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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

Miss Morris Brown Shines at Community Forum



Denise Jones congratulates Bedford Pine Tigers for championship season.

by Noran Moffet

Denise Jones, Miss Morris Brown College, received a rousing applause from the citizens of the Neighborhood Planning Unit "M" (NPU "M") at their monthly meeting, held at the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Center August 26.

The NPU "M" meeting featured a wide array of local personalities including: Councilman Rob Pitts; Commissioner of Parks and Cultural Affairs, Ms. Betty Baker; Mr. Lee Bennett, Coach of the Bedford Pines Tigers, and a large number of concerned citizens of the community.

Ms. Jones began her speech by extending greetings from Morris Brown College. She offered her service and commitment to the community. She said, "I intend to work in the black community to set a good example for the children."

She then inspired the citizens

when she said, "The white man has left us with two things—they are the right to vote and a chance to get an education... they are trying to take those, so we better use them."

Ms. Jones encouraged the adult citizens to help their children with homework and to continue their own education.

After Jones' speech, one of the senior citizens said, "That is a sincere young lady. We need more college students like her." This comment clearly was the consensus of the community.

Mr. Bob Wright, Chairman of NPU "M" recognized the other MBC students present and allowed both, Mr. Derrick A. Pope, President of the Political Science Club and Ms. Kathy Lightfoot, Associate Editor of the **MBC Wolverine Observer**, to address the NPU "M."

Pope thanked Wright for his invitation and said, "The black college and the black college

student is alive and thriving despite efforts to destroy them."

He also inspired the citizens by reminding them that the year for city elections is near and he said, "Remember many politicians will be coming to you with smiles and good speeches, but as my wise instructor, Dr. Charles E. Price says, 'a good speech is not a good deed,' so choose your leaders carefully."

Lightfoot followed him and told the citizens:

"The Morris Brown College, **Wolverine Observer** will be covering community affairs." She added, "The college is part of the community."

There were also Freshmen from MBC in attendance.

Wright summarized by thanking "this true African queen (Miss Morris Brown College)" and all of the MBC students for showing an interest in their black community.

NPU "M" Meets for Improvements

by Kathy Lightfoot

The NPU "M" (Neighborhood Planning Unit "M") met at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Monday, August 26.

The purpose of NPU "M" is to allow the residents of a community to discuss problems and solutions, so they can be taken to elected officials.

Bob Wright, Chairman, presided. Wright protested, "There are too many Uncle Toms in the community office."

Lee Bennett, Coach of the Bedford Pines community softball team who won the city league, complained about the field being rocky. Lights had been promised but never given. And the grass is never cut.

Dwayne Stuart, a member of the Land Use Committee of NPU "M," gave everyone a hand-out of five reasons why residents shouldn't support proposal #4 of the general management plan, being proposed by the National Park Service. One being that the proposal will produce a great amount of displacement, both residential and business, according to Stuart.

He suggested that if the NPU

supported any proposal it should be proposal #3. It would create a preservation commission for ten years, which would monitor and control developments.

Another complaint aired at the meeting was by Miss Janie B. Crook, a member of the Martin Luther King (N) Recreation Center Advisory Council, about maintaining repairs of the recreation facilities.

Many other complaints were brought to the meeting in an effort to find a solution for these problems.

Minister Edward Muhammed (a recent speaker at MBC College Church) addressed the committee with things to think about. Mainly, the death of Ronald Kirkland. Kirkland was beaten by a policeman, but officials claimed he died of an overdose of cocaine. Muhammed said that he "has problems" with this.

Grace Davis, President of Women Against Crime and a candidate for City Council, District 2, informed the group that, "Crime in Atlanta is the second highest in the country. More police are needed to walk the streets. We must get back to the

basics." She added, "I'm running because I care. We are going to have to get involved in the community."

Several MBC students were present at the meeting. This meeting is held every fourth Monday of each month. (Note: These meetings will be covered monthly.)

COME ONE!
COME ALL!
to the
OCTOBERFEST
Held
October 12
at
Herndon
Stadium

Management Council Begins Second Year at MBC

by John Johnson

Did you know that Morris Brown College has a Management Council?

Do you know what the Management Council and what their duties are?

The Management Council is a group of people who are on the School Board of Trustees. They are people who make the necessary decisions for day to day functions at Morris Brown.

The council was created by the Administration of Morris Brown College. Every college has a decision making body. The council consists of seven members and they are:

Dr. Calvert H. Smith, President of M.B.C.;

Dr. Gloria Anderson, Dean of Academic Affairs;

Mr. Tyrone Fletcher, Director of Admissions and Recruitment;

Dr. Charles M. Greene, Associate Dean of Student Affairs;

Mr. John I. McLeod, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs;

Mr. Charles W. Moore, Vice-President of Finance; and Mrs. Malinda K. O'Neal, Dean of Student Affairs.

The Management Council meets every Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in the President's Suite.

The meeting of the council, held September 12, 1985, concerned the need of janitory repairs throughout the dormitories. Roosevelt Hudson, President of S.G.A., sits in on the meetings but he is not a member of the council. He lets the Management Council know how the student body feels about the issues at hand.

In speaking with Dr. Greene about the registration process for Freshmen, he said, "Registration was the best that it has ever been," he also said "that everything went smooth and very quickly."

The Management Council's objective is to make the decisions and settle the problems of our institution.

"The Editor Speaks"

by **Noran L. Moffett**

Welcome back and peace be unto you all! They are alive! Yes, the freshman class and new students at Morris Brown College who exhibited their spirit and outspoken expression during Freshman Orientation Week bring hope for tomorrow.

It is with this type of spirit and expression that this column will be dedicated. Remember you are indeed a diverse and large body in this institution. Therefore, do not let ANYONE suppress your individual or collective voices. When that happens your SPIRIT becomes decayed. Such has been the case at our institution.

What happened to the SPIRIT of MBC? This question has been asked on several occasions by several people - that includes students, faculty and staff. Just take into consideration the series of events brought upon and effecting practically every component of this institution.

What happens to one's spirit can be focused on using the Socratic method.

One of the greatest casualties of our institution and of our people was and still is to ask "Why?" We wait until something affects us before the classical

Socratic Method is used. Let us ask - "Why and what is it?"

Why are faculty and staff members on the edges of their scholarly seats saying I can't say anything or are afraid to say something? This is not healthy nor can you expect it to change if scholars and intellectuals are intimidated into vocal submission. What do you expect of students? Maybe it's a matter of reaping what has been sown - again why, what is it?

It is intelligent to question the rationale of a decision made by the Board of Trustees, the President, an administrator or any member of the Morris Brown family or chain-of-command. It is intelligent to voice disagreement unless of course, you are not a person of principal. This is also true of students who disagree with actions of their peers, because a true friend can accept disagreement.

There are always a few who will ... we must begin to analyze our convictions and stop talking low and passing notes under the table. There have always been those who confront decisions by using the Socratic Method.

Such characteristics are evident in the lives of Jesus Christ, Buddha, Muhammed, Nat

Turner, Elijah Muhammed, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela.

Here at Morris Brown there was a man whose instruction exemplified the spirit of those afore mentioned men.

Who is he? Dr. Charles E. Price, Associate Professor of Political Science at Morris Brown College. Notice that sentence is "present tense." So, why isn't Dr. Price here? When he, according to those who have been ignited by his SPIRIT, wanted to know why he is not teaching. Maybe Dr. Price voiced his opposition to a decision or pointed out its error.

Maybe your question is, "can this happen to me?" Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I would rather die having believed in something than live..." Dr. Price is a living example who stands for something. Black youth need this type of role model to enhance their spirit and cultivate their minds.

Just as Nelson Mandela is a living example for the black people of South Africa for standing up for what he believes is right - so shall Dr. Price be for students who appreciate his heroic spirit.

Think About It!

by **Kathy Lightfoot**

First of all, I would like to personally welcome everyone back especially all the Freshmen and new students here at Morris Brown College and wish you all a great year. I would also like to let the whole student body know about the POWER of the Wolverine Observer.

If there are any grievances you have about anything or anybody, let a member on the newspaper staff know. The paper is your voice.

There are many people who wish they could control the Observer because we live up to the motto: "Telling It Like It Is." But you should feel free to let the Observer know whatever is on your mind.

There is a matter on which I would like to voice my opinion and I'm sure a lot of you would agree, and that is the attire we are expected to wear upon entering the cafeteria. Personally, I think it's ridiculous to have to dress a certain way just to be able to enter the cafe. This is our home away from home and if we were at our permanent living residences, we wouldn't have to dress up for dinner. Why here?

As long as a person has covered himself or herself in a decent manner, there shouldn't be any complaints. I'm sure after the administrators come from church on Sundays they get comfortable, which is the way we would like to dress. Why can't we?

I'm sure that by now we have all heard of the display of protest by about fifteen to twenty students concerning the code of dress that took place on Sunday, September 22. That is another story. But it is a shame that you can't eat what you have already paid for - mind you - because you have on a sleeveless shirt or you don't have on a tie. There is

no telling what they will come up with next. We have to stick together if we are going to overcome these petty rules.

Respect is another matter I would like to address. For one thing, it takes only five seconds to go to the sink and pour out the remainings of the beverage you don't want, rather than throwing it out the window and having it mess up someone else's window or spill in on the inside, as has happened to me and has happened to others in the Towers.

The display of manners in the bathroom is another problem. It takes at least a split second, if not a second, to "excuse me" flush the commode. Then there is a growing respect not only for each other but for the school.

Flowers were planted in front to the towers which added to the surroundings but some destructive force destroyed the beauty of the flowers. Papers are strewn all over the front of the towers when there are two trash cans sitting outside.

Because of actions like these we are kept from having anything.

Having respect or concern for the person on the phone is another concern. How can you be nasty to a person who is on the phone for an hour talking to their mother when you stayed on it for an hour talking to your lady or male friend. And it is stupid not to deliver a message especially if it is from that student's parents. You are being selfish and childish.

We are young adults in college and we should act with a little more maturity than high school students.

If you don't respect yourself; no one is going to respect you. Now think about it!

Fifth Annual TAY Club Gospel Extravaganza

by **Henry E. Williams Jr.**

The Fifth Annual TAY Club Gospel Extravaganza was held at the spacious Big Bethel AME Church on Sunday, September 8, 1985.

Since the inception of the 83 present member club, it's member's have constantly been dedicated to serving as prime supporters to the college athletic program.

The audience consisted of officials of the school administration, football players and other vloggerine fans.

The program opened with the singing of the M.B.C. victory song followed by a prayer given by the Reverend George C. Moore.

Guest choirs included

Showers of Blessings of the Cathedral of Faith, The Templeites of Allen Temple Church, Shaw Temple Gospel Choir, St. Phillips Sanctuary Choir, The Voice of Inspiration of Big Bethel Church, and T.S. Clay Gospel Choir.

The highlight of the program were the performances of offertory choirs, which included the Clayton City Mass Choir and the Douglas City Mass Choir. Purcival Jones, a soprano, moved the audience with her rendition of "God Has Been Good To Me."

Dr. Calvert Smith, president of M.B.C., ended the program with closing remarks of thanks and encouragement to the football squad. "The attitude that we carried at the game was of

positive influence, it's not the point of winning the game, but a winning attitude will last longer," Dr. Smith commented. "I am also very thankful for the continuous dedication and support that the TAY Club has given. The organization has for many years supported the athletic programs, I'm sure that support will continue in the years to come," he replied.

Following the concert there was a refreshment and snack reception where M.B.C. football players were the guest of honor. Page after page in the concert program read "To the hottest team in town," we all know who that is! No one but the Mighty Wolverines!

Is Sarah Allen Quad. Secure?

by **Teresa Watkins**

On the night of August 21, 1985, two break-ins occurred at Sarah Allen Quadrangle, an all female residence hall.

A meeting was held in the cafeteria on August 22, 1985 to address the concerns of the young ladies. Reverend Michael Bouie, Director of Housing, presided over the meeting. Most of the suggestions presented by the young ladies, dealt with

added security and the conditions of their rooms.

Later that day Mrs. Malinda O'Neal, Dean of Student Affairs, met with the ladies of S.A.Q. to address topics that she felt pertinent. She then entertained questions the ladies were eager to ask.

One of those ladies, Ms. Jastone Smith, a burglary victim, later said, "Dean O'Neal showed no compassion and evaded most

questions I asked." Her roommate, Ms. Lynn Bond, added, "If the break-ins had not occurred they (Dean O'Neal and Reverend Bouie) never would have tried to remedy already horrid living conditions.

On August 23, 1985 the door to April Alexander's apartment had been jammed; however, nothing was taken.

No arrests have been made by campus police at this time.

Wolverine Observer Hosts College Church

by **Connie Carter**

The Morris Brown College Wolverine Observer Staff sponsored College Church on September 8, Mr. Noran Moffett, the Editor-In-Chief of the Wolverine Observer extended an invitation to Mr. Edward Muhammed, a member of the Nation of Islam Southeastern Region, to be the speaker at the morning service.

Muhammed spoke on the theme "Time Past and Time Present." In his message he conveyed to the students the realization of understanding the Bible on a higher level. He also told the students that we as black

people are the chosen people of God and only a "FOOL" would believe otherwise.

Edwards also gave recognition to Rev. S.H. Colies, the oldest pastor at Morris Brown College.

The new and old members of the wolverine staff were asked to stand and be recognized. Dr. Calvert H. Smith, President of MBC, was in attendance. He and others in attendance were truly enlightened.

The staff of the Observer wish to say to the student body, support your College Church. Worship is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

What Happened To Our Old Teachers?

by Derrick Pope

As you peruse this editorial, put your imagination and your memories to use. Do you happen to recall the week of confusion we all experienced last April called pre-registration? What you did was select classes for the upcoming semester (Fall 1985) as they related to your major and in some instances you were advised to choose certain general education courses. One in particular is American Government.

More likely than not you registered for this course because of the excellent recommendation from your peers. You were excited to start

class after all the wonderful things you heard about the course and the instructor. To your dismay you returned to Dear Ol' Morris Brown and discovered that your teacher, the one you'd heard so many good things about, the same teacher who was so highly praised by your peers, had been "relieved of his assignments." When you inquired into his whereabouts, you were given answers such as: "He's not teaching because he's not there," and "Don't worry brother go to class and read the book."

It is my purpose to fill this space with answers to your

questions. Through conversations with Dr. T.L. Mukenge, Chairman of Social Relations Department; Dr. Gloria L. Anderson, Vice-President of Academic Affairs; and Dr. Calvert H. Smith, President of Morris Brown College. I have learned that the alleged reasons of Dr. Charles E. Price's release — such as a complaint by students and superficial definitions of quality education — were indeed well-devised and timely rehearsed veils of false veracity implemented to hide the truth. It has been public knowledge that Dr. Price has not been a favorite among the faculty, staff and

administration. This sentiment was expressed in Dr. Price's release. The action, which was initiated by the office of the President, was indeed done — in my opinion and the opinion of the Political Science Association as well as members of the student body — in an inept manner of cowardice and replete tumultuous personal feelings.

The fact that Dr. Price challenges the decisions of his superiors and engages in debate with his peers is inconsequential in nature to his valuable instructions. Those who have been privileged enough to be

recipients of Dr. Price's vast knowledge and experiences, can truly attest to this statement. It is in my opinion that it was juvenile behavior on behalf of the administration to release Dr. Price on the basis of personal feelings and to be disregarded for the well-being of the students.

As students of a Christian oriented institution, we are spiritually disturbed, by these vicious actions initiated by a seemingly intelligent administration. This type of attitude may be channelled into other avenues of destruction.

Take it and do with it what you will....

Making It Work

by David Pollock

Greetings students!, new and old! It is certain that upon your arrival you noticed that Morris Brown College, as well as other schools in the A.U.C., is in need of a few improvements. Yet, since we do live in certain conditions, it is best that we work together as students, faculty and staff, to improve these conditions.

Because we promote pride and unity from within, our school has a history of being number one in the Atlanta University Center. We also have something that a lot of other schools don't have; we have a concerned President who believes in and cares about the students of this institution. In order to continue having a number one school, we must believe in ourselves and have care for the institution also. That includes taking care of our surroundings.

A low esteem for ones school often leads to negative attitudes which cause negative reactions! These negative reactions have been demonstrated by those who punch holes in the walls, write on the walls, destroy vending machines, litter, etc... We say that we want things im-

proved, but, things will never get better if people keep messing up. If we want others to respect our school, it is necessary for us to first respect it ourselves. If we make an effort to better our living conditions it will make our stay here much more pleasant. If we insist on putting holes in the walls and destroying machines, it will only hurt us in the end by causing an increase in tuition and other costs.

Another serious concern is the unnecessary fire drills. Such pranks are not funny! They only cause inconvenience to the other occupants of the dorms and the firemen. There is such a thing as playing too much; this is one of those cases. What if a fire really broke out? What if the firemen had gotten tired of coming by and decided that the alarm was just another prank? Would that be so funny? Take the fire alarm system seriously and only use it when necessary!

Think about everything that has been said. Make your decision to play your part in improving and maintaining peaceful and clean living conditions here at Morris Brown College, IF YOU DON'T! WHO WILL??

Freshman Transition

by Donald Kernon

For many of this year's incoming Freshmen, making the transition from home to campus life has been extremely difficult.

These newcomers came to Morris Brown with high expectations, only to be disappointed by some of the conditions existing on the campus. For most of the students, the dorms were a major disappointment, due to the size of the rooms and some unsanitary conditions that exist in both Cochran and Borders Towers. Mice and roaches seem to be constant visitors. Wouldn't it have been a treat for this year's new students to come to MBC and find that the rooms are

fumigated at least twice a week?

If the living conditions weren't bad enough, the new Brownites were put through the long, grueling task of registration. It's too bad that registration couldn't have been a little more organized this year.

In spite of all this, the majority of our Freshman class decided to stay here and "stick it out," so to speak. They have started focusing on the more positive points and are taking full advantage of the opportunities that are open to them! Together they are trying to overcome the problems that they have encountered.

Class of 1989 — more power to ya!

Dormitory Conditions; Are They Better

by Cheryl Dawson

Notice! It has been some time since arriving on campus here at Morris Brown and one might ask, "What progress has been made?" NONE.....

The first time one walks through the door reaction will probably be, "My God this can't be!" One would think they were in the wrong place. The dorms looked like a tornado had been through them. There were no screens in the windows and the shades were so battered that one couldn't pull them down if he/she had a bulldozer.

But that's not the end of it. The bathroom was and still is the biggest shock. For example, the tiles come off the floor everytime you walk on it. The closet, ceiling and walls are mildewed. The worst part is when one showers, water not only comes from the faucet, but from the ceiling also. The next thing one notices is the ceiling is falling.

What does it take to get action around here? Dean O'Neal how would you feel if your daughter was living under horrendous conditions? I'm quite sure you'd do something about it.

I'm sure that there are others who feel as I, but are afraid to speak up. But look at it this way, why pay thousands of dollars for nothing? I know most of us came here for an education, but we need a pleasant and respectable place in which to live also.

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POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Is the Democratic Party Our Friend?

by Kim Ashanti

As I walk around Morris Brown's campus and other schools in the A.U.C., I see signs that read "Young Democrat's Meeting. Come Out and Join!" or Democratic bumper stickers on cars and Democratic speakers on campus whenever there's an election near.

I just look and shake my head because I am filled with dismay. What is supposed to be an oasis of Black intellectuals, has turned out to be a mirage because all I see is a group of political chumps. You show me a group of die hard Black Democrats and I'll show you a group of political chumps.

One good way to judge a Black person's political intellect is to ask them what political party he belongs to, and if they answer like many of them do, "I'm a strong member of the Democratic party," you've found yourself a political dummy. If they answer, "Oh, I'm a Republican" then you've found yourself a rich political dummy. Now, if one commented, "Well, I voted Democratic this election, but I'm flexible," or says I'm independent, you're more than likely talking to a rational and erudite person.

It is the prerogative of students to accept or reject my opinions, but at the same time I hope that they respect my right to express my opinion.

For example, I commend Blacks for following the dictates of Jesse Jackson by registering to vote in 1984. However, Jesse neglected to realize that we are living in a country with two major political parties; therefore Blacks should stop acting like colored folks and use their Black brains, which built pyramids, governed great African civilizations and get smart enough to gain maximum benefits from our voting power by registering as Independents in national elections. As Independents, our votes would be pivotal in close races and would therefore allow us to bargain with Republicans and Democrats.

Many Blacks say the

Republican party is insensitive to the plight of Blacks and this is true, but we have not made an effort to appeal to the Republican party so that this attitude will change. The Democrats have been reaping the benefits of the black vote by promising blacks little and paying blacks less than that. Just ask Jesse what Mondale did for him after he gathered all those black votes for him. He tossed him to the side, stole his ideas and then insulted Blacks by picking "a dizzy blond" to be his running mate.

How long will we let those "smart ass white boys" (as Andy Young put it) keep pimping us? You may not like the language but that's what we are "political whores."

Just look what happened to Harold Washington in Chicago, he was supposed to have breezed into office by Chicago being a Democratic machine. Blacks should use the 1970 Independent Machine, that Carl Stokes built in Cleveland, as a role model for the kind of political freedom we would have as Independents. Stokes' Independent Machine used the vote to reward and punish; voting for who had the best interest of the Cleveland independent constituent. Stokes went so far as to endorse ten Republicans when he broke from the Cuyahoga County Democratic party. As blacks we should use that old political cliché: "No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interest."

So when you go to those meetings of the Young Democrats, be sure to ask them, how they define special interest groups. I'll tell you. "Special interest group" is the term for Blacks.

Malcolm X said that "America has the unique chance to have the only revolution without bloodshed with the use of the ballot," I'm sure he was referring to Blacks being independent and not "Diehard Democrats" or Republicans. Isn't it strange that we are living in a time where the Black man can make a watch and still doesn't know what time it is!

Republican Control of the White House — Is the Black Vote Important

by Najimu Abdulazeez

President Reagan drove his Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale, to his political grave by one of the largest margins in modern American politics.

Reagan won with the popular vote of 40,077,147 votes 59 percent out of the nation's 179,900 precincts reporting, while Mondale had 27,870,019 41 percent.

The 40th president's overwhelming margin of victory was comparable to the three historic presidential landslides of 1936, 1964, and 1972. In 1936, Franklin D. Roosevelt, a former army general who eventually became a politician through his fame in the army, won the presidency with a landslide. In 1964, Lyndon Johnson cleared the polls against Barry Goldwater of Arizona, while in 1972, Richard Nixon rolled over his Democratic adversary, George McGovern.

The broad-based triumph at the polls makes Ronald Reagan the third Republican Chief executive in the 20th century to secure a second term in the White House — with the likes of Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon.

However, the 1984 presidential polls was an irony or history for Democratic party in contemporary American polls. A synopsis review of some of the contemporary and modern American polls will help clear any misconception of my contentions.

In contemporary 1828 and 1830s, the Democratic party accomplished a great deal. In 1828, the Democratic presidential candidate, Jackson, had an electoral vote of 178 and a popular vote of 647,286, while his Republican opponent, John Adams, had an electoral vote of 83 and a popular vote of 508,064.

In 1832, the Presidential candidate of the then Democratic National, Andrew Jackson won re-election with an Electoral vote of 219 and a popular vote 687,502, while his Republican opponent, Henry Clay, had an Electoral vote of 49 and a popular vote of 530,189.

The year 1836, witnessed the election of the Democratic Presidential candidate, Martin Van Buren with an Electoral Vote of 170 and a popular vote of 765,483, while his Whig opponents, William Harrison, Hugh White, Daniel Webster, had Electoral votes of 73, 26, and 14 respectively, and a popular vote of 739,795 as a group. The Anti-Jackson, W.P. Mangum, had electoral vote of 11 and no

popular vote.

The 1856, the Democratic presidential candidate, James Buchanan, had an Electoral vote of 174 and a popular vote of 1,832,955 while his republican opponent, John Fremont, had an Electoral vote of 114 and a popular vote of 1,339,932. The remaining 8 Electoral vote and popular vote of 871,731 went to the American political party's candidate, Millard Fillmore.

The presidential election of 1860 and 1864 placed Republican Abraham Lincoln at the top. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln won with an Electoral vote of 180 and a popular vote of 1,865,593 while his Democratic opponent, J.C. Breckinridge, had an electoral vote of 72 and a popular vote of 848,356. Stephen Douglas of the then Democratic constitutional had an Electoral vote of 12 and a popular vote of 1,382,713. John Bell of Union Party had an electoral vote of 39 and a popular vote of 592,906.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln won re-election with an electoral vote of 212 and a popular vote of 2,206,938, while his Democratic opponent, George McClellan had an electoral vote of 21 and a popular vote of 1,803,787. 81 electoral votes were, however, left untouched.

Democrat also won the presidential election of 1884 and 1892 under the Presidential calibre of Grover Cleveland. However, the elections of 1868-1880, and that of 1888, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1952, 1956, 1968, 1972, and 1980, witnessed the defeat of the Democratic party, but not as the current presidential election.

In modern American politics, Americans have witnessed the election of Democratic Franklin Roosevelt in four consecutive terms. Franklin won the elections of 1936, 1940, 1944, and 1948. He however died shortly after his fourth inauguration.

Another Democratic element, Harry Truman won the election of 1948 while Democratic John Kennedy won the election of 1960.

Democratic Lyndon Johnson, former vice president in John Kennedy's administration, won the presidential election of 1964 with an electoral vote of 486 and a popular vote of 43,129,566 while his Republican opponent, Barry Goldwater had an electoral vote of 52 and a popular vote of 27,178,188. Eric Hass of the Socialist Workers, and Harold Munn of prohibition party had no electoral vote, but had popular vote of 45,219 32,720, and

23,267 respectively.

In 1972, the presidential race was performed by Republican Richard Nixon, Democratic George McGovern, and American John Schmitz. Of the 77,718,554 votes cast, Richard Nixon had 47,169,911 and an electoral vote of 520, while George McGovern had 29,170,383 and an electoral vote of 17, which makes it loss the 1984 presidential election. The candidate for the American party, Schmitz, had a total vote of 1,099,482 and zero electoral vote. The only state where the Democrat had a plurality with 92,401 was District of Columbia.

In 1976, Democratic Jimmy Carter won the presidential race with 40,830,763 votes and electoral vote of 297, while Republican Gerald Ford had a vote of 39,147,793 and an electoral vote of 240. Independent candidate Eugene McCarthy had 756,631 votes and had no electoral vote.

The presidential election of 1980 ushered Republican Ronald Reagan into the White House with a vote of 43,899,248 and an electoral vote of 489, while the incumbent Jimmy Carter had 35,481,435 votes and an electoral vote of 49.

All the above contentions and statistics goes to say that the Democratic party is not as bad as revealed in the current presidential election. In spite of the political junta applied by Walter Mondale by choosing a women vice presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro, to catch the majority vote of the women, Reagan still drove him to his political grave. Statistics even reveals that 60% women voted for Reagan.

Reagan has succeeded in giving Walter Mondale his political obituary when Mondale, upon conceding victory to President Reagan, said that he will not seek for an elective office again.

Nevertheless, we thank God for being merciful on Mondale. The situation would have been worse had Ronald Reagan won Minnesota home state of Water Mondale.

The current presidential election shows that black votes are of little electoral value in the American presidential polls as Ronald Reagan won the Southern state of Georgia, Alabama and others. The election further shows that Walter Mondale cannot withstand the likes of Ronald Reagan, Eisenhower, Franklin Roosevelt to mention but a few.



Poet's Corner

Marasmus I

1

a relief of darkness, smoulders
of dreamy blue. An objective stillness
as of crystallizing twighlights. Pushed
into slow song of change,
clouds/weather/dry air.

2

cracked pavement gives up its secrets.
echoed footsteps pressed
as against winding black shade.
as gray, thick mist chokes
out the sky (of something long ago.
yesterday/a scared gait
into midnights gaping
black mouth.
every thought of me/of you
every sharp insight - a green moon.
(as seen from destitute
eyes. emptied
pastures. warm wind blown as
into dying faces...

3

face down. Lives are a
weaving of hot flesh/or warm
breathing. It is sadness which
strolls away from what was.
Before/spirit shorts from flesh. for,
as now, it is weak still and drifting/
fade, faint
fading.

Anthony Bush

Revelation has revealed to us
that there will be a revolution.

Revelation is disclosure - Dis-
closure of divine truth
Truth will set you free - and you
will need no further

Revolution is change preferably
change for the better
We all need change and we can
only get it by standing together

So listen my Afrikan people but
do not fear - for I want your heart
more than your ear

They say that where the heart lies
the feet will follow - Then on
goes our struggle and quest for
power

I will not kid you - blood will be
shed but how else do you
expect for us to get ahead

If we are always sitting back
turning the other cheek - our
bodies will grow weary and our
minds grow weak

Kirby "Jasiri" Solomon

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FEATURES

Student Spotlight

Olivia Ann Butler, a 20 year old senior at Morris Brown College. She is a native of Darien, Georgia. Olivia attended McIntosh County Academy High School where she graduated in 1982 with honors.

Ms. Butler participated in the Stanford Introduction to Minority Research Program this past summer.

Olivia is an active student and member of the following organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc., Gamma Gamma Chapter, she serves as Basileus President; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Fraternity; National Deans List; Olivia also said that she is "interested in politics".

Olivia paused briefly and continued with a proud smile when she said, "I have always loved Black History so my interest in politics is based on my love for Black People." Olivia speaks emphatically about history and Black people. She will quickly say, "Afro-Americans."

"History is something my peers have little interest in . . ." Olivia indicated that growing up in a small town Black history was not offered, "so I read books." She also made speeches and participated in Black History Week.

Olivia has a foundation in history as well as a sincere dedicated effort in broadening both her knowledge and experience. It is with this commitment that she pursued a summer internship.

Olivia said she was able to get into the program at Stanford, "through the dedicated efforts of my past advisor," (Dr. Marcus E. Jones, Geography). When she was asked about Dr. Jones' role she said, "Dr. Jones was instrumental in helping me with this effort as well as being a good advisor who cared about my future . . . he was interested in my career as a historian."

Olivia studied under Dr. Clayborn Carson, who is Associate Professor of History at Stanford University. Dr. Carson recently published a book entitled, **Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee: The Black Awakening of the 1960's**. He was recently commissioned to do the Martin Luther King Jr. papers by the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change Inc.

When Olivia was asked about



Senior Olivia Ann Butler

her personal research in the program she said, "Dr. Carson allowed me to follow up on his research." Dr. Carson's research is (which is on going) a study of, "Graduate Schools of History: Hiring Trends of Academic Historians." Since his study interested her she decided to devote her research to fulltime faculty who teach Afro-Americans History." This study focused on white institutions.

What Olivia discovered through her research, according to her, "was alarming." She said, "before 1959 there were as few as 10 Black Academic Historians teaching a (subject) at any of America's Graduate Schools . . . women constitute a low percentage of historians." Olivia also said, "there are only 107 Academic Historians teaching the subject of Black History at American's Graduate Schools. She feels the numbers are low because, "Black students today as opposed to the sixties do not demand for their history to be taught." Olivia also expressed a sincere concern about the lack of interest in Black History at Historically Black institutions, she said: 1) "There is a decline in interest from black students and the black community 2) a relaxed college administration is using the disinterest of students as a means to do away with black history and Black Studies."

Olivia summoned up her experience of participating in the Stanford Introduction to Research Program. She said, "Participating in this historical research has definitely been a pinnacle in my career as a novice historian." My experiences at Stanford were extensive. I had to learn to adjust to being a minori-

ty interested in minority studies; I had to learn to counterattack remarks and opinions suggesting that black schools are inferior. However, my greatest achievement was not in proving myself competent; it was in the actual display of my confidence in my abilities.

I was proud to represent a small black college like Morris Brown and to have had a mentor like Dr. Jones; even though, my black school no longer considers Black History important enough to offer a course in the area of Black History or employ the kind of mentor like Dr. Jones who is no longer with us."

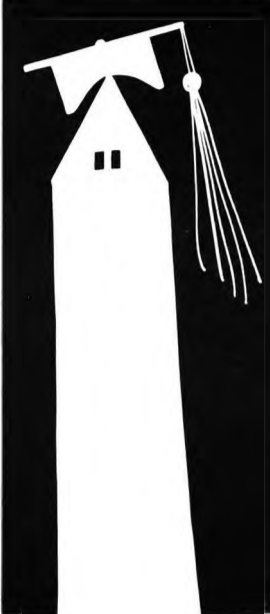
by Allyn James

Colonel Fletcher, that is the name that I know him by!

He came to my high school approximately two and one-half years ago and spoke at a Future Homemakers of America meeting; he had my attention when he got up to speak and held my attention until he sat. Although, I could not remember his face, I have thought of his speech many times because it is the most memorable one of all my high school years.

When asked to interview the new director of admissions, Fletcher, it never occurred to me that this would be the Colonel Fletcher that I had seen years ago. But, indeed, it was, and I enjoyed listening to him even more this time than last!

The new director of admissions is Mr. Tyrone Fletcher. Fletcher is married, has four children and is a native of Florida. He grew up in a small town called Defuniak Springs. He attended Tivoli high school, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee,



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Bringing Up The Rear: MBC's Flag Corps

by Sonja Rowan

Band members line up! Wait a minute! What do I see bringing up the rear? It's an entire Freshman Flag Corp!

This is the surprising difference in the Morris Brown Marching Wolverine Band this year. The squad consists of nine Freshman girls who are dedicated to the band.

The Flag Corps has surprised a number of people due to the fact that only one member of the

squad has had flag corp experience.

The girls illustrated a lot of Wolverine spirit in their first performance at the home opening halftime show. They are looking forward to a great season but they need the type of support that was given on Saturday, September 7.

The Flag Corp's sponsor is Ms. Rushdan, a former member of the Morris Brown College Band.

Fletcher Brings in Freshman Flock

Florida and attained his masters in Public Administration at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant Michigan.

Fletcher is a retired Lt. Colonel from the United States Army. From 1979 to 1983 he was a Professor of Military Science at Fort-Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia. Later in eighty-three he became the Director of Student Recruiting.

Fletcher became the Director of Admissions of Morris Brown College on June 3, 1985. He said that, "His decision to accept the position was based on what he believed the new administration is trying to do." He believed that the administration, the students and every one involved will succeed in making Morris Brown College a winner. And, he wanted to be a part of that winning team.

The job of the Director of Admissions is basically to coordinate the implement plans to increase enrollment at MBC and to admit good student that will work to improve themselves and the college. Mr. Fletcher plans to work toward the achievement of

these objectives and says that he is committed to recruiting and admitting students that have the potential to stay with Morris Brown and become an active part of the Morris Brown family.

Mr. Fletcher anticipates several plans that will help him achieve his goals. One of the plans is to increase recruiting efforts both in and out of the state of Georgia. Since out of state students make up a large percentage of Brownites, attention will particularly be focused on increasing the enrollment of students from Georgia. He also plans to put students to work as recruiters. Students will act as recruiters by acting as guides when other non-Brownites come on campus to look around.

Still another plan is to enlist Morris Brown students who will act as spokespersons for the college when they return to their hometowns. These spokespersons will be provided with material about the college, will take the material to their former high schools, will distribute the

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Sororities and Fraternities: What's It All About?

by Anquinette Daniels

On the Morris Brown College Campus, there are eight chapters of black Greek organizations. These organizations are as follows:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.;

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;

Phi Beta Sigma, Fraternity, Inc.;

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.;

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.;

If you are a Freshman, you may

not be familiar with these organizations. The meaning sorority is a representation for sisterhood and fraternity is a representation for brotherhood. The founders, origin and purpose of these organizations are important in the Greek society.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the first black sorority and was founded in 1908 at Howard University by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority represent high ethical standards for the betterment of young black women.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first black Greek fraternity was founded in 1906 by seven distinguished Jewels. The men of this fraternity represent

scholarship, manly deeds and honor.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded January 13, 1913, by 22 determined women. These ladies are a public service organization.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was founded November 17, 1911. These men strive for perfection and unity among our people.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1921 by the already established men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., was founded in 1914 at Howard University. Their motto is "Culture for service and service for humanity." This fraternity is the first black fraternity to be

founded in the deep south.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a representation of high standards both socially and academically.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana by 10 ambitious young men. These men set their goals on high achievement in all aspects of life.

Each respected organization has chapters all over the world.

The Greek society which consists of over a million members have unity as the key to the success of these organizations. The Greeks have a governing council called the Pan Hellenic Council. The Council consist of

one representative from each Greek letter organization. The Council meets monthly to discuss Greek concern which is "service to mankind." They work on such issues as apartheid, presidential election and many others.

There have been many now famous contributors to black America who were or are members of a Greek organization; for example: Reverend Jessie Jackson is an Omega, Martin Luther King Jr. was an Alpha, Corretta Scott King is an AKA, Shirley Chisholm is a Delta, James Wedon Johnson is a Sigma and the list goes on.

Inaugural Concert Featuring Roslyn Burrough

by Melanie Johnson

The Big Bethel AME Church located at 220 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, was the site of a musical extravaganza on Thursday Night, September 19th. The church was host to Roslyn Burrough, a world renown soprano. This event marked the start of celebrations in honor of the inaguration of Dr. Calvert Smith as the new president of Morris Brown College. Not only did it serve as a launching pad to Dr. Smith's new reign as president, but it brought faculty, students, alumni and supporters of Morris Brown together for a common goal which is to propel the school into a new and glorious era.

Ms. Roslyn Burrough, a 1968 graduate of Morris Brown College, thrilled the audience with her renditions of contemporary and inspirational songs. The stage was illuminated by her presence. Her evening gown of burgundy organza and silver sequin enhanced her appearance, but even this beautiful fashion paled in companion to the rich melodic sounds of her voice. Mr. Burrough certainly displayed the entensiveness of her training and experience during the entire performance. She was well polished and professional, but her professionalism never took away from the freshness of her style.

She began the evening by doing several songs from well known musicals in which she has appeared. The tones of her voice took the captivated audience from "Summertime" of *Porky and Bess* to "If you Believe" of the *Wiz*. She also featured the song "All the Things You Are" from her soon to be released jazz album. It required only the

closing of the eyes and a very small imagination to live the experiences which Ms. Burrough shared through songs. Featured in concert was David Weatherspoon. His performances were excellent and his duets with Ms. Burrough were a combination of phenomenal talent which brought the audience to a standing ovation after their rendition of "I'm Going Through". Toward the close of the evening, she introduced her pianist, Fred Gripper, who was, in his own right, excellent. He has amassed many credits during his career.

Later in the performance, Ms. Burrough was joined by her mother on stage. They sang a beautiful duet of "How Great Thou Art". Afterwards, Mother Burrough sang an old Negro spiritual, "Little Wooden Church on the Hill". Her throaty melody transported many people back to a simpler time of "country folk", and "old time religion", a time lost in the hustle and bustle of city life. Ms. Burrough closed out the evening with selections from her spiritual cassette. She shared her beautiful three-and-one-half octave voice for an evening, and her performance will be long remembered.

Morris Brown College can be proud that it produced a performer such as Roslyn Burrough. She has strived for success, and she has achieved it. The students, faculty, and new administration can learn a lesson from graduates like Ms. Burrough. They can propel Morris Brown into a new era of achievement. The history of this school is too rich and wonderful to let die. With this new approach, not only will Morris Brown reach its former prestige, but it will reach a new height of grandeur and success.

MBC Holiday Togetherness

by Karon Ammons

Hamburgers and ribs were on the grill. Volleyball and music were on the way. Overcast skies lurked overhead. And the S.G.A. was getting worried that the barbecue bash wouldn't get cooking.

The event, given by the S.G.A., was scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. But at that time Mr. Ivory, his cafeteria staff and a few members of the S.G.A. were the only ones present to begin the festivities.

As soon as the burgers were ready, a picnic meal of the grilled beef patties, Wise potato chips, cinnamon rolls, Hostess cup cakes and assorted Shasta drinks was served to the students, most of whom didn't arrive until about 12:00 p.m. The long line that had formed at the end of the table of goodies was turning into bored Brownites that had no entertainment to keep them satisfied.

By the time 1:00 p.m. rolled around, the volleyball net was finally in place. The clouds allowed Mr. Sun to show his face.



Brownites engage in a game of volleyball as others look on.

Mr. King, the Assistant Band Director, drove up with the music. And the S.G.A. members began to look relieved.

Many students became homesick just thinking about the 'un times they had had in their past Labor Day experiences. But the event did give the students a chance to do something besides sleep their Labor Day weekend

away, only to dream about the fun they could have had at home.

The fun didn't end for the die-hards until about 6:00 p.m. No major complaints were publically voiced about the outing. And the S.G.A. hopes to have bigger and better fun for the students every week of the academic year. But next time, on time!

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material among the students at the high school and will talk to the students about attending Morris Brown.

Although Fletcher has been working hard to acquire new plans to increase enrollment, he does not attribute the tremendous increase of Freshman to himself. According to him, there are four major reasons why there is an enlargement of the Freshman class: (1) The effort of the people in the office of admissions before him. (2) The new administration because when things change people want to be a part of that change, so they come to see if things really are different. (3) More blacks living in the north have decided

to come to historically black colleges in the south. (4) The efforts of everyone on campus! Fletcher says that everyone had a hand in that success.

Fletcher may not be responsible for the total increase of freshman, but, he is responsible for a few of the new students. When he began his job in June, most high schools were already closed. However, he had heard about a few students who he thought would be definite assets to Morris Brown College. Therefore, he went to their homes personally and advised them to consider attending MBC. One of the students had been Valedictorian of his class and had not decided where he

wanted to attend college. The other students had already decided which school they would attend. Obviously, Fletcher's efforts were worthwhile because all of these students now attend Morris Brown.

So far, the new Director of Admissions has had no regrets about accepting his job here at MBC. He has received good response from both the faculty and the students since he has been here. Fletcher believes that he has joined a winning team. He said, "We all need to realize that we are on the same team, then we can work together to improve Morris Brown College and make it an outstanding school."

Wolverine Sports

Wolverines Down Clark in Opener 23-19

On Saturday September 7, 1985, the Morris Brown College fighting Wolverines tammed the Clark College Panthers in what seemed like the longest game in history (3 hours 55 minutes).

Quarterback Leonard Camel threw a 52 yard touchdown pass to freshmen Jerome Leslie. It was the first of three touchdown passes that Camel threw. After the touchdown by Leslie, Gene Wesley kicked the point after touchdown (p.a.t.), to put the Wolverines up 7-0 half way through the first quarter. With 3 minutes left in the first quarter the defense put two points on the scoreboard with a safety, to bring Morris Brown up 9-0.

The game went slow through the remainder of the first quarter and the second quarter until 2 minutes and 30 seconds were left in the second quarter when Clarks quarterback threw a 26 yard touchdown pass to Donald Archibald, Clark missed the PAT, leaving the score 9-6 in the first half with MBC in the lead.

In the second half MBC couldn't move the ball very

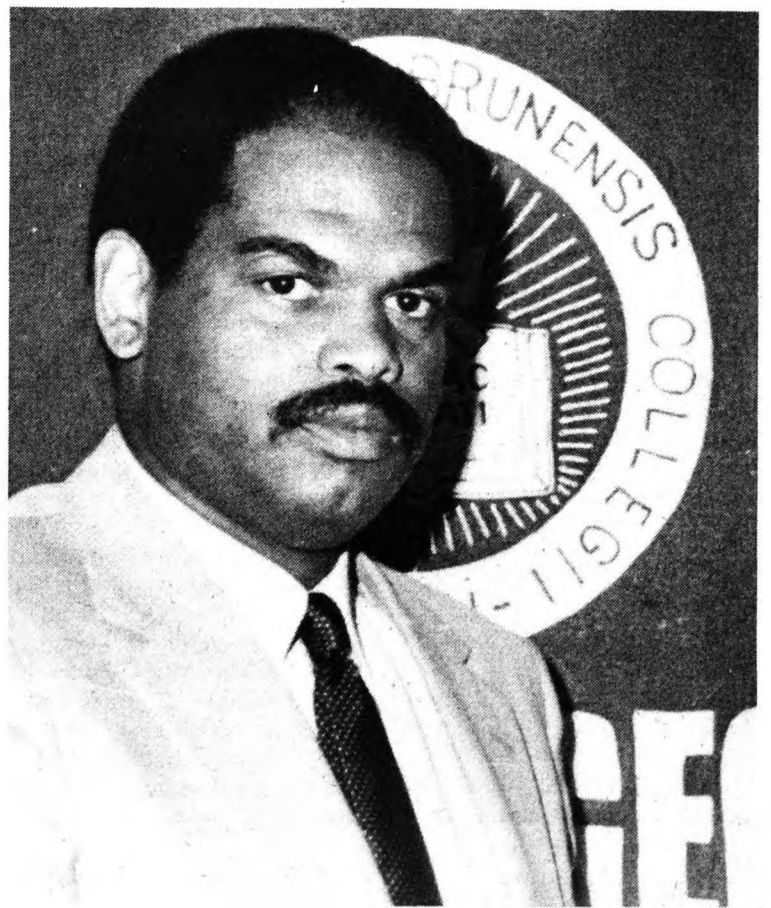
effectively until Camel came in and threw a long bomb down the side line to freshmen receiver Michael Ingram for a 45 yard touchdown pass putting MBC ahead 16-6. Again in the third quarter Camel passed for another touchdown to Phillip Johnson for a 9 yard touchdown, and MBC was ahead 23-6.

On the insuing kick-off Victor Scott fumbled the ball and the Panthers recovered on the one yard line and Curtis Lyons scored on the one yard line. MBC was still leading 23-13 at the end of the third quarter. The forth quarter went by very slowly until Earl Roberts threw Donald Archibald his second touchdown for 26 yards and they made the PAT, and the game finally ended at 8:55 PM the score 23-19, or the Wolverines first victory.

But M.B.C. fell into a slump as they were painfully defeated by Livingston University 24-0. But the mighty Wolverines made a good comeback as they defeated Tuskegee University 19-9.



MBC Quarterback Leonard Camel hands off to a running back during first quarter action against Clark.



Harold Merit is the new head basketball coach for the 1985-86 school year. He will be featured next issue.

Schedule of Intramural Activities

Activity	Type of Competition	Site	Starting Date	Entry Deadline
Badminton	Individual	JHL	March 16, 1986	Feb. 21, 1986
Basketball	Team-M&F	JHL	Jan. 13, 1985	Dec. 13, 1985
Bowling	Team-Co-ed	S.U.B.	TBA	TBA
Cards/ Hearts	Individual M&F	S.U.B.	Nov. 11, 1985	Oct. 25, 1985
Spades	Individual	S.U.B.	Oct. 14, 1985	Oct. 11, 1985
Whist-Uno	Individual	S.U.B.	Oct. 14, 1985	Oct. 11, 1985
Checkers	Individual	S.U.B.	Oct. 2, 1985	Sept. 26, 1985
Chess	Individual	S.U.B.	Oct. 2, 1985	Sept. 26, 1985
Foss-Ball/Soccer	Team/Co-ed	S.U.B.	Oct. 18, 1985	Oct. 11, 1985
Pool	Team/M&F	S.U.B.	TBA	TBA
Scrabble	Individual	S.U.B.	March 10, 1986	Feb. 14, 1986
Shuffleboard	Individual/M&F	Herndon	Oct. 2, 1985	Sept. 26, 1985
Softball	Team Co-ed	Jordan	Oct. 23, 1985	Oct. 18, 1985
Table Shuffleboard		S.U.B.	Oct. 1, 1985	Sept. 35, 1985
Table Tennis		S.U.B.		
Volleyball		JHL		

J.H.L. = John H. Lewis
-S.U.B. = Student Union Bldg.

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Afro-American History Survey

The Afro-American history course that I took was taken at:
Morris Brown College _____
Another Atlanta University Center School _____

Other _____
For me, personally, my reaction toward recommending that other Brownites take a course in Afro-American history:
I would recommend that they take a course _____
I would not recommend that they take a course _____
For me, personally, my reaction toward seeing more Afro-American history courses taught at Morris Brown would be:
like _____
dislike _____

Survey by Olivia Butler

Cut along dotted lines and place in "opinion box" located at the entrance of the cafeteria.