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Telling It Like It Is!

Fewer Students Attending Black Colleges

Morris Brown Enrollment 1068

by Laura Green

Black colleges are finding themselves in a period where they are facing declining enrollments and decreasing endowments, this is also true of the Atlanta University Center. As of September 19, Morris Brown College reported to have an enrollment of 1068 students according to Mr. Edulie Walker, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs. This is a decrease from last year's enrollment of 1341 students according to Mrs. Lucille

Williams, the college registrar.

Walker also stated several reasons for students not returning. These include: students not meeting financial obligations from previous school years. Some students did not maintain the required grade point average to continue receiving financial aid, and others did not have the financial resources to enroll this semester.

When asked if he thought whether student enrollment would increase, Walker said yes,

because the college plans to work on improving its image, put additional stress on academics and mobilize additional resources for recruitment. He also said the college is working on improving the internal problems of the faculty, administration and student body to help in the retention of students.

"If we, the college family, develop more pride in the school it will play a major role in attracting more students," said Walker.

However, declining enrollment is not only a problem at Morris Brown. According to the registrar at Spelman College, the enrollment figure of 1064 students is a slight decrease from last fall's 1643. Morehouse College reports their enrollment to be 2300 students. Atlanta University also reports a decrease in enrollment from last years 1065 to 1015.

Clark College reported they were not at liberty to release enrollment information, but

Clark College President, Elias Blake, stated that enrollment was just under 2200 students during his address at Clark's convocation on Tuesday September 25.



The New First Family of Morris Brown (L to R) Melanie 21, Calvert 19, Mr. & Mrs. Calvert Smith, and Natombi 14.

The Search Stops.....

Smith Becomes 13th President Of Morris Brown

by Michael Phillips

The Morris Brown College is hoping 13 will be a lucky number as they welcome Dr. Calvert H. Smith as the new president of the 103 years old institution. He replaces former President, Dr. Robert Threatt and is the 13th president in the college's history.

Smith assumed the presidency on August 1. Prior to that, he was Vice Provost for Planning and Program Review for the University of Cincinnati where he had been since 1971. He was also an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Urban Affairs.

A graduate of Winston Salem State College, North Carolina, Smith brings a black college background and an understanding of the problems facing most of the institutions — shrinking endowments and declining enrollments.

He described his brief stay as a "learning experience in many respects" as he identified the major strengths and weaknesses of Morris Brown.

"It's been an extremely busy time. I've have to adjust to the school and meet with the community," he said.

Smith said he feels one of the strengths of the college is "a dedicated cadre of staff members who are truly interested in Morris Brown and a

dedicated alumni."

He has found an impressive student body which strikes him as "determined and not satisfied with second best." There has also been a warm reception for him outside the institution. "I've found strong support for the college in the business community."

He also recognizes the schools weaknesses, "There are some unmet expectations of students and frustrations among the staff that manifests itself in attitudinal problems." Smith says one of his priorities is improving the quality of campus services and student life, especially in the towers. "Top quality must be our expectation, all that we do must be geared toward a top quality standard," stressed Smith. The new president further acknowledges a much needed change in attitudes at Morris Brown, particularly among staff members, "There is a lax attitude among some personnel and it reflects in how they do their jobs."

As he assumes the presidency it is not in the most ideal of circumstances that Smith finds Morris Brown College. As most black colleges, Morris Brown is facing difficult times financially, but he is confident that with help the institution can overcome its

debts. "I can't bring Morris Brown out of anything, said Smith. I can work with a group of people to bring that about. In 1984 some hard decisions have to be made about what we are going to be and to whom," he added.

College presidents also have the difficult job of bringing money to their institutions. This is particularly difficult in the case of black colleges today, but Smith says that his job is easier because of the 5 million dollar fund drive that has been instituted by the college family prior to his arrival. He has also brought in a planning process that involves faculty, alumni, and the broader community which includes 12 major goals to benefit the college. The plan is a 3-7 year project "to ensure the college's academic future and its financial viability," according to the new president.

However he does acknowledge there are still people and potential donors who question the need for black colleges, "There are always questions in light of the issue of desegregation. It's not a great problem but it's an issue. There's always that question in the minds of people — black and white."

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Freshman Orientation Tradition Continues

by Louisa McCullough

The 1984-85 Academic School Year opened with a tradition that has taken place for many years — Freshman Orientation. Though not many of MBC's new freshman knew exactly what orientation consisted of, it was found to be an experience that will always be remembered.

Freshman Orientation began with the introduction of the Administrators, faculty, and members of the Morris Brown staff. Though the president was not able to attend the opening of Orientation, there was a reception for him on Sunday, August, 19.

Monday morning, the freshmen were greeted by Atlanta's Mayor, Andrew Young. His speech gave many freshmen a positive outlook on the future along with a few words of advice.

Little did many freshmen know that orientation meant the struggle of being reformed into a

true brownite. Becoming a brownite was introduced to the freshmen by singing the Alma-Mater every night until they achieved the goal of learning it. Another part of becoming a brownite was, as our Vice-President of the Student Government Anquinette Daniels told us, was to wear the traditional beanie.

Each freshman and each new student of Morris Brown was to wear the beanie and wear it in a certain way - one inch over the eyebrow with no hair showing on the forehead. To many, this was a gruesome and tedious task but many enjoyed wearing the beanie and didn't leave home without it!

To take away from the burden of being freshman, or to add more fun and excitement, many highlights and extra activities were put on for a bit of night-life.

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"The Editor Speaks"

by Michael Phillips

Risen from the ashes the **Wolverine Observer** is back for 1984! After a semester long disappearance we would like to welcome all new and returning students back to Morris Brown College. We would also like to extend a special welcome to our new president, Dr. Calvert H. Smith, who is the 13th president in our school's history. Let me also welcome everyone to the first edition of the **Observer** for 1984.

Many of you may ask what happened from January to May; well we were not fortunate enough to be able to print a paper last semester due to uh— Financial problems.

But I'm glad to say we're back. A campus newspaper, is provided by the college for the students, and each student in turn pays a publication fee which pays for the college yearbook and newspaper.

I will not elaborate on the situation, but it will suffice to say that when an entire budget disappears unaccounted for, it should concern everyone, not only students.

An institution that does not place high value on the freedom of expression and dissent through the press is stunting the growth and development of its students and smacks of censorship.

As I close, I have a special message for both freshman and senior class. To the Freshman: 1984 has been a very political year and the world is a turbulent place right now. Do you understand politics or why the world is in its present state?

The key word is politics. Do you have any, if so, what kind? Are you a Democrat, Republican, Nationalist, Socialist, or Communist? Do you understand what these schools of thought represent?

You have been fortunate enough to witness the first competition (not the first) presidential bid by an African-American in this country. Despite the odds, Jesse Jackson did what many said couldn't be done. But what does it all mean? Should you run to the ballot box like a zombie without thinking? You need to develop political-

ly as well as becoming a good doctor or lawyer. Politics helps define why you do what you do and sometimes for how much. So in 1984, your freshman year, you need to discuss public and international policy. You should read and watch current events as much as possible.

Be informed and remember the soaps don't affect decisions at City Hall or the Pentagon. You should know what's happening there like you know what's happening on Dynasty. Because when you're a senior in 1988, you'll have to make these decisions again.

To the Seniors: For 103 years, despite its problems, Morris Brown College has represented the best of our community. From an old crude building in 1885 up to this very day Morris Brown has produced excellence for black people on many levels.

This was the idea behind Stewart Wiley and Rev. W. J. Gaines. We must produce for the black community! We will be the 100th, class of graduates to leave this great institution and being a centennial class at this moment in history imposes great responsibility on us.

While we are here, we must provide a shining example and when we leave in May, others must be able to point to achievements left behind and expect others in the future. We may have to march to the president's house to protest an unmet demand or study that extra hour in order to make an A instead of a B, but we must produce results.

We must become involved in student government and help our president, because he can't bear the burden alone. In order to have a good year we must have a student government that has involvement from its students. We must also work with the administration to leave a stronger Morris Brown behind us.

When we leave we must graduate not only with degrees, but with a determination to go into our community with our skills and solve the problems of health, education, mass unemployment, and racial injustice.

by Hedren H. Johnson

Every season brings its own special set of diseases. Spring has its hay fever, while winter is known for the flu. Right between the end of summer and before autumn however, there is an increase in the occurrence of a special class of ailments. The Disease Control Center has not declared an epidemic, nevertheless all freshmen college students and a few upperclassmen are asked to be aware of the following symptoms and cures:

Eight O'Clock Shock - symptom: victim wakes up for 8 o'clock morning class at 8:30 - cure: (prevention) If you are used to starting your morning off with lunch, then don't sign up for an 8 o'clock class.

Sidewalk Sale Syndrome - symptoms: persons who fall prey to this cannot pass street vendors without stopping or somebody wearing Calvins that look just

like Levis - cure: (Remember buyer's rule) You usually get what you pay for.

Flunker's Fluke - symptom: Sufferer can tell you the party line for the next two weeks, but can't remember what happened in class today - cure: (prevention) Balance your life with work and play. Too much of either leads to problems.

Purple Plague - symptoms: person wears a different purple outfit everyday for a month or a total stranger walks up to you and says "You go to Morris Brown, right?" - cure: (use common sense) Although purple is the main color of the best AUC college, one should not attempt to match it with every color known to man.

Boyfriend Blues - symptoms: female victim fighting with another female over a man, "running behind boyfriend," or going through serious

"changes" just for him - cure: (remember) If you have to chase him, he wasn't yours in the first place. Also keep in mind, you better shop around.

Homework Hangover - symptoms: sitting in the back of classroom hoping you can hide, turning in blank pop-quizzes, or taking a cut because homework-check is feared-cure: (prevention) If you start early on homework, you finish early. Don't be afraid to ask for help. It's easier to stay up than to play catch-up.

Homesickness - symptoms: listening to "Home" from The Wiz more than twice in a row, looking at anything and it reminding you of home, or deep depression about "missing out" on what's going down at the crib - cure: Whatever you do, make sure you talk with someone you trust about your feelings, write a letter or make a quick call home.

Fashion Flows At The Fox

by Lisa M. Hill

Fashionata set the trends for this fall and winter season with a dazzling display at the Fox Theater on Thursday, September 13. The theme "Women Dress for their Men" rang clearly throughout the show and was followed with an emphasis on "simplicity." The models carried the audience through a dazzling display of styles and were cheered on by energetic applause.

The opening set was geared toward fashion for the woman involved with a popular man. The colors were neutrals and the styles simple with a self-assertive look. The second set featured sexual attraction and began with a top-less male model in tight Calvin Klein jeans doing a provocative dance in front of a mirror. The basic colors used were black, silver, and splashes

of purple.

Next the show took a turn toward Romance. Italian music filled the air as the audience was dazzled with the long skirt and ruffled blouse look.

Pampered and wealthy women were exhibited in the 4th set, which displayed gray and black, wide rimmed hats and ended with a display of luxurious minks.

The final set was for women involved with self-assured and financially successful men. The basic colors of this set were beige, gray, related neutrals and simple fashion styles.

Fashionata at the Fox showcased the newest fashions by designers such as Calvin Klein, Givenchy, Pierre Cardin and Yves St. Laurent. Through the show many of these creations were applauded by admiring fans.



MBC Coeds Attacked

by Michael Phillips

It was approaching dark on the evening of September 12th when Brownites Conchita Colleton, Karen Ammons, and Kim Hamilton walked to the nearby Burger King on Northside Drive. They thought nothing of the young man who walked behind them as they cut through the Friendship Apartment complex on their way. They were even friendly to the stranger.

"We asked him to go around us if we were walking too slow and he said that it was okay," said Colleton, a sophomore from Jacksonville, Florida.

But as the trio neared the restaurant and came to a halt at a nearby church they were caught by surprise as Colleton explains, "When we got over by the church, Kim bent down to adjust a shoe strap and he grabbed her and then ran. Kim Hamilton,

was victimized had no comment on the matter. A report has been filed with the Atlanta University Police, but no further developments have been reported.

Attacks on coeds are not phenomenal at Morris Brown and have taken place over the years, but recent events would suggest they are becoming more frequent.

On the night of August 29th, sophomores Davina and Colleen Francis were attacked by two men in a red rabbit while on their way to Church's Chicken.

According to reports the two men had driven by the students and circled back around. When they met the second time one of the men jumped out of the car with what appeared to be a knife.

"I ran because I thought he had a knife," said Davina Francis,

a sophomore from Nassau, Bahamas.

However, Colleen saw that he really had an ink pen but by then the man had attacked her. Colleen said she struggled with her attacker for about five minutes before she got away. She also had a gold chain snatched from her during the incident. The sophomore from St. Croix, Virgin Islands said, "I just wanted to forget about it," and that she only told a few friends about her ordeal.

A coed student who asked not to be identified, who was attacked last November in the same area, was on her way to campus from Burger King, when she was confronted.

"I don't even walk that way anymore. That's when I got my car," she said. "Whenever I'm without transportation and have

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Where Is The College Minister?

by Phillip B. Griffin

Since the first week of school, one of the biggest questions on campus has been: Where is the College Minister? Unfortunately, the answer was and still is that we don't have one - why, we don't know.

To the surprise of everyone, Rev. Roberts is no longer present. Because of this, the door to the College Minister's office has not been open and the sound of his jubilant voice can no longer be heard on the second level of Hickman Student Center.

Worst of all, that spiritual sound does not ring through Viola Hill at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and there are many empty seats each Sunday at College Church.

One student said, "I never went to College Church until he came, and then I was there almost every Sunday."

She added, "I really enjoyed the way he conducted the service."

When asked about the vacancy, college president Dr. Calvert Smith said, "I don't know what happened. This occurred before I arrived."

Vice President of Student Affairs Magnoria Smothers said that Rev. Roberts was appointed to a church by Bishop Frederick Talbot about 50 miles away which would interfere with his job here.

Some people say they are happy he is gone. It may be true that he did rub some folks the wrong way, but he did his job.

Now it no longer matters why he is gone and who liked him. But the problem at hand is we need a pastor for the Morris Brown College family. We cannot afford to be without a spiritual leader on this campus.

There are many of us who

need that type of guidance. We need to hear the words of encouragement, the words of comfort in trying times, and the views of hope that only a pastor can give.

The president has assured us that, "There will be a full time College Minister."

He also stated that he feels that "The student's voice is very important in the selection process."

Mrs. Smothers stated that "We are receiving recommendations. Applicants are being reviewed and we will interview them. We are not just looking for a speaker, but one who can relate to people and who the students can depend on."

We know you are looking and trying to find the best possible individual for the job and we earnestly believe that there will be a college minister.

But my question is "when?"

Is The AUC House Divided?

The Atlanta University Center is the largest educational consortium of its kind in the world. It is comprised of Atlanta University, Clark College, Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College and Spelman College. These institutions are as separate as the fingers on my hand.

After attending a predominately white community college, I came to the A.U. Center seeking an education and the educational experiences that are offered at black institutions. Discrimination among these schools was never anticipated.

The Atlanta University Center is continuing to accept, rather than change, the stereotypes that are placed on their various institutions. Stereotypes cause an enormous amount of misconceptions amongst the students who attend these

schools.

Those attitudes exist on every level of the Atlanta University Center family. One instance that really comes to mind is a conversation I had with a faculty member at one particular school. She did not hesitate to let me know that she thought more of one school than the others. According to my looks, she thought that I was a student at her favorite institution, however, she soon found out that I was not. This resulted in an apology from her, but I know that it was not genuine, for she had expressed her true feelings. But she by no means is the only one.

The Atlanta University Administrators continue to play the role that we are a family working together, while we are actually six separate entities working for our individual institutional gains.

Everyone should work to unify the center and one way to begin this process of unification is to begin accepting a person by his character and content and not by the school colors one wears or the institution one attends.

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Third World View

by Evelyn Newman

Ku Klux Klan groups are again organizing in Georgia and across the South. The extent of their activity goes beyond the public displays like the march down Main Street in College Park last year.

They have in fact adopted many of the tactics of the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Klan leaders and scouts travel the state to distribute literature, collect donations and rally whites around such slogans as "White Power." in hopes of forming a local klavern (chapter) to fight for the preservation or restoration of white rights.

The two most active Klan factions in Georgia are the Invisible Empire, headed by Bill Wilkinson nationally and Ed Stephens in Georgia; and the Knights, headed nationally by Don Black and David Duke, and Don Murray and Ed Fields here in Georgia under the name

Southern Knights.

These groups are responsible for tripling Klan activity in the state since 1980 and have formed klaverns in more than 43 counties, including every county in the metro Atlanta area. They are also responsible for acts of violence and intimidation against black and white Georgians, interracial couples and immigrant workers.

More recently, five Klansmen were indicted in federal court on August 8 for their roles in the beating of Warren Cokley in Tallapoosa, Georgia last year and the belt or strap whipping of Peggy Jo French in Waco, Georgia in 1982. Cokley, a black man married to a white woman, sustained serious injuries, including a skull fracture from rifle butts, after the men bursted into his home in military fashion. French, a white woman, was assaulted and threatened because of her friendships with

blacks.

Closer to Atlanta in the southernmost part of Cobb County, a black family that moved into a white neighborhood last October has been the victim of a campaign of racist harassment and violence since that time. Allen and Mary Cater's home was shot into on October 12, 1983. Today, they are still bothered by racial slurs and firecrackers that are thrown onto the lawn every few weeks.

Violence is a historical fact of the Ku Klux Klan and continues to be true today in spite of modern public relations efforts to sell itself as "the New Klan," as nonviolent and as the white people's NAACP.

Editor's Note: Future articles will address the Klan nationally, the various Klan factions, other white supremacist organizations, their paramilitary training, and their religious beliefs.

Expanding The Rainbow

by Noran L. Moffett

There have been many movements in American history, but never in such pragmatic political ventures has the potential reality of a truly democratic concept ever been fostered in American politics.

A "liberal" of sorts once said he believed in the "melting pot effect" while the components condensing (ever so little) twice as much, upholding or further boiling the WASP remedy. There is no wonder that having enough of a basic **survival kit** is harder to find. The ingredients of a fine recipe is often aggregated. If the concept of a rainbow is interjected into the political process, the naturalistic warmth and revitalization will reappear.

When we speak of these types of expressions, let there not be a loss of Socratic methodology. Indeed, a **rainbow** has a destination, yet each contrasting component is recognizable and starts as well as ends, "somewhere over the rainbow."

It was March, 1964, when Malcolm X announced the formation of OAAU. That constructional attempt, of course, was stifled by his assassination the following year, the postludal affirmation coming with the

rainbow coalition.

The rays of sunshine saturating the apathetical existence of the masses with glows of truth and political awakening have to develop a continuance throughout the months and years ahead. Martin, in a speech, has told of those who want to be "Rip Van Winkles," but that is no longer possible. I say of any aspirant or participant in this present rainbow - to go; teach the doctrinal concept in every community. This rainbow shall then be superlative of the one shown to Noah.

The Supreme Court Okays Linking The Draft And Student Aid

The justices ruled the Solomon Amendment, which requires students to verify they've registered for the military in order to get federal student aid, is constitutional.

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Midnight Protest

President Acts Immediately

By Camilla P. Clay

New college president Calvert Smith got a taste of dealing with the student body early in the year, and in a totally unexpected way.

Answering a knock on his door late Labor Day night, he saw a crowd of about 30-40 students standing on his doorstep. Led by Student Government President David Kinchen and S.G.A. Vice President Anquinette Daniels, the students had come to complain about dormitory conditions - mainly those in the all-female John Middleton Complex (commonly known as The Towers.)

The group, mostly females along with some male supporters, were fed up with problems such as backed-up garbage chutes and floors being overrun with mice.

Although caught offguard, Smith rose to the occasion by

relating how he himself had run into the rodent problem when he lived in one of the campus dormitories this summer. He expressed pride at the spirit that brought the group over to his house, and told them that since he knew they were first class citizens, he also knew they had a right not to accept second class treatment.

Smith committed himself to seeing that the trash chutes would be fixed the next day and promised that in the meanwhile, all the trash that had backed up in the hallways would be cleared. He also said that the dormitory's rodent problem would head his priority list.

The chief administrator challenged students to come back and protest if he did not keep his promises. Having been heard, the protestors went quietly home.

True to his word, the next day,

the overflow of trash was cleaned up and in another day, the chute was fixed. Exterminators could also be noticed spraying from floor to floor.

Three days later, Smith carried his commitment a little further. Calling a meeting for concerned students in the student union building, Smith gave students a chance to hear him and to be heard.

Although the meeting got off to a late start, eventually close to 60 students - mostly females - gathered.

In direct response to the most immediate complaints, Smith informed his audience that the pest control company the college had previously done business with was no longer contracted to work for Morris Brown. A new company had been hired and the results would have to be seen. The president said if the new company does not

work, the school will keep on searching until it finds a rodent control company that will.

Noting that students have some negative attitudes toward some of the school's administrators, Smith asked that we give him a chance before we judge him. "If you come to me with your problems, and I don't respond - you've got a right to be as uptight with me as you are with anyone else."

Stressing that we are all here for the same reasons, Smith said that we share a common objective - to provide the best possible environment for learning and to get the best possible education.

Admitting that the school does have many problems in various areas, the president said that students too must bear some of the responsibility for things getting better or worse.

In the area of dormitories, we

must ask ourselves if we are doing everything we can not to invite pests where we live. In the classroom, he told us we must not accept teachers who half teach a class. Smith made it clear that not only must we demand the best from the institution, we must demand the best from ourselves.

Knowing that there were many more student concerns, the president informed his listeners that he would be available every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. just to meet with any student who needed to speak with him. Any other time during the week, an appointment would be necessary.

In closing, Smith said that even though the college is going through a financial crisis, he still would do all he could to meet student demands.

"I can't make any guarantees about how much better things can get, but I am trying."

Psychology Program Reaches Higher Heights . . .



By Camilla P. Clay

For the Psychology program of Morris Brown College, there is only one way left to go - up.

One of the few programs which can boast of having 100% Ph.D.'s on its faculty, our Psychology program also has one of the largest number of majors as well as being one of the academically strongest programs the college has.

With students who regularly research, publish and present papers all over the state, a well-respected faculty and a more than -adequate research lab for inquiring young minds - what more can they ask for?

Well, there is one thing, according to Program Coordinator Dr. Jeanne Stahl. "We want a department of our own."

For as long as there has been a Psychology major, the Psychology program has been just that - a "program." It is currently under the wing of the Education Department (the full name being the Education and Psychology Department.)

Stahl said that over the years, there has been strong sentiment among both students and teachers in the program to branch out and stand on their own.

Dr. William Sanders is Chairperson of the Department

of Education and Psychology. Dr. Marie Metz, Dr. Charles Green, Dr. Henri Turner and Stahl serve as faculty members of the Psychology program.

In her ten years at Morris Brown, Stahl has seen much growth in the program. With encouragement from Academic Dean Willie Payne, she has personally initiated the search for additional funding such as grants. This year, she has also observed the program expanding by three times as many majors as they lost.

Gaining department status is so important, stresses Stahl, because many grants are not awarded to programs who are not actually considered a department.

The strength of this particular program is nothing new. "This was a strong program when I got here due to the influence of Dr. Enola Byrd and Dr. Laurence Boyd. They really established the major, and the way they established it is the way I like it," Stahl said.

She is optimistic that with the new college president, serious consideration will be given to making the program's dream a reality. In fact, Stahl already has definite plans if and when department status is gained.

They include: getting an endowed chair for the new department, attaining a well-known black psychologist to be the department's chairperson and instituting a five-year clinical counseling program with ITC.

Within the Center, the Psychology program enjoys a good working relationship with its sister schools. It is not uncommon for students from other schools to conduct research projects in Morris Brown's lab.

Because there are less than 300 black psychologists with Ph.D.'s from psychology departments, Stahl sees immediate need for more black penetration into the field.

Since psychology has been mainly white dominated, many of the textbooks have been written from a totally white viewpoint.

Explaining, Stahl said, "Different perspectives are necessary. There are a lot of things that haven't been researched, because blacks aren't in the field."

Stahl explained that many Morris Brown Psychology majors do not realize how lucky they are. "They're working with much better facilities than they know. When they come out, they'll be definitely 'advantaged.'"

Strives For Rightful Place

Morris Brown College Psychology majors are required to participate in research before graduation. These programs enable students to become familiar with laboratory techniques prior to attending graduate school. Much of this research has been submitted before professional bodies in seminars and conferences around the country. The following is a brief list of research projects submitted by MBC students:

Study of Cortical and Limbic system brain damage at different ages and its effects on the development of brain tissue and behavior. - Jeanne Stahl

This project was submitted for BISRIP funding in June, 1980. Its purpose is to train minority students in research design and techniques involved in producing electrolytic lesions in three areas of the rat's brain at four different ages and carrying out a comparative study of subsequent behavioral and brain tissue development.

Influence of sex and stimulation by Conspicifis on the septal syndrome in rats. - Jeanne Stahl and LaVerne Robinson

This project involves raising litter-mate rats in various housing conditions which vary in terms of the numbers of rats raised in a single cage. After animals reach

adult hood, they are tested for emotionality until this measure stabilizes. They are then given large bilateral electrolytic septal lesions and retested for emotionality until this behavior again stabilizes.

Protein malnutrition during development and performance of rats on Maier's three table reasoning task - Jean Stahl and Calvin Walker

Rats are raised on either a low or normal protein diet from birth to 21 days and then are put on a normal laboratory chow diet until reaching 90 days of age. At that time, they are tested on the reasoning task. Previous work had indicated that these animals raised on the low protein diet are deficient on this test.

Factors influencing persistence and achievement in the sciences by Women - Jeanne Stahl, Henrie Turner, and Alfredia Wheeler

This project involves a longitudinal study of attitudes towards science, careers, marriage, and family and how these influence a woman's choice from a science to a non-science career.

The project lasted three years and students gained experience in the development of questionnaire instruments and interview technique.

Poet's Corner

by Michael Phillips

It was in January '82 when I came to this place called MBC, a place located in Atlanta's African community.

I came to educate myself and others, to struggle for liberation and hope. As I entered the city, a

reign of terror known as the child killings supposed to be ending, but I think the people have been duped.

I see MBC as an unique place, one that symbolizes the tradition of Blackness. Like MLK, WAOK, and that's okay with me.

MBC has many problems as do other places. The major problem here is apathy. Educational, political, cultural, and social apathy. Why when confronted with these problems do people at MBC turn their faces?

We can't wish our problems

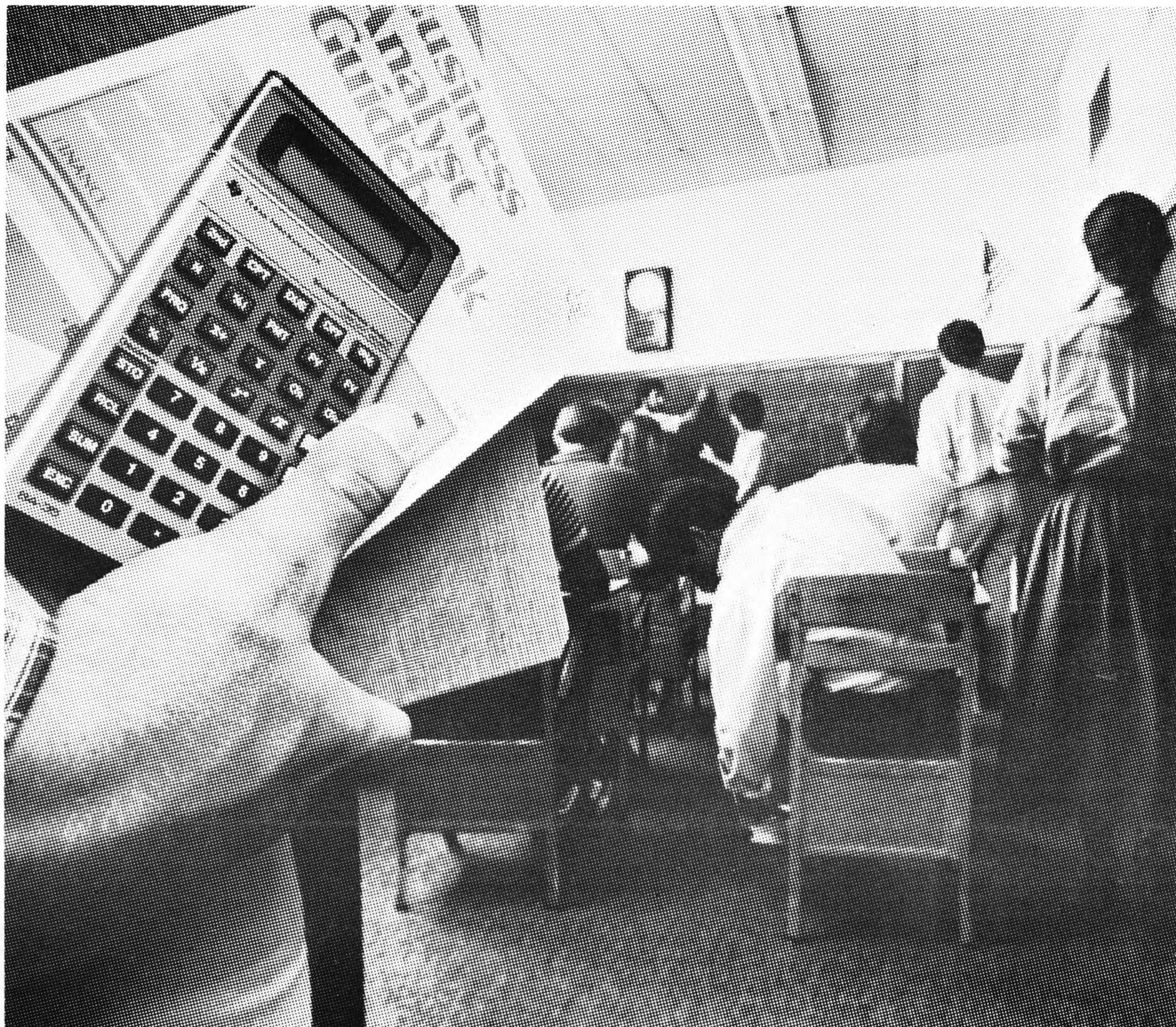
away, they must be faced, confronted, and changed before it's too late. MBC is the only loser if we wait.

MBC faculty and staff can't you see the ensuing conflicts to be? It will be students fighting again for our intellectual, political,

cultural, and financial liberty.

Administrators, Faculty, and Staff of MBC I beg you to hear me. Can't you see once the students are liberated we will have a ...

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BLACK STUDENTS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

by Willie Kemp

During the early sixties black organizations sought to solve the problem of low black enrollment in post secondary institutions. James Meredith, one of the first black students to attend a southern state college, helped to open the door of higher education for many of us. He would probably be very glad to see us take the educational institutions back to court today.

In 1963 the use of federal troops was needed to maintain the justice of blacks receiving equality in higher education. Today we are still only at five percent enrollment while whites are at 95% enrollment in post secondary institutions according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Compared to the greater demand now being placed on society not only for minimum wage jobs, but also for

professional employment; the black community's needs must be met in educational institutions like Georgia State University.

Georgia State has failed to endorse programs that help to eliminate black student problems **before** they graduate from high school. Private black colleges and a hand full of state colleges are adjusting their institution's policy to begin giving

black students SAT (test) preparation while at the high school level. Georgia State's SAT requirements should also be suited for the black community as in other state systems.

The judgement that is being used to set the SAT requirements and special education programs needs to be updated to meet the needs of blacks and other students that may come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* it was the **law** depriving the black communities acceptance in public schools. In higher education today it is the **law** depriving the institutions of upgraded policies for black students. I believe in order to speed up the privilege of full education, the coordination of post secondary institutions need to develop regulated policies for disadvantaged students.

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Having already been confronted by the student body during a "midnight march" to his house, Smith realizes that Morris Brown students have been largely neglected and have not had their voices heard. But he wants students to know that changes are coming. "We have to identify where the problems are. It is clear (that) we are here to provide a service and students are our customers, if it were not for them the institution would not exist. We have spoken to the vice president and have begun to identify those problems areas and we are committed to working on them."

To get a better understanding of the student body's concerns Smith sets aside every Tuesday to meet with students and is presently holding dormitory meetings on Tuesdays that have proved useful. "I've identified for students what are major concerns and issues. We see every person's problem as one that needs to be addressed — We are fighting together."

With this being an election year, Smith believes that students should register and exercise their vote but added that he will endorse anyone or try to influence his students, "I think students should support who they want. In terms of black people the Democrats have tended to be more responsive to our needs. I think students need to understand the importance of politics in every day situations. They need to ask themselves

when to get involved and when can you make the greatest contributions." He also encourages student involvement and said they should ask questions about programs they want to have. "This is a partnership," he added.

Smith expressed that he is committed to doing more than just help in solving institutional problems. "We are thoroughly tied to what happens in the black community. We have an obligation to see to the development of that community." He continued by saying that he didn't want a passive student body and sees the role students play in the reshaping of Morris Brown as invaluable. "The success of the institution and the quality of their education is something that they contribute to and are not recipients of. It's directly proportional to the degree that they participate. I'm committed to working with them to achieve these goals, but I don't intend to work in an adversarial position."

Morris Brown, as most black institutions, will have to move in a new direction in order to insure its survival. Whether President Smith can provide the leadership needed to guide the school to a recovery remains to be seen, but one thing is certain to him not much will be accomplished without a united effort by the college family. "All of us (students, faculty, and board) we are antagonists in this situation, he said. We are working toward one goal."

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to walk, I walk all the way around," she added.

Her ordeal turned into a real nightmare when she was questioned by insensitive ambulance drivers whom she refused to ride to the hospital with.

"They insinuated that I wanted to be attacked," said the constituent. After returning to the dorm, she called her boyfriend who risked his job by leaving work to see that she got to the hospital. Afterwards she got sick anyway.

"It hurt my father," she said. He wanted me to transfer, but I wanted to come back so he got me a car."

She feels these attacks could be avoided if "there were more emphasis on safety during freshmen orientation week."

She also advises students to "let someone know when they leave and whether they will return to the dorm, and there should be vending machines in the towers for students."

Eulie Walker, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, said that the administration is trying to reopen the campus snackbar to provide students with an alternative to going out for food.

SPEAK-UP

by Hiram Andrades

Ian Dube, Senior. Take a long deep look at the school before taking action.

Teza Mugala, Senior. Good luck! Let's work together to clean up M.B.C.

Norrisa Long, Senior. Always do what you can to benefit the student rather than side with the faculty or staff. The faculty/staff has already chosen a career and students need people to support them in making their choice.

Katrina L. Chastine, Senior. Take a look at the facilities and try to make improvements, also take a close look at the quality of food the students receive. Good Luck!!

Comer Williams, Senior. Good luck and lets work together to keep Morris Brown an interesting place to be, and make it nice for the future.

Millicent Greer, Sophomore. What ever you think is best, I am ready to cooperate morally,

academically, and in extra-curricular activities.

Deborah Baldwin, Sophomore. I hope you have a successful year and bring about the needed improvements to help make Morris Brown a better place to learn.

Earl Lamar Savage, Sophomore. Best of luck for years to come. Let's work together to make MBC a top notch institution for learning.

What Advice Do You Have For The Incoming President?

Cost Of Private Education In State Higher Than National Average

by Michael Phillips

The cost of attending college in Georgia, particularly at private colleges, is increasing at a greater rate than the national average, according to figures provided by the College Board.

According to a story that appeared in the August 17, edition of the **Atlanta Constitution**, college business officials attribute most of the cost increases in tuition to compensation for years of inflation.

Tuition will increase as much as 16 percent for students who live on campus at some private colleges in Georgia. A 15 percent increase is expected at public colleges in the state. The average cost for campus residents will increase only 6 percent nationally.

The national increase of 6 percent is the lowest in the last four years, said College Board President George Hanford. For the last three years, the increase has fluctuated between 10 percent and 11 percent, according to Hanford.

College Board figures show that total costs for resident students will be \$10,547 at Agnes Scott College up 16.1 percent; \$9,240 at Oglethorpe University, up 13.1 percent; \$12,360 at Emory

University, up 7.5 percent; and \$8,337 at Mercer University, up 7.2 percent.

Georgia's public colleges will experience a 15 percent increase this year, although total costs at most state schools will rise by 8 percent. Total costs at the University of Georgia will rise 7.1 percent to \$4,500 this year, said Dwight Douglas, vice president for student affairs.

Increases at other schools will be even less. Total costs for resident students will be \$5,546 at Georgia Tech, up 6.5 percent, and \$4,446 at Georgia Southern College, up 5.8 percent. The cost at Georgia State University will be \$3,365, up 4.2 percent, according to College Board figures.

The Board of Regents approved a 15 percent increase last March, the third annual increase of that size. State college students now pay one fourth of their tuition, a goal set by the regents several years ago. The private, predominantly black Atlanta University Center Colleges represent an exception to the double-digit inflation at some private colleges. The cost increases there range from 4.9 percent at Morris Brown College to 7.7 percent at Morehouse College, according to College Board figures.

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They consisted of a splash party, a pep rally - which really got the freshmen going - a trip to Six Flags and the Atlanta University Block Party! This contributed to the excitement of being a freshman. These get-togethers also let the freshmen practice the college cheers, such as: Hotel, Motel, PPI (Party People Incorporated), Hump-dee-dump-dee-dump, and last but not least, "Give me that old Morris Brown Spirit."

There was also a Freshman Banquet. It was a formal occasion, but also required beanies to be worn to the surprise of many! All this was done in good humor, and at the same time, with sincerity. The evening was climaxed by the dynamic speaking of the Rev. Walter Kimbrough, alumnus and pastor of Cascade United Methodist

Church, here in Atlanta.

As the final days of Freshman Orientation were winding down, more and more Freshman became nervous. Though orientation was coming to an end, the final step in becoming a brownite was still to come — Padre Night! This night was the final step in crossing over into browniteland.

The Freshmen and new students had to wear their beanies and blind folds. With this the Freshman went through singing the Alma Mater to following requests of the upperclassmen in order to "cross over." The task the Freshman had to meet was not a difficult one, for the 1984 Freshman Class came out of Freshman Orientation and Padre Night as the new and proud members of Morris Brown College.

Wolverine Sports

Wolverines Defeat Ft. Valley Now 2-1; Unbeaten In SIAC

by Michael Phillips

After an embarrassing opening day loss the Morris Brown College Wolverines have come back to play football like a team possessed. Losing 43 - 7 to Livingston (Ala.) College on September 1, made Wolverine fans wonder what this season was going to be like, but head coach Greg Thompson attributed the loss to mistake prone football. "It was a game in which we made too many mistakes against a well coached team. They came into the game ranked as one of the top Division II-A football teams in the country. Our offense allowed our defense to stay on the field too long."

The offense could only muster a fourth quarter touchdown and the defense showed fatigue and a lack of fundamentals that have been the trade mark of hard-hitting Wolverine defense. Sloppy tackling was the order of the day as the Livingston offense compiled 376 total yards. But perhaps defeat was the best thing for the Wolverines as they began to prepare for Tuskegee on Sept. 15.

After two weeks of preparation the Fighting Wolverines invaded Alabama and escaped with a 18-13 victory over the Tigers. Quarterback Leonard Camel rebounded from a dismal performance against Livingston to lead the offense, passing for 173 yards, while rushing for a one yard TD. Running back Leon Winfrey gained 175 yards on 24 carries and scored a TD. Winfrey also bounced back from a poor outing against Livingston where he gained only 29 yards in 21 carries.

Coach Thompson credited the win to a better overall team performance, especially by the defense. "We minimized our mistakes and our offensive line improved their blocking. I'm extremely proud of our defensive unit which has made a remarkable improvement over last year."

It was the defense that had to preserve the victory as Tuskegee began a drive in the final minutes of the fourth quarter, but a determined

defense stiffened and the drive fizzled. Kevin Gibbs led the defensive effort with 10 tackles. Tod Wilcher and David Kinchen followed with 9 and 8 tackles respectively. Kent Brooks, Chris Mainor, and James Liverpool each had 7 tackles.

As the Wolverines entered the Fort Valley contest they were facing the No. 5 ranked team in the nation among Division II-A schools. The Wildcats had won 21 consecutive conference games and were two-time defending SIAC champions. But all streaks are made to be broken and this would be Fort Valley's day of destiny as the Wolverines upset the Wildcats 14-10 in what has to be termed a "thriller."

With the final seconds ticking off the clock a Morris Brown defender was called for pass interference in the end zone with no time remaining. But a run up the middle was stopped cold by the Wolverine defense.

"I'm going to have to name this defense something," said Coach Thompson. "I guess we ought to call them Purple Rain, because they rained in there on them all day long."

The Wolverine defense continuously penetrated the Wildcat offensive line to create havoc in the Fort Valley offensive backfield as they sacked the quarterback 6 times. Tod Wilcher had two quarterback sacks and 11 tackles to lead the defensive charge. Chris "Maniac" Mainor and Kent Brooks followed suit with 13 and 11 tackles each. On four other series MBC linemen got to the Wildcat quarterback.

Despite injuries to key players the Wildcats put up a valiant effort in defeat. Senior quarterback Kevin Parker (shoulder injury) and senior fullback Robert Davis (fractured ribs) both watched in the first half but came in to make the game close in the second half.

With the game tied 7-7 at the half, Fort Valley coach Doug Porter inserted his stars in hopes of snatching a victory away from the Wolverines and their 2,500 vocal supporters.

"I knew in a game like this that you have to go with your best," said Porter.

The Wolverine offense showed signs of life as quarterback Leonard Camel was 7-for-15 for 152 yards including a daring 48 yard bomb to Victor Scott to provide the margin of victory. He also threw three interceptions.

Scott, a punt return specialist, had a stellar day receiving as he caught 4 passes for 109 yards. The other score came on a Camel pass of three yards to Smith. Wesley's PAT's were both good. Fort Valley scored on a 25 yard interception return and its final score came at 10:16 remaining on a Kevin Oliver field goal.

The Wildcats almost snatched victory from the jaws of defeat as Parker masterminded a drive that consumed the final 1:04. After a 5-yard run by Parker, Fort Valley was called offside and was moved back to the 10. After that many Wolverine fans could be seen reaching for their hearts but again the defense rose to the occasion. Linebacker David Kinchen described the final play, "They went up the middle. All I wanted to see was that back stopped." He assures that the Wolverines will not become "cocky" after their victory. "We can't afford to get excited, we've got next week. We have to play better if we want to stay on top."

The Wolverines are now 2-0 in SIAC conference play and 2-1 overall. They finish out September against Savannah St. on the 29th at Herndon Stadium.



Coach Greg Thompson makes a point to All-SIAC running back Leon Winfrey.

Freedom Bowl Returns To Atlanta January 12

by Michael Phillips

On August 27, a press conference luncheon was held at the Stadium Club to announce the second annual Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic. The classic which features black college football players from the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), is a major fundraiser for both conferences and will be held in Atlanta for the second straight year.

Last year's game was won by the SWAC 36-22.

Unique Affairs, Inc., an Atlanta firm that is handling public relations for the game, told the **Observer** that this year's halftime entertainment would equal or better last year's.

"Florida A&M University's band will be back and we are currently working with the bands in the Atlanta University Center," (Morris Brown, Clark, and Morehouse), said Unique Affairs employee Brenda Muhammad.

"We want the bands from the AUC to serve as the official Freedom Bowl bands," she added.

As a courtesy, invitations for players to participate in the game have been extended to the AUC schools, but their coaches and athletic directors will not allow their players to participate because the invitation did not include other members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).

The AUC schools feel they may

cause problems in their conference if they participate. "What would the other (SIAC) conference schools think if the three Atlanta schools participated?" asked MBC Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Greg Thompson.

Reports claim that the classic plans to offer invitations to other black college conferences once the game becomes more established.

"If the AUC athletic directors don't allow their players to play who are they hurting?" asked Muhammad.

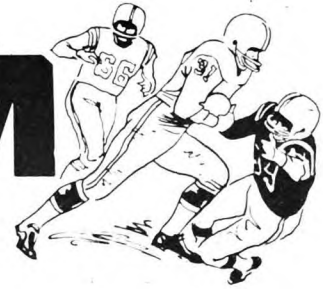
However, Coach Thompson does not see non participation as a missed opportunity. "The AUC schools were invited at the urging of the sponsors and they limited each school to two players." He added that AUC players will still get exposure because "the scouts get to see the players during the season anyway."

There will be a week of activities leading up to the classic which will be held on January, 12th at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium. These include: A Ms. Freedom Bowl Pageant, a Greek Night celebration, and an Alumni Roundup and Letterman's Reunion for former black college athletes.

Oklahoma Outlaw quarterback Doug Williams will serve as honorary co-chair at the reunion. Kickoff will be at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are seven dollars for adults and five dollars for students in advance and ten dollars at the gate.

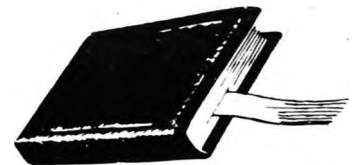


IN MEMORIAM



Roderick Moton

July 23, 1963 — May 10, 1984



REDEMPTION

It was the second week of May last semester when we all received the shocking news that Rod Moton was killed in an auto accident while on his way home to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Just as everyone was getting through with finals and preparing for summer vacation and graduation our world was rocked. As for the second time during the 1983-84 school year death had struck a Morris Brown student.

Roderick Moton or "Motown" as he was known to many of us was a fine athlete and a class individual. Coach Thompson described him as "all we expect out of people in our program." He will be missed by our football team as he was expected to start at the split-end position graduated by All-SIAC receiver Neal Cambridge. "He was definitely a pro prospect," said his former coach.

When he heard the news Coach Thompson said he was in disbelief and totally shocked. "It was like losing a member of your family," he added. Brian Barrows was also injured in the accident and was in critical condition for a while. But we give thanks and praise for his recovery. It was my pleasure to have played on last year's championship intramural basketball team with Rod. We became good friends and I wished him well the night before his journey homeward. Indeed, Coach Thompson is right, we have all lost a member of our family - The Morris Brown College Family!

The fighting Wolverines have dedicated this football season to his memory and wear his #8 on their helmets. To the Moton family and friends go our prayers and best wishes For that one day our campus stood still and the mood became a time of reflection.

We pondered the question of life and death. This is ultimately the sum total of any educational process. Brownites will be relieved to know that the accident was the result of fatigue not drugs or alcohol. We will miss our brother, but let us remember the things about him that make us smile, not cry.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of Armintha Mumfrey who passed away on our campus a year ago on September 18. May God bless our brother and sister and embrace their spirit with his eternal love. We miss them both, but our lives will be stronger for having had their presence around us. To "Mint" and "Motown" I dedicate the following poem:

So cruel is death
To visit our campus
Twice in one year.

To steal the breath
From "Motown" and "Mint"
Our brownites Dear.

Often it takes death
To make the living — live.
We will cry, but our tears
Will soon dry.

For why should we weep
Over our brother and sister
Who lived lives so wonderful,
So sweet.

Let us remember
Their example - It
was a good one.

Let us pray that
Their spirit stays
around us.

Remember Memories
that bring smiles
of friends and fun.

Let an occasional
tear roll-its
good for the soul.

But don't mourn forever
for only the bodies die.
The spirit lives on.

When we place
too much emphasis
on the body.

The spirit is
forgotten. Let the
spirit of "Motown"
and "Mint" live in
US.

Let them become
part of our great Legacy -
GoneBut Not Forgotten.

If we fail
To do this
The real losers
will be...
US