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Telling It Like It Is!

The "Brownite" Wins 1st Place In Competition

by Michael Phillips

For the second time in the last four years Morris Brown College's yearbook, "The Brownite" has won first place honors at the Southern Regional Press Institute held in Savannah, Georgia, on February 28 and March 1st. The staff also won first for its 1980-81 entry.

Coverage and Content, Layout and Design, Special Matters, and bonus points are also awarded.

The Brownite received 20 points out of a possible 20 for the yearbook plan; 36 points out of a possible 40 points for coverage and content; 20 points out of possible 20 for layout and design; 20 points for special

Passler as advisors, is in charge of layout and works directly with the staff. Mr. Barker told the Observer his feelings when he found out about the Brownite winning it's second award. "I was excited and very elated. Especially with this being the second one in the last four years."

Mr. Barker adds that he is not sure whether the administrative changes at Morris Brown will affect him. "As of this point I have received no word, but this is a volunteer service. So, I'll be there as long as Morris Brown needs me," he said.

Barker also revealed the Brownite's formula for success. "The only formula we used was alot of hard work and a few dedicated staff members, and work on Saturdays and Sundays."

He also told the Observer that this year's Brownite will be special and that Morris Brownites can look forward to bigger and better things in the future. "Students can look forward to a larger and better book. This is because we will have permission to get more advertisements and we'll be adding a senior add section," said Barker.

However, Mr. Barker is only the brains behind the operation. Who are the students on the yearbook staff that make the Brownite a success? William Hughley, a senior, serves as the Editor and Dorothy Smith, also a senior is the Associate Editor. Other key staff members are: Dedra Close, Thelma Crawford, Darrell Darrisaw, Vincent E. Harris, Shawnee Jackson, Marjorie King and James McKenzie.

The "Bull Dog" Yearbook of South Carolina State won second

place and won first last year. The Brownite Staff appears to be getting very acquainted with success and is bringing prestige to Morris Brown.

The following evaluation written by the judges will tell exactly how good the 1983-84 Brownite was. They wrote: "Of the three entries this was easily the best. The layout was especially impressive. Simply put, this is a damn fine yearbook."

Congratulations
To The
Award Winning
BROWHITE STAFF!



Charles E. Barker
The Brains Behind the
BROWHITE

Age: 36

D.O.B.: 1/27/49

Occupation: Assistant Manager of Finance I of Georgia, Inc., Financial service from Manufactures Hanover & Trust Bank of New York.

Sign: Aquarius

Hobbies: Drafting, layout, swimming, dancing, typing and working with money.

Thoughts on MBC: "MBC is one of the finest institutions in the world. We have a heritage of our own, a black heritage that we can be proud of."

Thoughts on the Brownite: "The Brownite is one of the best publicised yearbooks in the AUC. It's small, but its quality."

The 1983-84 Brownite was awarded a total of 101 points of a possible 100. The judges rate each yearbook on the following criteria: The Yearbook Plan,

matters and five bonus points to win first place.

Mr. Charles E. Barker (Alumnus '69, who serves along with Dr. Mary Zeigler and Dr. David



Award winning staff. Members of the Brownite yearbook staff pose with their second 1st place award in the last four years. L-R Vincent Harris, Mr. Barker, Dorothy Smith, Dedra Close, and Darrell Darrisaw.

MORRIS BROWN, SGA PRESIDENT CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY TOGETHER

by Michael Phillips

The 104th Founders Day of Morris Brown College was a festive event in many ways, but it was especially enjoyable for SGA president David Kinchen and apparently 22 was his lucky number. Kinchen whose birthday was on March 22, also celebrated his 22nd birthday as MBC celebrated its 104th

But despite the personal joy of the student leader there was little else to celebrate about.

Founders Day 1985 was sparsely attended and did not even have the traditional marching by the senior class in caps and gowns. The most noticeable feature was the return of several dedicated alumni who returned to Morris Brown in its hour of need to support the rebuilding efforts of President Calvert Smith.

The festivities began at 10 a.m. with the Prelude "Marche Militaire Francaise," Processional "Trumpet Tune,"

and Hymn "O For A Thousand Tounges to Sing" being performed by the college band. The invocation was then given by College minister Donald Mizer and scripture was read by the Rev. Benjamin Gay, the pastor of Allen Temple A.M.E. Church and an alumnus.

The college choir then sang a selection, "Oh Praise The Lord With One Consent", under the direction of Glynn Halsey. Greetings were then given by

Mr. Curtis Atkins from the state government. Alumnus Gary Holmes, Director of Housing and Physical Development, brought greetings from the city government, Dr. Charles Meredith, Chancellor brough greetings from the Atlanta University Center, Inc., SGA president David Kinchen brough greetings from the student body and Dr. Mary Ziegler, Chairperson of the English Department, read a moving tribute to founders John

Wesley Gaines and Steward Wiley. President Calvert Smith then took the podium to introduce the speaker Dr. Yvonne Walker-Taylor which was followed by another selection from the choir "Ride On King Jesus".

The keynote address from Dr. Walker-Taylor was appropriate for the times facing black colleges and black people. The president of Wilberforce University encouraged the students of

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THE EDITOR SPEAKS

by Michael Phillips

It is with much sadness and regret that I write this issue's column. I'm sure that most of you know about the proposed academic changes that will result in the "release" of several faculty members. I personally know of five Ph.D's that have received their walking papers. It will be interesting to see the kind of quality that is left on the faculty and staff at Morris Brown.

When the graduates from the class of 1985 come back in the future, they won't find many of the faces that saw them through their education. One issue that confuses me about these changes is what is the criteria used to determine which instructors should be retained or released?

Even President Smith admits that QUALITY is not an issue in the selection process. Therefore, my main question is, what is the incentive for being a good teacher? If you don't receive rewards for motivating AND training your students, then we might as well go straight from the textbook (anybody you hire can do that).

There is still a lot of "dead weight" remaining untouched on the faculty. This brings me to my next question. What is the purpose for having teacher evaluations? They don't affect the decisions that are made, so why bother having them? Another suggestion I would like to make is that MBC do away with its student government. For the most part, SGA still does not serve the majority of the student's needs and usually serves as a resume piece for the officers. Also, the students need to know that the SGA president doesn't even control their own budget and must have student affairs nursemaid over their every action! An SGA president should be powerful and unafraid to challenge the college administration if he/she is to be effective. This is seldom the case here or elsewhere in the AUC.

On the other side of the coin, we, as students, must also be unafraid to challenge incorrect behavior and injustice when we find it. However, we must first get our priorities together as black youth. Most of us are in no position to correct anybody the way we conduct ourselves. I must also admit that black students are among the most scared I have ever seen in my life! We live with injustice daily and won't organize ourselves to change wrong to right. The real world is much too cruel for us to have that kind of posture

(although the administration encourages it).

We who leave black colleges must leave to use our education to change the world and make it better. Can we feed the hungry in Atlanta or Africa? How can we do this and we can't make Morris Brown a better place? If we are to change society, we must also change its institutions. We can't cry about white racism when we are pulling the same types of unprincipled moves in black institutions. Which brings me back to the changes here at MBC. The methods of the administration do leave something to be desired, don't they?

This type of activity smacks of authoritarianism of the worst kind. Part of the fine art of running a dictatorship is making the people you dictate to think they have some say so in the process. So, forms are filled out and meetings are held, but the bottom line is that the administration does what it wants over and above what the students may want. And the students are too afraid to challenge these practices.

There are still many unanswered questions at Morris Brown. A few that I can think of are the following: Exactly how much money is the college in debt? Exactly how much money have our fundraising efforts accumulated? Why is there no money in the student activities budget for Miss Morris Brown to compete in the 1985 Ms. Black Collegiate Pageant, AND will the meetings with the president continue?

These are questions that need to be answered and student shouldn't rest until they get some. One final note about the releasing of instructors. If the likes of Dr. Marcus Jones, Dr. Palmer and Dr. Ruffin get their walking papers, why is an instructor like Dr. Farokhi left untouched? I have been in his class and I know he doesn't even compare to the people above in terms of quality. He was even going to be released by the last administration until a few last minute "gestures" saved his job. I would also like to know why certain people are still retained after falsifying their credentials (I won't mention any names yet).

However, these types of practices are certainly being kept hush, hush. When I see PH.D's being released and mediocrity like Farokhi being kept, I don't mind saying I smell a rat! As for the rest of you, I would advise that you pay attention to an editorial written in the January issues of the **Observer** AND Wake up and smell something!

MBC PROFESSOR TO TAKE DELEGATION TO AFRICA IN JULY

by Paige Wray

A trip to Kenya, West Africa will take place this summer from July 1 to July 31st. A 15 member delegation composed of college women, will represent the Atlanta University Center. The delegation leader of Morris Brown College is Dr. Mildred McClain. They will join the women of Kenya at the World Conference for Women, in calling for "real economic development strategy discussion," as the major theme for the final conference of the United Nations Decade for Women. This will be a chance for all African women to come together and discuss the advancement of development strategies for third world women and their nations. This conference is planning the future for all women in general, but African women in particular.

The U.N. Decade for women will culminate 10 years of work with two conferences, one in Mexico City, the other in Copenhagen. "The Decade has provided the opportunity to examine women's lives, record their contributions to society and build networks and resources to realize their full potential. This conference will review and appraise the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in attaining the goals of the Decade. It will also formulate concrete strategies for continuing the objective of the Decade until the year 2,000" stated the proposal for the World Women's Conference. The World Conference for Women will provide an opportunity for women all over the world to come together to set their plan in action for the future. The women should leave the conference with a well defined plan as to how the world can insure a society in which the full economic, social, and political participation of women is realized and what role women

can play in this great task.

The delegation will participate in the Conference and report back to their colleagues, the Conference findings and their rich experience in Africa, by means of an audio-visual presentation.

Funds will be raised through every means available to pay for the cost of the trip. The 15 member delegation will be responsible for all areas of fund raising. At the present time there are fund raisers scheduled for April 27, 1985, a walkathon, and May 4th and 5th, and a spring talent show. Participants will be from the Atlanta University Center.

Other groups planning to attend the conference are members from Florida A&M University, and a group of white students from Texas. The 15 member delegation will also sponsor two middle school students to give them the opportunity to be in the world of working woman and develop goals for their future.

Upon returning from the trip, women from the Atlanta University Center will have a chance to interphase with Spelman, Morris Brown, Clark, and Atlanta University, to bridge gaps and build a better relationship with others throughout the Atlanta University Center. The delegation should also build strong relationships with African students and possibly an exchange program could result in the near future.

Dr. McClain says the World Conference for Women wants to attract the younger generation "since the young women will be those who will lead. Students will get first hand views on governmental actions and policies. It will give them a role model for their future development," she said.

If there are any interested young women from Morris Brown College, please contact Dr. McClain at 525-7831, ext. 161.



Dr. Mildred McClain-Coleman will be taking MBC students to Kenya, East Africa in July.

PHI ETA SIGMA HOSTS BRAZILIAN ARTIST

by Kate Stewart

On March 22, 1985, Morris Brown College's Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society held its Honors Program. The induction was held

in the Hickman Student Center Building on Morris Brown Campus. The induction ceremony was conducted by Phi Eta Sigma Officers. Inductees of the

program were Michael Aikens, Juliette Janora Burges, Sandy T. Cooper, Nigel D. Grandison, Kimberly Perry, Kimberly D. Pitts, Pritchette S. Pressley, Margo A. Silas, Evelyn C. Simmons, Kate Stewart, and Maggie Warren. All of the inductees received a Phi Eta Sigma key or tiaras.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Maria Adair from Bahia, Brazil. She has been an artist since 1976. Ms. Adair presented a filmstrip on the art and culture of Brazil and Bahia, the first city and capital of Brazil. Ms. Adair told the Observer what art means to her. "To me, art is a creative and essential visual language through expression and communication. Art has characteristics of time and place where it is made. Brazilian art differs from other art by its style. Each Brazilian artist has their own style of creativity. Although, there are some good and bad instances, Black artists do not have many problems marketing themselves."

We would like to say congratulations to all the new members of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

MBC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCES POLICY CHANGES

by Michael Phillips

The newly formed Management Council at Morris Brown College has issued a series of memorandums announcing policy changes that became effective in February 1985 and will be included in the new student handbook next year.

Issued by the office of Student Affairs, the memos announce the following changes: 1) A financial policy change for students who desire to pledge. This allows students to pledge if they are financially current according to the deferred payment plan, 2) New hours were set for the re-opening of the game room at 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 3) The grade point requirement to run for Miss Morris Brown College was lowered to 2.50 from 3.00. In the past the GPA requirement of 3.00 for campus queen was higher than the 2.50 needed to run for an SGA office. Also the final period for students to pay their balances was extended from February 28th to April 15th.

The Management Council consists of the following people: President Calvert H. Smith, Dr. Bernard Smith, Mr. Ed Walker, Dr. Gloria Anderson, Dr. Charles Greene, Mr. Charles Moore, Mrs. Malinda K. O'Neal.

A HOUSE DIVIDED WILL NOT STAND!

Editorial Comments

Tough times never last, but tough people do

by Rev. Donald Mizer

"Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Feafulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings, like a dove! For then would I fly away, and get at rest." Ps. 55: 1-6.

David so vividly expressed the thought of many people who are presently going through some very hard times. Many times we want to just give up and go some where else so we would not have to deal with tough times. When tough times come upon us many times we feel we just can not make it and we find ourselves giving up. This is the same kind of feeling that David was expressing when he said, "Oh that I had wings, like a dove! for then I would fly away and be at rest."

Here is the King of a nation who has everything at his call, he has money, land, many wives and children to meet his every whim. But he still finds himself face to face with hard times. He wants to raise his hand in defeat and forget it all and go somewhere where everything is going well.

However, we, here in 1985 can not sit back and just let the world pass us by without making an attempt to deal with hard times. I would like to suggest two things we all must do, in order that we may be able to face tough times with the realization we can make it through.

Firstly, we must readjust our priorities. We have to decide what is important to us and for us. If we would look past history, freedom was the most important thing to us then. This is seen in the lives of Harriett Tubman, Henry McNeal Turner, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King and many others who made adjustments in their lives, in order that they could make it through their tough times. We too are going through some tough times. We are having to reduce our staff and make some allowances in other areas in order that we can make it through these tough times. We have to put our priorities as such that the students and the Life of Morris Brown goes on when we have gone on. These adjustments at first seem hard and unreasonable to us as we go through hard times. But if our priorities are in order, we can make it through these tough times.

Secondly, we must formulate a plan of action. This plan of action must be one that constantly elevates our priorities before us. True enough many will try to keep us from reaching our goal

but we must be diligent in our quest. For instance, if the founders of Morris Brown College had not had a plan of action, they would have just moved to another project when hard times befell them. They set their priorities and had an agenda to follow which made the hard times seem a little easier to bear. We, too, must have a planned strategy, for it is this plan that we use to map out our way to higher heights.

For when tough times show their dark gloomy face our plan gives us the way our attack will go. Tough times will constantly come upon us that is a fact, but if we have a plan of attack we'll be successful no matter how tough the times may be. If we have our priorities in order and a plan of action, we can make it through tough times because it is not the problems but the way you handle the problems. Tough times never last but tough people do.

The reason people make it through is simply because they have taken the necessary steps to insure themselves a way out.

Our times are not as tough as with David. David had two problems that faced him: Enemies on one hand and wicked people on the other. David knew that he could not make it by himself so he prayed that he would make it with Divine Guidance. We have our enemies and wicked people but all things are possible if you trust in the Lord. Tough times never last but tough people do.

Poet's Corner

FREEDOM

To live as people on God's earth.
To be given that right beginning at birth.
Loving, growing, striving for joy.
And, not become no one's little boy.
Finding out what life is really about, Ain't nobody's doggone water spout. Turning me off, turning me around. Don't want me to fight, even not to make a sound. (About all this doggone mess)
I'll be damned if I'm gonna live in distress. I demand my right to be free.

—Roger "Sugar" Moore

Never underestimate the power of . . .

by Hiram Andrades

You know it's a funny thing, no one thought much of the Wolverine Observer, until the January issue came out. A Lot of the issues concerning the College were put on the table. Whether or not heed was taken to what was written, which is the view that is shared by many (students, faculty, and staff), I don't know.

What disturbs me the most is how some people (faculty and staff members) for their own mental sanity, have decided to believe that I'm not the author of "Wake-Up and Smell the Coffee".

This is part of Morris Brown College's problem today. We

constantly underestimate each others talents. But I'm not surprised. We have Staff members underestimating the Faculty members, Faculty members underestimating the Staff members, Staff members underestimating each other and Faculty members underestimating each other too! So if they underestimate me, I'm not surprised!

You see, you can fool some of the people, some of the time. You can fool some of the people, all of the time. **YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE, ALL OF THE TIME!**

I'm not saying that this will change your mind, but you too, will wake up!

Has Morris Brown lost its spirit?

by Phillip Griffin

Day after day we hear talk saying because of the lack of funds the future of Morris Brown is at stake. It is very true that a shortage of funds would make it hard to run this institution. On the other hand our school is suffering from another problem that will do more to destroy us than the lack of money ever will. It can be said that the low moral on campus and the true concerns of each one of us here is our biggest problem.

Many of the students here have developed the 'I don't care' attitude and from week to week are just buying time. Some of us here on campus can see the terrible things that take place each day as students refuse to respect the authority of the staff.

They could care less about the rules of housing. It does not

matter to them who is affected by these lifestyles, such as loudness in gatherings, extremely loud music at late hours, alcohol and drug usage, etc. We can not even watch a decent game of athletic competition without seeing the worst in us come out. This brings the question to mind that is it necessary for us to abuse the visitors to our gym by the vulgar obscene statements that we make to them? Should game officials feel afraid to make a mistake during the contest? And should our visitors feel that they are playing under threats? Athletic events should be played for the enjoyment of both sides involved.

It should also be understood that the team you are pulling for will not always win and every player will not always perform at 100 percent. Just as coaches will

make a mistake in player selection or other decisions, the officials will sometimes miss a call or misinterpret a rule.

On the other side of the campus there seem to be ill feelings about recent decisions that were supposed to be in the best interest of the school, and the question is were they? There is also lack of unity among school employees.

There are some who will go as far as to talk about fellow employees in front of students. Some have even gotten students to do things against others who they did not like or who had stepped on their toes. Instead of pulling together to help each other, there are several groups pulling in different directions, each trying to satisfy their own interests.

With this list of complaints, the question becomes: Is this loyalty

to Morris Brown College? Where is the dedication and real concern gone?

Brothers and Sisters if we have any intension of this school surviving we have got to change immediately. If not, the students who are really looking for some thing to build a future with will leave and look elsewhere. The employees who could be a great help in solving many of the problems here, will quit trying to hold on and go elsewhere. Show us that you care.

Be more respectful to each other. Show consideration of your fellow Brownites. Let us not always do what's best for me, but the things that are in the interest of us all. We don't have any time to waste, we must start now. We then can truly say the old Morris Brown Spirit is good enough for me.

Second Annual Spring Festival

April 27, 1985

Schedule of Activities

Picnic Lunch
The Great Debate
Competitive Games:
Basketball
Touch Football
Softball
Tug-o-war
Table Tennis
Volleyball
Arts and Crafts Display
Frisbee
Horseshoes
Picnic Dinner
Greek Show
Jazz Concert

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POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

Nightline goes to South Africa

by Noran Moffett

Recently the ABC television late night news talk show "Nightline", with its host Ted Koppel aired from Johannesburg, South Africa. As usual there was the dialogue between opposing forces with Koppel as moderator. This article will not be a report of the week long "acquaint America with the situation" and information series.

No, not at all because the world's most sophisticated intelligence and largest independent (corporate) news sources, is what America and its people have access to. Also a country which at the end of World War II established itself as the guardian of democracy and human rights has to be well informed to invest its monies in this country.

An article by a college student should be an insult to the land of the free and home of the brave! Right? Well I disrespectfully disagree. There is no surprise or disappointment about this country's attitude and position.

No surprise. The dictionary defines the word surprise - "fall upon unexpectedly; taken unaware; or astonish" anyone with an elementary knowledge of American history should not be surprised that his country's attitude and position on the USA (Union of South Africa) those initials are interesting, huh?

There's no disappointment because these truths are self-evident. This bad precedent as set up when African slavery was sanctioned by the Constitution of the USA (United States of America). Also Europeans were in South Africa even then. There are just too many disappointing events which have occurred for us to even be disappointed.

This country is much like a father who marries a woman with children and has children of



"I had no choice. He threatened me with this dangerous weapon."

his own. Usually, the step-children do not receive that whole hearted love and commitment that he gives to his own.

That is a law of nature, both USA's are European descendants. They both have religiously, politically and legally sanctioned their diabolical treatment of blacks. These Europeans have other similarities which should be clearly understood. For example have you noticed that white Europeans came here and started calling themselves Americans and white Europeans went to South Africa and began calling themselves Afrikaners.

That is not an accident of history. Neither is the fact that both of these self transplanted countries eventually fought their motherland for their right to own the land. That last work is the key to understanding the whole matter and what ABC or any media source will not report: **The Fact of who owns the Land.**

That's what the Indians died for. Not for rights to be a part of an evil empire. The land is what Europeans have in South Africa and America. So the final solution will be and must be as Malcolm X said, "They will leave of their own volition or swim out in their own blood." This is not Walter Cronkite but **That's The Way It Is!** So let us all declare, Free The Land!

Savior's Day: Another Viewpoint

There were several events of a two day occasion which deserves a written summation to modify their graphic importance, all of which can not be expressed in a simple article. This space will permit an extension of the things that made the greatest impression. They can form an "Equal Definition Triangle" of the meaning that these powerful words represents. They form the Unity of: **Love through International Communication.** This really terrorizes America and the powerful countries of the world.

It is of historical importance for African-Americans to realize the monumental affect this convention will have on world history. That is why this International convention should not be overlooked or taken lightly. Let us briefly reflect on a historical event of 100 years ago which changed the course of history, The Berlin Conference of 1884, which concluded in 1885, was an "International convention of Europeans" simply termed. You know what happened there! The affects of which the world still suffers. Exploitation and greed were the prime motivators instead of love and unity.

Witnessing this international communication at Savior's Day allowed me to reflect with greater understanding on what Malcolm X meant when he referred to the Bandung Conference of 1955, in his speech about our problem being international. The Demonstration of communication creates love when we, the original man, come together with our other dark-skinned brothers and sisters around the world. That is the powerful "Equal-Definition Triangle" and gives terms like International Love and communication real meaning.

There were many religious

organization represented and actively participating. Every ideology was represented, as well as ethnic groups. The American Indians and all groups represented received special recognition, when Minister Farrakham MADE IT VERY CLEAR that "no longer will the American Indians be left out of anything we do." This expression of love was made at the opening ceremonies followed by Minister Farrakham's tone-setting statement that no one should leave the convention without exchanging greetings, names, numbers, and addressed from each other as we meet. Believe me this was done and that is love-in-action through international communication. I greeted a high school librarian she was so enthusiastic and she said, "I wish my students were here, they need this experience."

The prevailing fact that you will not read about or see on television is that on Sunday, February 24, over 15,000 people came out to hear Minister Farrakham. Not to mention that a live satellite audience of 60 countries witnessed this historic occasion. It was also before this International audience that Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Qaddafi spoke. The Libyan leader made a very wholesome speech. Yet, all most people who were not in attendance heard was his call for blacks to leave the military and fight America for liberation. This statement was abstracted from a 30 minute speech in which colonel Qaddafi spoke about love, unity and even Black history. This is very important because the western world fears Third World Unity.

Finally, it has been the effort of the white press and government to label the Nation of Islam as terrorist. Why is this so? Minister

Farrakham made no terrorist remarks nor does the Nation of Islam engage in terrorism. That sounds more like the KKK! The facts which black people are hearing are the truth and contents of Minister Farrakham's message.

The contents are a rallying call be black people to unite for economic rebirth. In Minister Farrakham's Savior's Day speech he extended this effort to all black people and our other economically depressed brothers and sisters. He also made an appeal to the Black Middle Class, by referring to Dr. W.E.B. Dubois "Talented Tenth" concept.

Yes, the truth is what terrorizes America is the revelation of P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized Working for Economic Rebirth).

America and her western allies have historically been responsible for the suppression and depression of the non-white world. Why else is the English language spoken all over the world?

International Savior's Day '85 was true to its name because of the power demonstrated through the unity of love through international communications. This coming together of African Americans with our other Third World brothers and sisters for economic rebirth will truly liberate us politically and socially. If this effort at doing for self is terroristic then free enterprise in America is an illusion. Again it should be truly understand that there's a contradiction in the government calling economic rebirth terrorism and yet mine the harbors of Nicaragua and invade Grenada.

Let us remember that if white countries could meet to divide Africa in 1884, we had better meet to unite in 1985.

BLACK COLLEGES: IS THEIR MISSION FULFILLED OR FAILED?

by Charles E. Price
Attorney at Law

It appears that black colleges may have dug themselves a hole from which only a few will be able to escape for decades.

Our colleges have survived wars, earth, wind and fire, all of which were threats from without. But the threats which they now face are of their own making. Black colleges have been without a mission for nearly a decade now. They have not developed any brand new ideas. They spent nearly thirty years putting themselves down and it appears that they just might be at the end of their rope. They now have enough rope to hang themselves. In time, they might just succeed in doing that.

For over thirty years most of the literature on black colleges depicted the short comings of black colleges, showing them always to be inferior to other colleges. There is nothing reported wrong with other colleges but by comparison, black college just did not measure up.

In *Sweat v. Painter*, the supreme court found that a segregated law school for Negroes could not provide blacks an equal educational opportunity. The court relied in large part on those "qualities which are incapable of objective measurement but which make for greatness in a law school". The court found that the black law school, Texas Souther, was

not equal to the University of Texas in qualities incapable of objective measurement, including reputation of faculty, position and influence of alumni, and tradition.

It was not until late in the game of desegregation that blacks got around to make a stand on the principle that it was not the equality of the schools that was the issue but the fact that the schools were segregated that violated the civil rights of blacks. But by this time the hold had been dug for the black college to make them unattractive to the general population, dooming them as black colleges in a society integrated by decree.

Totally segregated institutions will soon be a thing of the past.

Black will for some time be separated from the general society, but whites have learned that it is far easier to manage segregation and the result created by segregation, in white settings than to allow pockets of discontent to go unheeded in far away places, such as a black institution.

It is easier to make certain who is being educated in the majority institutions than to be guessing about the education or the quality of that education in places not under the watchful eye of big brother.

Black colleges are in a catch 22 situation. If they all become Yales over night, there still would not be any need for them since there is already a Yale; or if they

develop new ideas which are not acceptable to the majority society they are doomed also. If they continue to do what they do now, they are doomed.

Black colleges may have waited too long to equalize the intangible considerations enumerated in sweat. This is not to suggest that all colleges labelled as black are doomed but it does suggest that individual colleges will survive on individual merit. Presently, these concerted efforts to save black colleges could result in dooming all black colleges, all going down together.

Black colleges have lasted longer than expected.

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Founder's Day

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Morris Brown to grasp for knowledge not only for self advancement but also for group advancement.

She also told the audience to "listen with a grain of salt" to the experts who say black colleges don't properly prepare students for life. "The man who hasn't failed doesn't know how to succeed. The challenge is when you get up. We must turn a deaf ear to those who would put our educational progress on charts."

She then alluded to the "mission" behind the origin and purpose of black institutions of higher learning. "Black schools make certain that education is not merely a storage and retrieval process, but education is for use for life," said the President.

The leader of Morris Brown's A.M.E. sister school, where she succeeded her father as president, closed by telling black students not to become dependent on American society or the government for programs but instead to assert their creativity. "I do not prefer to be a kept citizen. I prefer the challenges of life."

After wishing Morris Brown College a happy birthday, President Walker-Taylor sat down to a standing ovation. However, she was not seated very long as she returned to the podium to have an honorary degree conferred upon her by Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Gloria Anderson, who called the guest speaker, "the first woman to succeed her father as president of the same co-ed institution."

Another selection, "Ballade" was performed by the band which featured a saxophone solo by Mr. John King. Mr. Charles W. Moore then gave the financial report which totaled \$30,770.05 of Founders Day contributions. Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave closing remarks and said that "Morris Brown is poised to move into a new period of adjustment. We change out of necessity and change is always painful." He added that President Smith had his personal support. After the singing of the Alma Mater, college minister Donald Mizer gave the benediction. The school was closed for the day as President Smith gave all faculty and staff the rest of the day off.

AABJ Career Day To Be Held At Clark College

"Helping students and others to become better journalists," will be the thrust of Professor Shirley Chisholm's remarks to students, faculty and Atlanta area journalists at the opening of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists' (AABJ) Media Career Day and Jobs Fair, April 25-26, 1985. The Media Career Day and Jobs Fair is an annual event sponsored by the AABJ and Clark College.

The renown author, educator and former Congresswoman from New York will open the 2 days of activities on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Studio A of Clark College's Media Center. The Center is located in the lower level of the A.U.C. Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley Dr. (formerly Chestnut St.), S.W. The Media Career Day will also include informal

discussions and workshops with journalists on preparation for media careers, breaking into the industry, and advancing in the field.

The Jobs Fair on Friday, April 26, will allow qualified students to interview with companies for full-time, part-time and internship positions.

The Media Career Day and Jobs Fair is free-of-charge and open to minority mass communications students at all Atlanta area colleges and universities. Students attending the workshops or interviews are encouraged to bring resumes and work samples, including clip books, portfolios, and audio or videotapes. Pre-registration is encouraged for the workshops and will be required for all interviews.

For more information contact Muriel Jackson, 522-0093.



Shirley Chisholm, visiting professor at Spelman College, will be the keynote speaker at the AABJ Career Day. She will also appear at Morris Brown on Tuesday, April 30.

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Dr. Yvonne Walker-Taylor is given an honorary degree by Dr. Gloria Anderson and MBC President Calvert Smith at Founder's Day.

Black College

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Remember these colleges were started as stop gap institutions. They were started for the dubious purpose of preparing blacks for white schools, not for living and working in society. It is a small wonder that schools with such limited goals survived to this day.

Being copy cat institutions have led our colleges to be unproductive and not creative. Black colleges failed to produce graduate programs making them unattractive to the business world. They did not build better mouse traps, so no one is knocking on their doors. In trying to educate the dull and the disadvantaged, this stifled the creativity of their faculties. Presently there is no one at the black college with Nobel prizes or having produced any unique scholarship. Black college professors spend most of their time not being creative but trying to find ways to simplify things so any wayfaring fool can

understand. They therefore miss the opportunity to be creative and that's what college education should be about. Jencks and Resman, earlier, have described black colleges as academic disaster areas. They may have a point.

It is predictable that this nation will learn in the next century that too much of our life is used up on formal education. Degrees may be over rated as a worthy achievement. This means that there will be a decline in the number of colleges period. A Carnegie study predicts the closing of some 300 colleges so, the trend will effect other colleges as well as Black colleges.

It is hard to conceive of colleges receiving any brownie points in the future because they teach people to read and write. These are things that people should learn even before reaching school age. College education will be higher education in the future. Black colleges, as others will have to justify their mission and existence. They will have to contribute to the society that support them. Failing this, like the old soldier, they will not die, they will fade away.



"Black Wings" Unveiled at Morris Brown College

by Michael Phillips

During the month of March, Morris Brown College hosted an art exhibit entitled "Black Wings". This exhibit which documents the history of African-Americans in aviation was donated by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C., and was displayed from March 17th to April 1st.

A reception was held on Sunday, March 17, to announce the opening and featured representatives from the Atlanta chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen's Association. The association also has chapters in Germany, Japan, and 22 total in the United States. Mr. Charles Dryden, President of the Atlanta chapter told the gathering that the purpose of the organization was "motivating youth, particularly minority youth, to seek careers in aeronautics." He added that in 1984 his organization awarded 12 \$2,500 scholarships to minority youth.

Mr. Dryden told the Observer that the historical exhibit is badly needed so people can understand the contribution of blacks in the military. "I feel satisfied that the story is spreading, the history is becoming known. We who lived the experience were disappointed to find many people didn't know."

The veteran also said that young blacks entering the military need this knowledge. "It's critically important that they know about our military roots. They are having tough times (in the academies). It's almost as bad

as when we were in the military. They must know this history, so they can understand the struggles they are going through and that nothing has really changed," he said.

"I feel satisfied that the story is spreading the history is becoming known."

-Charles Dryden

Mr. William Scott III, a charter member of the Tuskegee Airmen's Association and a photographer in the service, told the Observer about the photos in the exhibit and his feelings. "The exhibit should have been here a long time ago. Some of the photos came out of personal collections. One of the objectives was to keep the history of black airmen alive and recruit new members." Scott entered the service as a sophomore at Morehouse College and is the son of the founder and publisher of the Atlanta Daily World.

Dean of Academic Affairs, Malinda O'Neal was instrumental in bringing the exhibit to Morris Brown and told the Observer the story. "The Federal Aviation Administration office called us extending the invitation to Morris Brown to house

the exhibit and we were able to negotiate on behalf of the student government as co-sponsors of the exhibit. We felt that it was important in terms of exposure for our students, but that it would also bring other individuals from the community."

Several hundred viewers came from all over Atlanta to see "Black Wings" including several groups of students from the Atlanta Public School system. "We told the schools to bring as many groups of students as they wanted," said O'Neal.

She also added that next year Morris Brown plans to bring an exhibit on the history of African-American women in the U.S. which is also housed at the Smithsonian. The exhibit being shown at Morris Brown marked the first time "Black Wings" has been shown in the southeastern region of the country. The exhibit was sponsored by the Student Government Association, Tuskegee/Airmen's Association, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Student Spotlight

Brownite New Leader Of The National Pre-Alumni Council

by Paige Wray

In January, five members from the Pre-Alumni Council of Morris Brown College went to Washington, D.C. for 3 days to attend the National Alumni-Pre-Alumni Council Conference. Brownites Stephen Reid, Roosevelt Hudson, Sharon Moore, Michael Aikens, and Keena Garner were in attendance with representatives from the other 42 member schools of the United Negro College Fund.

At the Conference, student elections were held for new officers. The term of office lasts one year and this conference was the end of this year's term.

Stephen Reid, a junior at Morris Brown College, got interested through the Pre-Alumni Council at MBC, and went to the Conference with the intention to run for Council President. But Reid, who had not been to a previous conference was told he would not be able to run. "I was confident that I could have fulfilled the position, if elected. So, I ran for Vice-President and won by a landslide over my closest competitor" said Reid.

Stephen holds the office of Vice-President of the Pre-Alumni Council for the 42



Stephen Reid, a Newly elected vice president of the National Pre-Alumni Council 1985-86

member schools of the United Negro College Fund. "My duties are specifically to assist the President in what he is doing and substitute in his absence. On my own I plan to initiate the programs that are needed in the UNCF schools and to see that the inactive pre-alumni councils at UNCF schools are active."

Mr. Reid plans to attend next years conference in Miami, Florida and will run for president of National Pre-Alumni Council

The following students have been inducted into the Alpha Nu Chapter of the Phi Sigma Iota National Foreign Language Honor Society:

Mr. Hiram Andrades, a senior at Morris Brown College is from

Miami, Florida. He is a fluent Spanish major. He also speaks French. He ranks among the top ten on the U.S. Government's National Foreign Language Test. Hiram is very active in extra-curricular activities. He is the Election Committee Chairman and Special Assistant to the President of the Student Government Association, Business Manager of the Wolverine Observer (the student newspaper), Vice-President of the Foreign Language Club, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and others. He participated in the Atlanta Public Schools Foreign Language Festival where he read excerpts from Don Quijote de la Mancha. Upon graduation, Hiram plans to pursue a career as an interpreter with the government. He also plans to learn other languages.

Ms. Monique Sugarmon, from Memphis, Tennessee, is a junior at Spelman College. She is majoring in Spanish with a minor in Economics, and hopes to pursue a career in International Banking. Monique was listed on the Dean's List her Freshman year, the National Dean's list her Sophomore year, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Inc., Eta Kappa Chapter. She plans on spending the summer after graduation in Spain to master the Spanish language.

Inducted in the Alpha Nu Chapter also is Bloneva McPhee. Bloneve is an advanced sophomore Spanish major. She is a honor graduate of Beach High in Savannah, Georgia where she studied Spanish for 3 years. Presently, Bloneva is an Ivy Leaf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Gamma Chapter, Secretary of the Foreign Language Club, and a Sweetheart of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., of Iota Chapter. Upon graduation, she plans to attend the University of Mexico and pursue a career in International Business.

Other activities by the organization held this school term included various professional articles written by language faculty, student participation in Foreign Language Festival Activities which included: Oral speeches in French and Spanish, French/Spanish songs, dances and the Alpha Nu Annual International Cuisine.

The organization supported the International Lecture Series

sponsored by the Foreign Language Department entitled "Contemporary Themes: A Global Approach" funded by the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities and became acquainted with two Humanities Scholars, Dr. David Dorsey and Dr. Margaret Rowley of Atlanta University.

The officers are: Michael Billinglea, President; Eustache Placide, Vice-President; and Gayle Johnson, Secretary.

Morris Brown College is one of the few predominately Black colleges in the United States holding a charter of Phi Sigma Iota. The first installation ceremony and initiation was held April 15, 1981 in the Griffin-Hightower Science Lecture Auditorium under the leadership of Dr. Earlene Frazier, Chairperson of the Foreign Language Department. The Society recognizes outstanding ability and attainments in the studying and teaching of foreign languages, stimulates advanced pursuits and individual research in this discipline, and promotes cultural enrichment and a sentiment of international amity derived from knowledge and use of foreign languages.

M.U.S.R. Sponsors Career Awareness Seminar

by Hiram Andrades

The Xerox Corporation, Minorities United in the Southern Region and the Morris Brown College Southwest Atlanta Alumni Association co-sponsored a Career Awareness Seminar/Buffer Dinner April 2, 1985 at 5:30 p.m. in Cunningham Auditorium.

The main purpose of this program was to introduce the students to the private and public sector job market. Along with fulfilling its main purpose this program provided consultants that demonstrated techniques in job hunting, interviewing and personality development techniques, shared experiences in on the job settings, informed students of skills needed to succeed in the business world, discussed possible solutions to problems encountered in the work world, and most important of all, served as positive role models.

Among the consultants that were available for this program were some of our own MBC Alumni. Some of them were: Luther Alexander, Chuck and Shirley Barlow, John and Lillian Goodlet, Phyllis Pratt, Montey Ross, Bonita Swain, Clarence and Gloria Williamson, Francis and Majorie Young, and others.

This seminar was very informative, impressive, well organized, and left students impressed with the alumni. The alumni

stressed upon the students to maintain a positive attitude about themselves. This is needed in order to achieve any goals you set your mind to. Another point that was stressed was that in order to achieve anything you must start at the bottom and work your way to the top!

These concepts might seem very elementary but need to be kept in mind because they are easily forgotten. If it takes a seminar such as this each semester, it needs to be implemented. In this manner, students will continue to build self-pride and assertiveness in themselves.

The alumni were also impressed with the students in attendance. One of the alumni was quoted as saying, "You are the most articulate, eloquent, and elegant group of young people I've ever seen. If you're representative of the rest of the student body, I have high hopes for Morris Brown."

At the end of the seminar, students had the opportunity to express their opinion about the program that had taken place. Kelvin Grayson and Michael Phillips agreed that this was a very positive program and more programs of this nature should take place at MBC. Another student, Kim (Sloan) Hill said, "I think it was good to see Blacks who have made it in the corporate world (especially from

M.B.C.) exemplifying concern for young Blacks seeking to enter. The dual personality that Blacks need to possess in corporate America and the need to go on to grad school were very enlightening subjects."

THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY YWCA: A STRONG BLACK LEADER

by Kathy Lightfoot

The Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association has been established since 1919 (but not in its present location) for the purpose of serving "Negro women and girls." Its name was originally "The Blue Triangle Center," but was later changed to Phyllis Wheatley in commemoration of the first black woman poet to receive recognition in America.

By 1921, over 350 girls were enrolled in clubs and classes; 1000 were enjoying parties, picnics, hikes, etc. The program continued to grow with emphasis on the "Girl Reserves." The original location of the YMCA was at 128 Piedmont Avenue. Since then the YMCA has relocated several times. The

Phyllis Wheatley Branch was under the directorship of Lula Lowe in 1936; Mrs. Sujette Fountain Crank in 1953-1965; Magnoria Smothers in 1965-1972; Austine Parker-Giles in 1972-1983.

Presently the position is being held by Deborah Richardson-Heard, who has held the position since 1983. Under the directorship, increased program services are being carried out in the areas of career exploration and employment training, remedial education, assistance to teen parents, childcare, and a wide variety of physical fitness and recreational activities. Some of the activities are: (Adult Classes for men and women) Women's Basketball league, bowling, karate for beginners, introductory Spanish, sewing, the Rambling Diners Dinner Club which is for singles only; (for children) gymnastics, sewing, beginning Spanish, karate for kids, basic drawing, charm class for pre-teens, and plenty more.

The Phyllis Wheatley also sponsors trips in which one of our Brownites, Judy Dyer, won. It was the Winter Break Night in the Bahamas trip.

The YWCA offers a lot but Heard would like the involvement of more students. She said, "We are planning a summer camp and want to hire students who are interested in teaching such areas as dancing, computers, music, weightlifting, cheerleading, baton twirling, etc. Also we need regular camp counselors. Interviews for these positions will be held in March."

Students are hired year round

but more are needed in the summer.

In talking with Brownite Lisa Miller, who works at the Phyllis Wheatley as a coordinator, she stated, "There are pretty nice events held here. I am in the sewing class. They try to do things for the students, especially Morris Brown students. The people I work with are nice. But what they mainly want is for students to come and say what they want."

The YWCA even provides a Pre-Apprenticeship Program in Carpentry, Plumbing and Electrical. You can go by for more information.

Also in celebration of Black History Month, the Afterschool Program put on a recital recently.

Heard also would like to start a student YWCA and plan activities for them. She said, however, she would need student input.



Judith Dyer a Junior, HRM Major won a trip to the Bahamas

