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## Telling It Like It Is!

# President Threatt Stresses Computer Age At Convocation

By Harriette R. Henderson Staff Reporter

"It is through these difficult times, that students will be forced to demonstrate their ability to society," Morris Brown College's president said in a recent talk to students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Robert Threatt, college president, addressing the audience at the institution's Winter Convocation said that although the future does not appear bright, "We must remember, our fate is being formed by our ability to perform."

He added that with the new federally enforced financial aid policy, students must receive better grades in order to qualify for aid.

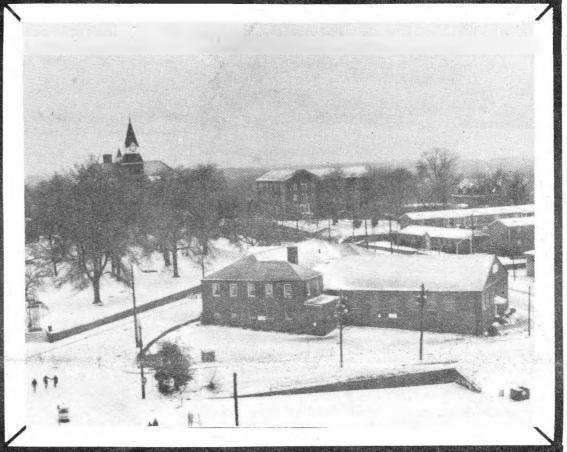
President Threatt advised students, that now more than ever, they must prove themselves in order to receive

Stressing that preparation is the key to success, he added that it is through the services provided in the Atlanta University Center that students can become better prepared to meet the challenges of society.

Elaborating on the interrelationship between the AUC schools, he said, "Students should take advantage of the services offered at all the AUC schools. We are one big family."

Citing various expanded programs that the institution made first semester, President Threatt said that in some ways Morris Brown has risen above the current economic state and managed to achieve.

However, he reinterated that it will be as "A Family Pulling Together for Progress," that the institution and students will prosper.



FOUNTAIN HALL - Georgia's 25th landmark is shown here in an aerial view of the campus during Snow Jam '83. Story on page 7.

## **AUC** Computerizes Registration

In this growing age of new technology Morris Brown and other Atlanta University Center (AUC) Colleges have begun a method of registering by computers.

Many students had mixed feelings towards this method of registering. Several students were asked to comment on this new system and remarked that, "It's about time."

James Barlow replied, "I think the procedure last semester was much easier and less confusing." While others like Clinton Ward said, "It's alright but with more computers it would be easier and faster."

Students began registration by reporting to the gym on Jan. 9, 10, and 11. Many students completed the full process of registering in 1-2 days but sources say registration will go on until later this month. What students thought would be easy during the last step they found difficult.

The procedure became long and tedious during this step of registration and long lines stretching as far as the main **By Keith Porter** 

entrance to the administration building startled students who wanted desperately to finish.

Students became impatient and very disrespectful said members of the administrative staff.

According to Mrs. Malinda K. O'Neal, director of admissions, "The new registration process will be less complicated once the system is perfected."

She also said, "Students would make the process much easier if they would put correct information on the schedule and learn to pre-register."

The problems of registering by computer isn't just the problem of Morris Brown but at all other AUC schools as well.

One reason why problems exist is because all of the schools in the AUC are feeding information at the same time into one central computer located at the Woodruff Library.

When the system breaks down the registration process is haulted for an indefinite period of time.

In the future, Morris Brown plans to set up new terminals

throughout the campus. This will cut down on the long lines as well as many other problems surrounding registering by computer.

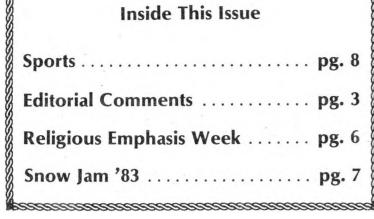
Unlike the problems of registration there is a problem with student enrollment. Enrollment in most private colleges is down according to reports in the Atlanta Journal.

According to another statistic by the *Atlanta Journal*, nationally 17,000 fewer freshman enrolled in private schools.

At Morris Brown College during the year of 1982 enrollment dropped 34 percent compared to enrollment during 1981. Clark College's enrollment dropped 8 percent, Spelman College decreased 1 percent and Morehouse gained 23 percent more studnets.

The drop in enrollment was said to have been caused by Reaganomics. Students were also unsure of what types of aid would be available.

Presently there are no statistics available on the 1983 second semester enrollment at any of the AUC schools.



# Instructor Renewal Denied

#### By Joyce Lee

The recent drop in enrollment has caused drastic changes at Morris Brown College. Among these changes include the dismissal of several instructors. Sources have estimated that approximately 30 instructors have been issued letters of dismissal.

These letters were received by instructors without tenure. So basically it amounted to the "last hired, first fired" syndrome. It wasn't based on the theory of teacher excellence. These letters were Xeroxed copies with the instructors names and addresses typed in and dated on Dec. 30, 1982.

Even though some people may believe and have stated that many of the instructors were fired because of politics or race, it was revealed in some interviews that some of the white teachers received letters.

"I feel that it wasn't based on politics or race," said one white instructor.

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# Editor's Desk

By Ronald D. Fudge



"A good quality education unlocks ignorance and is essentially the pathway to success."

If we stop to think about the recent letters that were sent out to an estimated amount of our faculty denying the renewal of their contracts for the 1983-84 school term at Morris Brown, we, the students, must sit back and evaluate with careful thought as to why has this occurred and what caused it.

A slap in the face reveals that because of economic reasons the institution can no longer afford what is seemingly an overload of certain instructors and denies their contract for next year. Individuals remain solely on the basis of their merit of tenure with no regard as to the type of instructor or the quality of teaching they may offer a student.

Like with all seniority and tenure situations there are your advantages, but when tenure overweighs good quality teaching the students should seriously question how is it that the poor instructor with tenure remains on staff while the instructor with less tenure but considered by students to have the ability to offer a much better method of teaching is denied the chance?

After all, students are the ones that attend classes, and they know the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of instructors. If there's anyone that should be considered or represented on the panel to decide on who stays and who goes it should have been students.

People who make these decisions for us, and who claim to be looking out for our best interest are considerate but incognizant of students and their evaluation, likes, and dislikes about such issues.

I think too often administrative professionals are so guick to label the student as an irrational thinker and one that is "looking for the easiest way out," but never underestimate audience. Just when you think you've been able to pen the average student down, somewhere lurking is the above average individual who can sometime undermine the system and pretty much figure out how students are being thought of. The issue involving our faculty members heavily stressed on tenure and the benefits that come with it, instead of the students and what will they

benefit from the teachings of an instructor with tenure.

I would hate to think that my administrative heads, people whom I look to for somewhat guidance and ones whom I model my beliefs around would not even consider me when it comes down to offering a good quality education.

What is a good quality education and how do you measure it? Well, maybe there is no straight answer as to the measurement of good or quality or the definition thereof, but I do know that tenure doesn't offer the best explanation to the breath of knowledge. It does not guarantee that one will always be an expertise when around him the world is changing and growing so rapidly that time and age will not allow a steady pace to keep up. And, before it is realized you've lost what you had piece by piece, but find that your debris is strongly existent in that new instructor, or new employee.

A lot must be considered when it comes to something as vital as a good education. Sure it is up to the students to learn and grasp their own teachings, and the instructor is there merely to enhance and provide supervision. But, the instructor must be qualified to enhance and provide the proper supervision if he or she is to expect any student to learn.

Let's face it, and admit to the fact that tenure alone on this campus doesn't mean that you are the best qualified. What it means to me is that someone has been here longer than the next person and is of course entitled to the many fringe benefits that a newcomer has yet to obtain. Yet, at the same time there is no definite distinctive difference between how well one instructor teaches and delivers to students who are attracted by his/her presentation than one who because of tenure gains the authority on any subject. Tenure and teacher excellence must be combined.

I will admit that time brings on an expansion of knowledge, and that it brings on experience as well. However, I cannot condon to the belief that because of time that makes it better.

Time is not a basis for what I consider guality. Although time brings about a change the real question is whether or not the change is good or bad, better or worse.

If the students had the same vigor as those of the 1960's then much more demanding would be made. Unfortunately, we've become too relaxed and too concerned about materialism and socializing within ourselves until we've formed an outer shell that could be easily cracked in moment's pleasure by forces too eager to close down black institutions that show high decreasing enrollment rates, economic problems, and above all low academic ratings that Continued on pg. 4

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#### Instructors-

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It is stated in the letter that because of financial problems, decreased enrollment, and a sizable deficit, faculty reduction is the only foreseeable answer.

The most distressing comments made about the dismissal is that little or no personal contact was made beforehand stating what was to be done.

Another instructor stated that what is being done is the only way to handle the matter.

"The school must protect its financial status. If things get better, maybe they won't get fired."

What also comes into view is the senority policy, which according to one instructor "allows deadwood to stagnate." This is a cut and dry rule for firing. If this case holds true, shouldn't teacher excellence be a determining factor also. But who is to decide what criteria excellence is

#### **BRAND NEW**

by Anthony Quinn Thompson

Last days and time have lefted me Has lefted me standing here alone Has lefted me struggling onward to a new freedom a new peace of mind A peace that I thought I had

I've been danced on

- I have danced I've been danced upon by a brand new rhythm
- not known to me Has the flow of the sound silence my speech Singing voices carry my father home Trouble minds reach up to me Lonely freedom has got me down Reaching for a brand new life A brand freedom

Last days in time has lefted me standing here alone Standing here brand new freedom In need Am in need

I need a brand new life A brand new me A brand new way out Cause there will always be some of my people that will never have a chance to make it in this old life So reach my brother Reach my Sister' For a Brand New Brand new

Time have you hidden Hidden from yourself We have to find a brand new life Brand new way out Brand new way of doing things Brand new way of loving Brand new way of finding a Brand New Brand New

#### Newspaper controversy

two articles that the administra-

tion had requested not be run.

One called veneral disease an

"epidemic" on that campus, and

the other article reported that

the campus food service had

caught 75 rats during one week

Thomas Law, asserted that there

The president of the school,

of trapping the rodents.

By Campus Digest News Service The student newspaper at Virginia State University at Petersburg, Va., has had its future funding threatened and publication schedule nearly interrupted for disobeying an order from the university administration to censor two articles.

The editor, Derek Davis, ran

based upon?

"It is too bad that the operating expenses for the school comes basically from tuition money. A temporary change in enrollment from one to three semesters effects the faculty," commented and instructor.

Due to the nature of these events, some instructors chose not to have their names appear in print and others refused to talk. Neither can we print the entire list of names because all aren't known to us and it is an envasion of personal privacy to others.

Dr. Threatt, college president, was unavailable for comment due to registration.

In our next issue, we will present more facts concerning the recent dismissals as the situation progresses.

6. One of the few black

only minority college in Georgia with a program in English as a

8. More than 1/3 of approximately 1500 low achieving high school graduates who have entered the Morris Brown College Upward Bound and Special Services Programs since 1966 have successfully finished college and are now gainfully employed.

receivers in professional football is a Morris Brown College graduate - Alfred Jenkins, 1973, Atlanta Falcons is #2 in the nation

10. One of the eleven black officials in the National Football League is a Morris Brown College graduate - Frank Glover, 1952.

earn a doctorate degree in bacteriology and immunology from the University of California at Berkley is a Morris Brown College graduate - Robert Morgan, 1965.

13. The first president of the

is not an "epidemic" of VD on campus after he discussed the situation with the local health department.

Law had been told about the stories before they were to run, and ordered the student newspaper not to run the two stories.

to censor the newspaper or decide what was published, he was only questioning whether the two stories were in "good

On the day the newspaper was to be distributed, the administra-

HAS MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE MADE **DIFFERENCE?** 

1. The only black Pulitzer Prize winner from the State of Georgia is a Morris Brown College graduate - James Alan McPherson, 1965.

2. Approximately forty (40) of the 2,000 black CPA's in the U.S. graduated from Morris Brown College.

Morris Brown College has the only 4 year Restaurant and Institutional Management Program in the State of Georgia.

4. One of the two black presidents of banks in the State of Georgia is a Morris Brown College graduate - Robert James, Carver Bank in Savannah, Georgia.

5. Morris Brown College developed the first teacher education program in Georgia that was designed to train black teachers.

commercial airline pilots in the United States is a Morris Brown College graduate - James Bruce Taylor, 1954, Eastern Airlines.

7. Morris Brown College is the Second Language.

9. One of the top wide

11. The first black person to

12. One of America's foremost Civil Rights Activists is a Morris Brown College graduate - Hosea Williams, 1950.

merged professional teacher's organization is a Morris Brown College graduate - Robert Threatt, 1949.

Law says that he was not trying

taste."

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# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

## **Centennial Value**

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# Evaluations Examined

#### By Lennox Jackson

During final examination week last semester, we were administered evaluation forms to complete. We were asked to be honest and truthful.

After I completed my form, I could not help but to distinctly recall one question which was instilled in my mind and somewhat made me wonder. That question was: "Do you feel that this evaluation will be used?"

After class many of my classmates and colleagues shared the thought of many who sincerely felt that the evaluation was "a waste of time," and a "bunch of bull —," and therefore, would not be used at all.

On the other hand, many students, and faculty members as well, believed that the evaluations represented an affirmative move towards improvements in faculty performance and classroom settings. These individuals continued by saying that these evaluations were overdue, and that maybe "our administrative elite were finally considering making some changes after all.

It is my contention that the evaluations represent a formula for implementing widespread improvements in all areas of academia for the future, and that everyone, students as well as faculty members, will benefit. It is also my hope that we will all whole - heartedly support efforts of those individuals who are tyring to "market" Morris Brown College. By Lennox Jackson

It also been said many times that a picture is worth a thousand words.

After the unveiling of the remarkable mural placed in Fountain Hall, I cannot help but concur with statement and act in a state of awe.

The mural depicts generally some of the great individuals and momentous occasions which are related in one way or another to the development and on-going progress of our renowned Morris Brown College.

This wonderful work of art not only illustrates the memorable people and activities which are intricate features in the historical background of this great institution, but it also briefly illustrates

On Jan. 10, the men of

Hickman Hall better known as

the S.U.B. Dogs had an unex-

A slim, 5'11" male with curly

hair, moustache and beard A.U.

Center police officer named Lt.

Saleemcalled all of the residents

of this hall out of their rooms to

the lounge for a special police

harassment, I mean, interroga-

I personally did not know what

was going on, but came out with

pected visitor.

tion session.

the artistic brilliance possessed by one of our very own faculty members, Dr. Lee Ransaw, chairman of the art department.

We should all take great pride in knowing that Dr. Ransaw has presented a mural which is the only one of its kind in the Atlanta University Center.

I am sure that we can all consider this centennial mural as a nother stepping-stone representing a future of progress from "Dear Ole Morris Brown College."

Here's to Dr. Ransaw and all of the individuals who made the mural possible, and, most of all, Morris Brown College. May she continue to stand in the prevailing light of progressiveness for years to come.



# **Expect The Unexpected**

#### **By Hiram Andrades**

an open mind wanting to find out.

The first words that came out of his mouth were of profane nature and he seemed upset about something. In between curse words, we found out that one of his patrolmen who had answered an earlier call to the S.U.B. had a \$1,500 radio in an unattended police car stolen.

In his mind, there was no doubt that one of the residents of the S.U.B. had stolen their

#### \$1,500 radio.

I really don't know who took it. I personally do not object to his suspicions. I do object to the manner in which he took up his concern with the men of Hickman Hall.

The harrassment, verbal abuse and threats undergone by these boarding students was uncalled for and shows the lack of professionalism and the poor preparation that this man has to deal with young adults. I really feel he was out of order.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not condoning the person or persons who were involved in stealing the radio out of the unattended car, but as much crime as there is today, you'd think the patrolman would've taken the radio with him.

In closing, I hope Lt. Saleem does find his radio and that the patrolman has learned from his mistake, that now not even police cars are safe!

# Retaining A Positive Self Image

In the past, Morris Brown College was preceived as taking a turn for the worst. However, within the last year Morris Brown started to look more positive in the public's eyes. It all started when a losing team turned around and suprisingly won the SIAC Basketball Championship. With a series of rewarding events the students morale was heightened. This year is one of Morris Brown's better years. Let us take a look and see what some students here on campus feel about the change.

"The reputation of Morris Brown College is improving. Morris Brown has negative points as well as strong ones. Sometimes those negative things about us seem to stand out more. Every school has a few weak points. Morris Brown just has to work a little harder towards getting others to think positive about the institution. We have what it takes to build a better world, it's just a matter of putting forth more effort," stated Jacqulyn Crayton, a junior majoring in Business Administration.

Another student Eric Hall, a senior also majoring in Business Administration feels there is a new change taking place here on

#### by Antoine Gibson

campus. "Although I'm an off campus student I am aware that Morris Brown's bad reputation has died down somewhat. Still there's a lot of improving that needs to be corrected here at Brown such as the nonchalant attitudes that the students receive from the administrators."

Jackie Hurston, a senior major-

ing in Elementry Education

stated "I think the school has

changed a lot because there's

more unity among the students.

In the past years, many students were against each other, which

was not united. I think now that the togetherness among the students is better than it has ever been, which is a good factor for Morris Brown."

A new change is definitely being brought to light in the attitudes about Morris Brown. There is a more positive image of the school which is good. There are other colleges and universitites that receive a negative response from the public. Morris Brown is not the only school. So students let us not degrade our future alma mater, let us begin to praise its name because this is our school and it reflects us.



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Thousands of people marched

the streets of Atlanta on Jan. 15 in

celebration of King Week '83

marking the 54 birthday anniver-

sary of slain civil rights leader, Dr.

Leading the march were Cor-

etta Scott King, widow of Dr.

King, and president of the Mar-

tin Luther King, Jr. Center for

Nonviolent and Social Change,

Inc., along with other prominent

black leaders and celebrities

such as Joseph Lowery, president

of the Southern Christian

Leadership Conference (SCLC),

Dick Gregory, comedian and

human rights activist, Atlanta's

former mayor, Maynard Jackson,

On the steps of the state

capitol Lowery rallied that, "you

(white America) have killed the

dreamers, but you have not

killed the dream. You've delayed

and frustrated the dream chang-

He went on to say that like an

ing it into a nightmare."

and black actor, Ossie Davis.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Third World View

#### **By Michael Phillips**

Warning: Atrican-Americans are under attack and our survival as a people is at stake. Please read this editorial carefully.

Recently on "60 Minutes", there was a feature story that took place in New Orleans, La. The story involved the murder of a white policeman whose body was found in a black section of the city called Algiers.

This story is very significant because a court order was issued in Louisiana in an attempt to keep this particular story from being aired to the public.

The events following the discovery of the murdered police officer involved a vigilant campaign instituted in the black community of Algiers in an attempt to uncover the so called murderers.

Accounts given by witnesses in Algiers tell of open police brutality and murder of African -Americans and even the murder of African - American parents while their eight year old son watched.

African-Americans were forced to sign statements that they saw brothers kill the white police officer. One of the brothers told a correspondent that he was beaten by police officers and was taken to a bridge and had a shotgun put to his head and forced to sign the statement. The fact that these events took place and court orders surfaced to keep these events from being televised has very serious implications. They are all a part of the all-out attack being launched against African - Americans in this country.

Since the beginning of the '80s, African - Americans have been under attack from all phases of American society. The legislative gains of the '60s and '70s are being withdrawn, political moves are being made to harness and limit our voting power. The most urgent issue,



however, is the issue of physical racist violent attacks against African - American people. The attacks range from recent police killings like Miami, and Houston, Tex., to lynchings in Mobile, Ala.

They include the disappearance and mysterious killing of African - American women and children in Atlanta. Riots took place in African -American communities in six cities across America in 1980. The Anti-Klan Network located in Atlanta has released findings that have uncovered incidents involving racist violence in more than a thousand cases.

The United States judicial system however, has only found cause to prosecute less than two hundred of these cases. This fact pointed out by the Anti-Klan Network also has serious implications. Could the attempted genocide of African American people become a possible reality in this decade or the decade of the 1990s?

The Reverend C.T. Vivian, chairman of the Anti-Klan Network has declared 1983 as the year to put an end to racist violence.

We as students need to look at the seriousness of this possibility. We also need to examine and analyze the problem of racist violence and look at what we can do to solve the problem before it reaches the crisis level. If we don't begin to deal with this issue, the results could be fatal for us as a race.

# Thousands March And Rally During King Week '83

#### By Ronald D. Fudge

airplane sure of its destination we (blacks) have come to the airport for landing to find it closed.

"Hold on to the dream because the gospel train is coming. Get on board because the freedom plane is coming," shouted Lowery as thousands roaringly replied.

Calling on the labor department, foreign policy, and the state of Georgia to "get on board" this freedom plane Lowery brought up significant facts about the inefficiences of all three that were not within keeping of Dr. King's dream.

In his comments about the recent issue regarding the National Collegiate Association (NCAA) and black athletes Lowery stated that the aim of the Association was virtually to "cut off the legs of athletes," which really meant that blacks were being phased out within the system of the Basketball Association "Making Dr. Martin Luther

King's birthday a national holiday is honoring America. It would prove that America has moved to extend beyond racism," said Lowerv.

Comedian Dick Gregory said that, "If Martin were to come back today, he would be right here with us. This is why we demand his birthday a national holiday."

Gregory said that the economy is bad and it could get worse if we (blacks) don't have a national holiday.

In an effort to make the dream of a national holiday one of reality, Gregory is asking for a complete boycott of Christmas if the holiday bill is not passed by Aug. 28.

"Don't let a day pass that you don't meditate for his birthday to make this a reality."

The march and rally was cosponsored by the SCLC.



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# YMTF To Appear

#### **By Lennox Jackson**

The Youth Motivation Task Force Program, is a program which consists of professionals from the private and public sector of business. Their aims are to explain career opportunities in business and industry, to discuss how the work world operates, and to share their personal career experiences with the students.

Thanks to the YMTF, the National Alliance of Business and Mrs. Lula Garrison, director of career development, who is coordinating the three day program on Morris Brown's campus, students will be able to meet and talk with some of these professional consultants. In addition, students will also have the

opportunity to meet some of the schools distinguished alumni of the working world.

The program will take place on Feb. 8-10. During the three day period, consultants will visit the several classrooms and provide a brief presentation and entertain any questions asked.

It is the sincere hope of Mrs. Garrison and the N.A.B. that all students will take this chance to find out what opportunities are available in the career world, and find out exactly what shall be expected of them. It is also their hope that the student body will provide a most cordial atmosphere for the consultants, and will assist them in any way possible.

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exemplify incompetiveness against other schools of higher learning.

This just goes to show how powerful and devastating the inner circle of any outer circle can be. And, until you, the students, can become a part of the inner circle and realize the power there then you'll always frown and awe in dismay to the way things are being decided upon and inacted without regards or respect to you as a part

The rally and support of student leaders is needed in present crisis as such and a good way of knowing whether or not your vote was worth the time taken to cast your ballot start paying close attention to student leaders and 

seriously question their integrity. Raising questions about students that effect students is not the responsibility of the instructor, instead it is the duty of the student. And, if the student refuses to raise questions that are going to effect the course of his/her life, then all I've said has been in vain ....

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of the system.

# **STUDENT PERSONALITY**



ARTHUR KNIGHT shakes the hand of college president, Dr. Robert Threatt, during the fall honor's day program.

If one were to ask Morris Brown College students to name a celebrity who attends our school, invariably, the name of our Student Personality - Arthur Gee Knight - would be mentioned repeatedly.

This senior, Criminal Justice major from Sanford, Florida is the prime example of a well rounded person. As captain of the defensive squad of our Fighting Wolverine Football Team, Knight proves himself worthy of the reputation he has earned as a razzler-dazzler on the football field. As president of the Morris Brown chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, he proves himself to also be a scholar, as well.

Awards and honors are the norm for this young man. A few of the awards Knight has received are: the 1981 Scholar Athlete Award; the 1981 Fleischmann's Scholarship; and most recently, the 1982 NCAA Division II Scholastic Scholarship. This scholarship entitles Knight to \$2,000.00 for any graduate school of his choice.

When asked how he reacts to the saying, "Football players are dumb," Knight replied that this stereotype has been cast on us by white, American society. In order to deal with this misconception, we must all make the effort to judge people on an individual basis - not on the basis of what group they belong to. Knight adds that often, athletes fulfill this stereotype, because they feel society expects no better from them.

In Knight's opinion, black colleges are vital institutions to the black community, because black teachers have had experience dealing with the white world. Most of these teachers care enough to take the time to pass on this vital information to their students. For this reason, Knight sincerely hopes the administrative problems at Morris Brown can be ironed out, before the school dies.

The need for black togetherness, as opposed to blacks always tearing each other down, is strong Knight feels. He urges Morris Brown students to always strive for the best and to make the most out of life. He admonishes the academic achievers among us to try to inspire, help, and motivate their fellow classmates to do well in the classroom. To Knight's way of thinking, unity on all fronts is essential to the survival of black people as a race.

Knight, who maintains a 3.8 grade point average, aspires to practice corporate law. After graduating from Morris Brown, Knight plans to become an active, dues - paying alumnus who will give older alumni a realistic picture of conditions at Morris Brown.

Often times, it is necessary to look far and wide for someone worthy of admiration. However, in the case of Morris Brown's own Arthur Gee Knight, we discover that we already have the best right here at home.

by Camilla Clay

# CASON GOES GOLD

As a featured performer on the popular group Cameo's album "Alligator Woman," Quincy Cason, a former student of Morris Brown, and drum major for the Marching Wolverines, has received a framed gold album.

Quincy who, is originally from Union, N.J. makes it clear that music is not just a part of his life, but, music is his life. From an early age he has been interested in making music. Since the fifth grade he has played the clarinet, the saxophone and the drums. Quincy now also plays keyboard instruments.

Quincy made his Cameo connection through the group manager, Larry Blackmon, who he met through his job. When Quincy was approached about playing drums on Cameo's upcoming album, he did not want to keep this opportunity all to himself. He attempted to get the entire drum section from our college band on the album. Even though his attempt was unsuccessful, it clearly showed his loyality to friends, an unselfish spirit, and a large dose of spirit.

When asked how he feels about receiving a gold album, Quincy says, "I feel great to have one at such an early age, because I know how hard many people work to get a gold album."

Quincy's future plans include working on Cameo's upcoming album January and also with the group, the L.A. Connection. Quincy is in the process of starting his own group and hopes that soon he will be a well known name in his own right. Whatever the future holds for Quincy he is sure it will be connected with music.

Even though this modest young man cannot imagine himself giving anyone advice, he exhorts his fellow Brownites to stay as far in the future as possible. Try to be as modern as possible and focus on new ideas.

There are some people who are destined to be a success in this world; and when the qualities of talent, versatility, modesty and a giving spirit combine in one person, it just seems that person cannot miss success.

Therefore it will be no surprise to see a star like Quincy Cason on the rise to success.

Talent seems to have been passed down in Quincy's family. Quincy's younger brother, Llewelyn, who was co-recipient of the gold album from Cameo and also marched with our college band in New York City for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, will be attending Morris Brown in the near future.

We look forward to the continuing of this great family tradition.

# "SPEAK - UP"

#### by Camilla Clay

Change usually does not come easy. So when Morris Brown converted to computerized registration this semester, there were varied reactions from students and administration alike. Was the transition smooth or rough? When a few Morris Brown students were asked the question, "Do you think computerized registration was effective?", they answered:

**Stephanie Dykes,** freshman, Miami, Florida. "It was screwed up. I think the building is just too small."

**Stephanie Lymon,** freshman, Atlanta, Georgia. "Yes, it was effective, but they needed more computers."

Bernard Ghant, senior, Augusta, Georgia. "Yes and no. It was "yes" because the process was faster. But there was a slowdown because of people who didn't preregister."

**Darrell Kitchen,** freshman, Atlanta, Georgia. "Was Ronald Reagan?"

Kelvin Grayson, junior, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "I think it was a big , long hassle."

Joyce C. Lee, senior, St. Petersburg, Florida. "No, because of the way it was set up there was no need for preregistration."

#### Newspaper Controversy-Continued from page 2

tion ordered the papers not be distributed, and alledgedly told the paper that their funds were being cut off. The paper receives a subsidy of \$15,000 per year.

The president of the school insists that he did not say he was cutting off funds, only that he did not want any more editions of the paper produced until "we sat down to discuss the problem ... It had nothing to do with the First Amendment at all," he said.

The editor and staff defied the administration again, however, and distributed copies of the paper the next afternoon despite the order to cancel distribution. Once the controversy between the newspaper and administration became public, support for the paper grew.

The administration apprently backed down, however, and the publication had been put "back on schedule," according to the president.

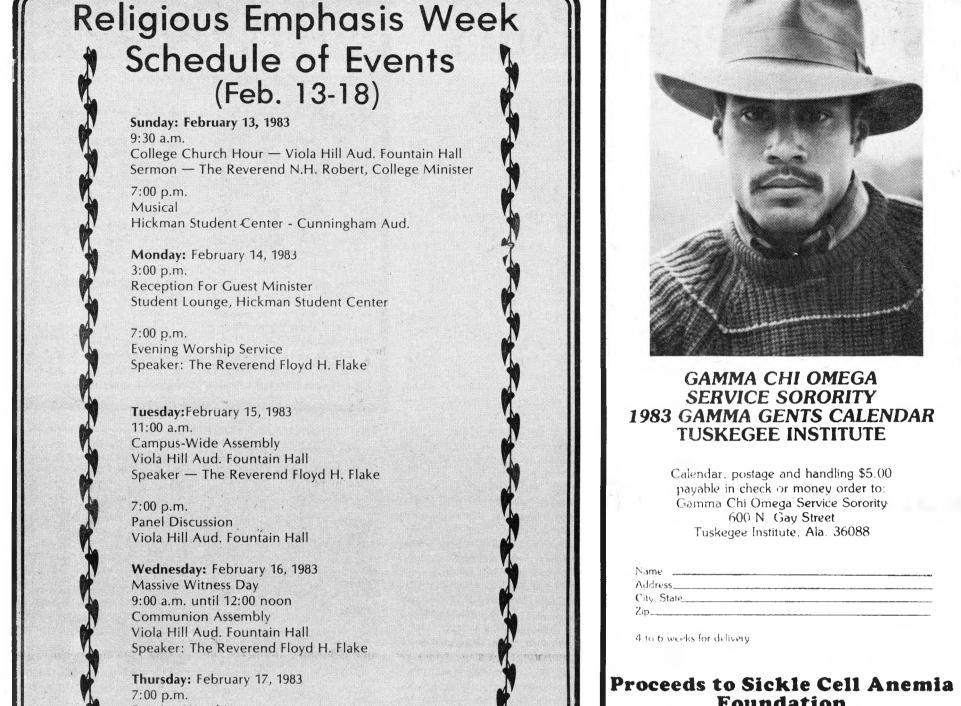
Freedom of school newspaper had been a controversial subject for many years, but numerous court cases have decided that even through a school may technically own their student newspaper, the first amendment still protects the student staff from censorship by the administration.



Above Quincy Cason is pictured holding his well-earned gold album.

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Evening Worship Viola Hill Aud. Fountain Hall







# Centennial Scenes From Morris Brown's Past Unveiled

Many students had departed for the annual winter break when the unveiling of the centennial mural took place.

On Dec. 16, 1982, the mural that captures your attention as you walk into Fountain Hall, was offically unveiled.

The mural portrays all past

college Bishops, national African -American heros such as Fredrick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois, religious leaders as Richard Allen and Morris Brown and current personalities such as prize winning author James McPherson.

Dr. Lee Ransaw, chairman of

#### By Joyce C. Lee

presidents, church the Art department at Morris Brown College was commissioned by the Coca Cola Bottling Company to paint the mural.

> It took Dr. Ransaw two years to complete the project from the time of conception to the unveiling.

The mural spans six feet by 33 feet in diameter.

Materials for the mural included the basics such as acrilic and some oil paints and canvas.

Dr. Ransaw is looking forward to showing the mural to others outside of the college family. He would "like to see a national tour

come thorugh so that people can look at our history. There would be a cassette describing the mural." "This could also be the first of

several around campus. There may be a Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management mural in the future. The campus should be beautified with art.'



# **Political Perspective**

#### By Lennox Jackson

Today's national economy has created much tension, fustration and many questions which are being asked everyday.

One prevalent and very significant question revolves around the federal deficit.

As many readers already know, President Reagan has vowed to reduce the federal deficit. Since becomeing President, Reagan has reduced appropriations of federal funds to states as well as federal programs in his attempt to accomplish this goal.

Recently, the President in a nationally televised news conference mentioned that the federal deficit is at the lowest figure since 1962.

While it is probably true unemployment is skyrocketing to an astounding figure (10.9% from December's figures) putting many people out of work. National interest rates have been increased, thereby causing many homeowners to foreclose on their mortages, and preventing many people form purchasing homes.

Anyone can definitely notice that there is a tremendous "give and take" process being enacted. Unfortunately, it appears very vividly that the citizens of this nation are giving the most, or, shall I say, "giving up" the most. Many people today are questing exactly how much more will they have to give up before they can begin to live normally and decently once again. One possible answer to that question may be to wait to observe just how much more Reagan wants to "take."

#### The average student at Tuskegee Institute comes from a family with an income of \$12,000 a year, but the students always pay back their loans. By Lloyd Office here in U.S. Educ Terrel Bell cite an example of

President Benjamin Payton said in an interview with Associate Press, that representatives from other schools have asked how Tuskegee get students to repay their loans. Payton and students say the answer is a moral commitment to the university rather than a tough collection technique.

The predominantly black school's average default rate is 5.7 percent. That is lower than Harvard's rate of 7.5, and is lower than the other universities in the the state, according to the

By Joyce Lee

It was a rather quiet Thursday

morning that was later to

Snow Jam '83

#### By Lloyd L. Taylor

Black School's Default Rate

National Direct Loan Program Office here in Atlanta.

U.S. Education Secretary Terrel Bell cited the institute as an example of how the federal student loan program should work.

Gerald Givan, a senior in Animal Science states, "You're taught here if you don't fulfil your obligations to society, you are not only letting yourself down, but you're hurting Tuskegee Institute and what it stands for. Students love this place too much to let themselves do that."

About 97 percent of the 3,721 students are on some kind of financial assistance.

"The fact that Tuskegee In-

stitute students pay back their loans isn't just accidental. The college works at it," Payton said. "When a student comes to Tuskegee, we teach them that part of being an adult is being responsible and part of being responsible is that when you take out a loan, you have a duty to pay it back."

Marcus Wright, a junior studying business administration said that students don't mind paying back the money because they realize how important the loans were to their education. "Basically we appreciate how much is being done for us. We know without these loans many of us would never have been able to come here."

# Nunn Intern Program

ATHENS, GA. - - Georgia college students will have a chance to apply for internships in the Washington and Atlanta offices of Senator Sam Nunn during the 1983-84 school year. The interns are selected each spring for the following academic year, beginning summer quarter.

According to Nunn's office, internship dates for the 1983-84 program are: summer quarter 1983 - June 13 - August 19; fall quarter 1983 - September 16 -December 16; winter quarter 1984 - - January 9 - March 16; and spring quarter 1984 - - April 2 -June 8.

Brochures and application forms will be available in January from campus newspapers and coordinator Mrs. Magnoria Smothers in Student Affairs. Deadline for applying for the 1983-84 program is March 1, 1983. For additional information, contact the Administrative Secretary, Sam Nunn Senate Intern Program, Institute of Government, Terrell Hall, University of Georgia, Athens 30602.

For more information concerning political internships listed in the December issue contact Dr. Farokhi, political science instructor at 525-7831, ext. 835.

### - January 9 - March 16; and announcement was read that

and application available in January newspapers and Mrs. Magnoria Student Affairs. applying for the ram is March 1, tional information, Administrative m Nunn Senate

Was this to be a repeat of January 1982? Students suspected that it

might be and prepared themselves.

AUC students flocked to stores in large numbers to stock up on supplies.

The hardest-hit in the center was probably the A&P located in the West End Mall. Lines flooded the aisles almost back to the meat department.

One student remarked that "the store was full of AUC students buying food, beer and wine to keep warm."

The first of the snow storm appeared at about noon time. White flakes began to blanket the ground. This excited some students who had not seen snow before.

"It's snowing, come out and look at the snow," remarked one Californian.

Soon, the entire ground was covered and remarks about the beauty and bitterness of winter began.

Students also began to complain.

"It's cold in my room, there's nothing to do, I'm bored."

Some one from Gaines Hall, the football players dorm, must have heard their cries. On Thursday night a trio of parties was to

coming in out of the cold ?

begin. "Snow Jam '83" was to take place, only to be followed by "Sleet Jam" the next night.

Students didn't have to be told that classes for Friday had been canceled also. Freezing rain had fallen the previous night and the snow was now slippery ice. So Friday was a day of studying, soap operas, spades, uno, bowling, listening to the radio, and whatever else a person could think of.

Finally the snow began to melt some on Saturday, roads weren't as hazzardous to travel and it didn't seem to be quite as cold. It appeared that snow storm '83 was easing up some.

Students were seen walking to church Sunday morning with only the threat of rain and low hanging fog.

It's still cold, some rain has fallen and some students have predicted more snow.

# Sty Of The Blind Pig

#### **By Anthony Thompson**

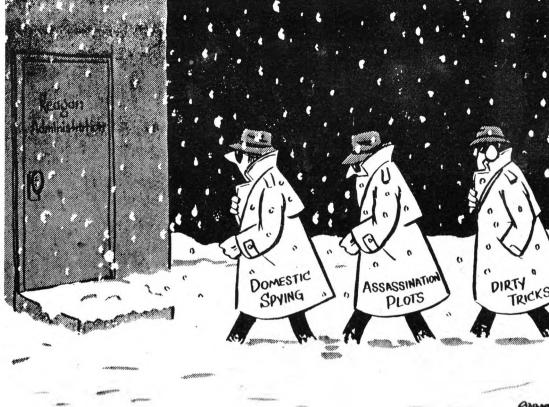
The Sty of the Blind Pig will be presented at Spelman College, directed by Dr. Fred Hall. The play will be presented at Rockerfeller Fine Arts building located on Spelman's campus. The Sty of the Blind Pig will open Feb. 16 and end Feb. 19; curtain times is 8:00 p.m.

The Sty of the Blind Pig is written by Phillip Hayes Dean, a playwright, director and an actor in the theatre and on TV. The play was first performed by the Negro Ensemble Company in downtown New York City. The play ran for two weeks in December of 1972 and was eventually held over.

The play takes place in an apartment building located in

one of Chicago's getto areas. The play is about loneliness, weariness, and reality. Problems we all must face just as the characters of the play for some reason has refused to face and except, until a blind guitarman named Blind Jordan comes knocking at the door.

Two students from Morris Brown College, both majoring in Theatre Arts, are members of the cast. Myra Brown who portrays Mrs. Warren and Anthony Quinn Thompson who will portray the role of Blind Jordon. So remember the production dates and let's all get out not only to see a great play but to support our fellow Brownites.



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# Wolverine Sports

# Sports World

#### **By James Barlow**

Can the success of Bernard Tittle, Lambert Reed III, James Butler, and Randy Walker, produce another championship season?

The 1982-83 edition of Morris Brown College basketball has gotten off to a slow start. Failure to work together as a team is one of the reasons for their early season misfortunes. Continous changes in the player roster is another reason their record.

College basketball is a team game played by individuals under a system developed by the coach. The head coach has the dubious honor of teaching fundamentals, implementating strategy, and creating a feeling of self worth. Each player should have a sense of his role to the team dictated by his talents. That player should give 100 percent of the dedication, enthusiasm, and hustle, with a desire to win. These are just a few disciplines any head basketball coach would expect from his team. This would develop a positive attitude toward winning, and instill confidence in the team.

It is obvious to the fans and followers of Wolverine basketball, that the team quest for another championship banner. Bernard Tittle, 6'3½, Sophomore, guard from D.M. Therrel H.S. in Atlanta, Ga., has been a stellar performer. His explosive play has produced allstar numbers, leading the team in scoring. Bernard is averaging 20.1 points per game, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists per game. Bernard has developed into the team's spiritual leader with his strong aggressive style of basketball.

One of the best pure shooters in the SIAC conference is Lambert Reed III. "Lamb" nicknamed by his teammates is the most consistant player on the team. His accurate jumpshots from deep in the corners has produced a 15.3 scoring average.

Gone from last year SIAC championship team is All SIAC, and M.V.P. of the SIAC tournament, Dexter Coleman. Dexter was the tower of strength that held the team together. However with his absence from the line up a large hole must be filled in two areas: rebounding and an intimidating shot blocker.

Morris Brown will be the irresistable force against immovable object when they began battle for another SIAC trophy. The 50th annual men's basketball tournament (SIAC) in Savannah, Ga.

Player of The Issue



# Wolverines On The Upswing

#### **By James Barlow**

After a disappointing loss to previously 0-13 Morehouse College at the Omni, the Wolverines bounced back to defeat two top SIAC basketball teams.

Two former players for Morris Brown, Savannah State Coach Russell Ellingron and Coach Billy Wade, faced each other last week in a crucial game for a birth in the SIAC tournament.

The fighting Wolverines defeated the tigers from Savannah State 80-77 on the outside shooting of Reggie Bivvins, James Butler, and Greg Jones. The next night it was the rematch of the SIAC championship game. The Wolverines faced the Albany State Rams featuring All world Lamar Harris.

Remember the championship game last year played before 5,000 plus screaming fans at Morris Brown's John Lewis complex.

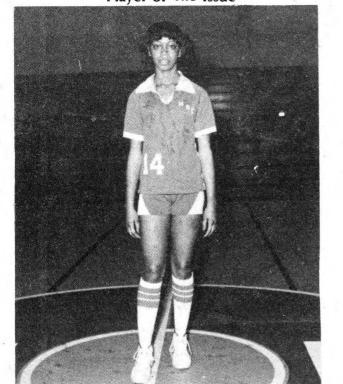
Well, it was pretty much the same way when these two teams faced each other in a make-up game that was rescheduled because of the snow storm.

The atmosphere was electric and the fans were thrilled by the

play of Lamar Harris of Albany State, and the clutch shooting of Lambert Reed.

The Wolverines were upstaged by the awesome showing of Lamar Harris who scored 27 points in a losing effort. Morris Brown launched MX missiles in the name of Bernard Ironman'' Tittle and Randy Walker to defeat Albany State 85-74.

The two impressive victories improved the teams chances at a shot for the final eight teams selected for the SIAC tournaments in March.



# Player Of The Issue, Jackie Andrews

#### Jacqueline Andrews

Hometown: Jackson Ga. Height: 5'7 Weight: 127 lbs. Major: Office Administration Class: Senior G.P.A.: 2.8 High School: Jackson High School Head Coach: Jerri Smith Points per game: 20.1 Honors: 1978-79 M.V.P., Outstanding Senior M.V.P. 1977-78 Best Offense - 1976-77 Who's Who Among America High School - 1978-77

College: Morris Brown College Heach Coach: Vista H. Bryant Points per game: 15.1 Honors: 1981-82 All-Conference, All-City in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) 1980-81 Best Offense 1979-78 Outstanding Freshmen Currently leading the NCAA in field goal percentage in Division II - 68.2