 5X Campbell

## INNER CITY BLUES

No carpet on the floor  
 Just boards and splint  
 No big nice house  
 With a white picket  
 No doctors or lawyers  
 Live on my corner  
 Just a neighborhood liquor  
 store  
 owned by a foreigner  
 No yard that's green  
 With grass for miles  
 Just patches of dirt  
 And garage piles  
 Fast food for dinner  
 Drive-bys at night  
 You wouldn't understand  
 Even if you tried  
 Teenage mothers  
 Most are friends of mine  
 Waiting for their check  
 In the public assistance line  
 My father and brother  
 Have been incarcerated  
 My value of life  
 Has definitely faded  
 I'm surrounded with negativity  
 At home and at school  
 The law of the land  
 Is that the 9 clock rules  
 It's easy for you to judge me  
 Designer suit, expensive tie  
 If you say you ever struggled  
 It would definitely be a lie  
 You have no clue of my  
 background  
 Or anything about me  
 You're too busy living  
 The life of Bill Cosby  
 So don't preach that bull to me  
 Until you've been where I've  
 been  
 Because if you saw life  
 Through my eyes  
 You'd think it was the end.

Chekesha Roberts



# NCAA'S Proposition 16 may prevent blacks from receiving college education

By Rhonda K. Witherspoon  
Contributing Writer

Student athletes entering Division II schools must now tote more than a credible GPA to be eligible for college admission, according to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Proposition 16.

Proposition 16 mandates that students who have low GPA's must score a minimum of 700 original scale combined score on the SAT or 17 on the ACT score to qualify for athletic scholarships.

But some faculty and athletes say it is an injustice to Blacks.

Head football Coach Willie Hunter said emphasis on these tests will primarily disservice black athletes and ultimately Black students in general.

According to reports, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, SIAC, is comprised mainly of predominantly black colleges and universities.

"I never believed that a standardized test should be a deciding factor. My thing is, if a young man takes all of his courses and gets a decent average, he should be let in [to college]. He may be a potentially good student," Hunter said.

However, if a student does not meet the basic requirement, he or she may still be eligible to receive scholarship.

NCAA allows "partial qualification" status. Under this category a student would be allowed admission at the college level and given one year to raise and maintain a decent GPA. During this year the student would not be able to participate in team practice or game until the year is successfully completed.

Jean B. Chandler, associate director of athletics and compliance coordinator at Clark Atlanta University said, "I think they should be successful in the class as well as in the sports. Something needs to be done on

the high school level in preparing these young men and women to becoming true 'student athletes.'"

She said, "It [Proposition 16] is something black student athletes will have to adjust to. We're going to be taking these tests no matter what. Until there are changes made we need to be prepared."

Recent statistics in *The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac* show that black students on average score nearly 200 points less than their white counterparts on the SAT.

Many people allege that such statistics are clear tell-tale signs of a deeply rooted bias in standardized testing, and an outstanding reason for people to balk at the NCAA's new stipulations.

"It's not really a fair assessment for student athletes due to the fact that a lot of students don't do well on those types of tests. I really think the majority of the burden [weight of GPA in

determining admission] should be on their high school GPA," Courtney Dollison, a senior linebacker, said.

Furthermore, Dollison said, "I don't think the test is necessarily biased towards blacks. It's just that a lot of students who do good on those tests take preparatory classes and those classes can cost from \$200 to \$500. Many black students can't afford that."

However, some sports and athletic authorities support Proposition 16 because they say they do not want to sell black athletes short.

Dr. Leroy Walker, the first black president of the Athletic Congress said in an interview with *Sports Illustrated*, allowing black high schoolers to receive athletic scholarships with a "C" average implies that blacks are too dumb to meet NCAA set standards.

Offensive football coach Robert Haygood said, "There has

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## Division II Qualifier

1. Graduation from high school.

2. Successfully completed 13 core courses with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.

3. Achieved a minimum 700 original scale (or 820 on the 'recentered' scale) combined score on the SAT verbal and mathematics sections or achieved minimum composite 17 on the ACT.

## Lady Panthers plan to play hard ball

Charysse Esinam Handy  
Contributing Writer

"Practice hard, play hard", Clark Atlanta University's Womens Basketball team Captain Tonya Robinson said of this year's team.

The 1995-1996 Lady Panthers consist of five returners including Tonya Robinson, all SIAC, all Tournament and all AUC team and Adrienne Tinch, all tournament and all AUC team. There are also seven new players, four of whom are freshmen.

"We brought in some new players in for height, strength and to run the point," Head Coach Angelyne Brown said.

With a more talented and well rounded team, as well as a strong bench, the Lady Panthers hope to improve last years 16-11 record. The Lady Panthers finished third in the SIAC and fourth place in the



Head Coach Angelyne Brown gives pointers to Lady Panthers

Eastern division.

"We're working on team chemistry right now," Coach Brown said. "With the addition of new players it will take time, it doesn't happen over night."

Pleased with the CAU fan support last year, Coach Brown believes if they put out a product that people want to see there will be a consistently big turnout.

The Lady Panthers said they

are practicing for long hours and working towards team chemistry in preparation for their season opener against Kentucky State, Nov. 18 in Kentucky. Their first home game is Dec. 2 against Elizabeth City State College.

"My intentions are not only to play in the SIAC championship game but to win it," Robinson said.

## Panthers plan victory with new talent

By Charysse Esinam Handy  
Contributing Writer

Ending last years season with a 10-18 record, the Clark Atlanta University Men's Basketball team anticipates winning more games due to home court advantage and new talent.

"Last seson the team had a problem with the 'me' syndrome, but now it's not what 'I' can do but what 'we' can do," Head Coach Anthony Witherspoon said.

Assistant Coach Larry Nolley said, "We have a more well rounded, desireful and attentive team this year."

With the schedule of 14 home games the Panthers hope to win at least 15 or 16 games.

Led by Captain Vincent Alston and Co-Captains Jerome Baker and Samory German the Panther squad is well rounded with the addition of eight new players.

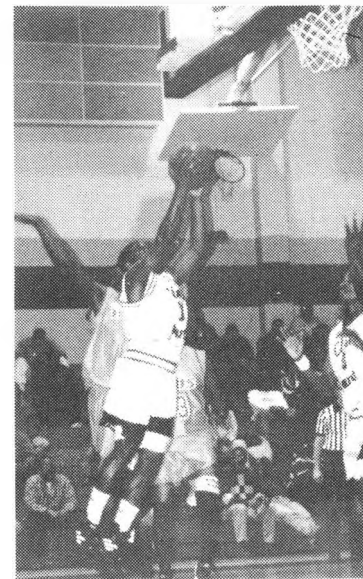


photo by Clarence Rolle  
Panthers rose to the occasion in a game against Albany State Rams last semester

According to Alston, with several junior College tranfers and three walk ons, team endurance, speed, depth, and positive attitudes will help the Panthers score big this season.

German said, "Anything less than the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship would be a failure."

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## Sports

# Track team starts early for victory

Dionne Reynolds  
Staff Writer

With track season coming around the corner for the spring semester, Head Coach Dave Edwards and his team are starting practice early.

Even though Edwards is the Defensive Coordinator of the Panther football team, he never loses site of his runners. For his distance runners, Edwards has accommodated them with a few cross-country meets. "I call around for a couple of meets," Edwards said.

Since the runners are not an official cross country team, the runners compete as individuals or as a club team. "They are endurance training for the (upcoming) season," Edwards said.

"We have beaten some other SIAC teams and they got mad," laughed Edwards, who had to explain to the other teams that they are just practicing.

Edwards is also excited about the potential of the teams new recruits and quality of his returning runners. New recruits for the men include Juan Austin, a native Atlantan, who specializes in sprinting and the long jump and Charles Breeding, who specializes in the 100, 200 and 400 meter races.

With the women, the track team has acquired Nicole Prad, a transfer student who is a sprinter, long jumper and quarter horse, and a native of Sparta, GA, Shonta Alexander, who sprints and does relays.

"I have very high expectations of them," Edwards said.

Veterans who are returning to the team are Kyrach Webb, who was an All-American and a second away from Nationals, Latifah Johnson, who was two seconds away from Nationals and Roxanne Singleton, who will be a contribution to the relay teams. The men include Wilkenson Nestor and Andre Crawford,

who Edwards expect to improve. Edwards also has recruited a group of his football players to run. "This is their off-season training to build up their speed," Edwards said.

The team is currently practicing daily at either 5:45 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. They are practicing long-endurance running such as 3-to-5 miles, 800's and 1500's.

Edwards said the team is building endurance and are lifting weights to prepare for the season.

Edwards said he has seen plenty of improvements over his three years as head coach. "We have a lot more depth," Edwards said.

He said his team can now compete in more events because of the new recruits and the runners who have come from other teams. However, Edwards said, "We still have a long ways to go."

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With five players averaging in double figures, experience and talent, the Panthers hope to finish in the top two for the Eastern division.

Witherspoon, Latimore and Nolley plan to lead the Panthers to victory in their first home opener against Clayton State College, Nov. 21.

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to be testing. If it does not occur these students will not be able to pass."

Haygood also asserts that the student is responsible for their academic success or failure. He said student athletes can excel and thus perform well on the ACT and SAT were they to start early preparation. This also would entail the aid of college recruiters in stressing the importance of those tests, he added.

However, Haygood also agreed with coach Hunter and others that the ACT and SAT are bias toward blacks and that many blacks do not test well on either test.

## 1995-96 TEAM SCHEDULES

### PANTHERS MEN'S 1995-96 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
21	Clayton State College	Atlanta, GA	8 p.m.
23-24	New Orleans (Xavier, Dillard, CAU)	New Orleans	TBA
28	Miles College	Birmingham, AL	8 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1-2	Ricky Williams Classic	Atlanta, GA	7 p.m.
7	Miles College	Atlanta, GA	8 p.m.

### PANTHERS WOMEN'S 1995-96 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
18	Kentucky State University	Frankfort, KY	6 p.m.
25	Voorhees College	Atlanta, GA	6 p.m.
28	Miles College	Birmingham, AL	6 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
2	Elizabeth City University	Atlanta, GA	6 p.m.
7	Miles College	Atlanta, GA	6 p.m.
16	Clayton State College	Morrow, GA	6 p.m.
18-19	Florida A&M Tournamet	Tallahassee, FL	TBA
19	Lemoyne Owens College	Atlanta, GA	6 p.m.
23	Fisk University	Atlanta, GA	? p.m.

## Sports Trivia

- How many teams are there in the NFL that have never made it to the super bowl?
- Who is the first black quarterback to ever lead a team to win the superbowl?

### Answers

- Ten: The Cleveland Browns, Huston Oiler, Seattle Seahawks, Arizona Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Jacksonville Jaguars and the Carolina Panther.
- Doug Williams of the Washington Redskins.

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