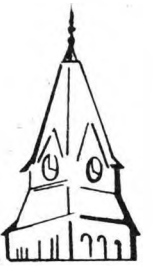


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Christians Fight Apartheid

Washington, March 1, 1988 — Bishop Richard L. Fisher, President of the Coalition on Southern Africa and presiding Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, said in a statement released today that "all men of conscience deplore the unprovoked attack Monday on a peaceful march by South African religious leaders protesting the latest repression by the South African Government of black anti-apartheid groups".

Fearing continued violence because of these latest round of restrictions on peaceful opposition, Bishop Fisher called on the Botha Government "to cease its violent repression of anti-apartheid groups and to rescind immediately these new, harsh and unjustified repressions of basic human rights". He also urged President Reagan "to communicate immediately to the South African Government the outrage

of the American people to Monday's violence and to these new and unjustified repressions of the basic rights of black South Africans". In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he called upon all groups of American society to "raise their voices in opposition to this senseless violence and repression".

Finally, Bishop Fisher called upon all those who are committed to a peaceful transition in South Africa to redouble their efforts in "achieving economic and educational empowerment for black South Africans".

The Coalition on Southern Africa is comprised primarily of African-American and South African religious leaders committed to the absolute abolition of apartheid and to relieving the suffering of black South Africans and other Southern Africans who bear the burden and pain of apartheid. ♣

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U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE GROWS IN PANAMA

by Mark S. Pierson

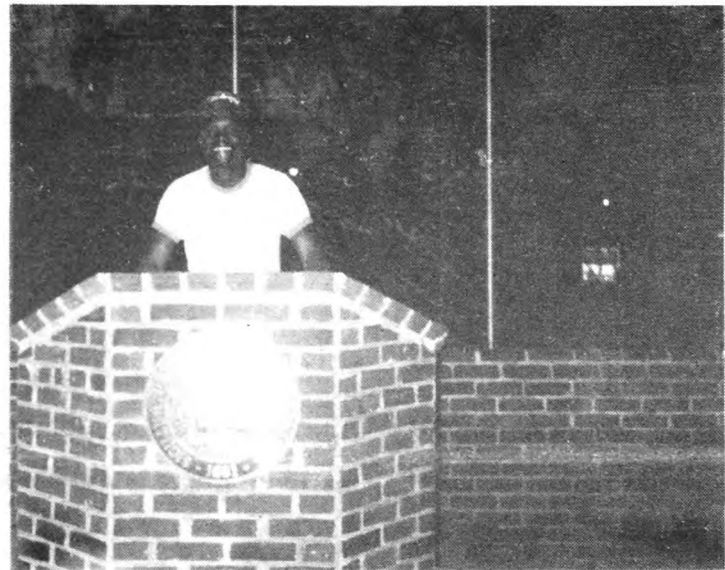
Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega contests that the U.S. is waging a non declared war on Panama. Noriega is the unofficial government leader of Panama after being ejected from the office of Military Leader, by President Eric Arturo Devalle. Instead Devalle was dismissed and is now in hiding. Devalle, in spite of his dismissal, is recognized as Panama's official President by the American Government and President Reagan.

1,300 troops arrived in Panama

this month. From Fort Meade, Md., there were 500 Army Military Police and from Fort Bragg there were an additional 500. From Fort Ord., Ca., there were 350 army troops from the Army aviation units. At Camp Lejeune, N.C. 300 Marines were sent from the 6th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. Air force security police and dog patrol squads, 150 soldiers from Florida, New Mexico and North Carolina were sent also.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



LORIN RIVERS

by Martin LeJean King

Many students experience difficulty combining scholastic and academic skills, but Lorin Rivers is not among them. As a member of the Morris Brown Tennis Team, as well as, being a member of the Honor Roll list, Lorin is able to excel in his academics and sport endeavors.

Classified as a freshman, Rivers displays an aura of determination that is as aggressive in the classroom as he is on the tennis courts. Rivers is a Business Administration major. "Why business administration," Lorin was questioned? "I chose business administration for many reasons. One being that a degree in that field best fit into my scheme of things right now. The main reason for my decision is because I plan to be a corporate lawyer with a Fortune 500 company or on Wall Street," he smiled. When asked why he chose to attend Morris Brown College, Mr. Rivers stated that he wanted to be close to his sister, who is graduating from Spelman soon, and

Morris Brown best suited his desires.

When talking to Lorin Rivers, one senses that this native of Columbus, Ohio knows what he wants and how to go about getting it. With a grade point average of over 3.25, he is off to a good start in attaining his goal of graduating in the top 10% of his class, on time in four years.

With such high goals, one would think that Lorin is a bookworm but that is not true. He also finds time for his hobbies, which include basketball, socializing, and thinking. Asked how he finds the time, Lorin stated, "I manage to find time for leisure activities and my studies because I know how to set my priorities. The advice that I have for students who wish to excel is to keep a positive attitude and to remember what you came to MBC to accomplish."

As an athlete, Lorin Rivers is the number one singles player for MBC. After winning All-Metro honors in high school, Lorin

has been a key player for the Wolverines. When he is not playing singles, Rivers teams with partner Ali BaaQan on MBC's number 1 doubles team.

After graduating from MBC, Lorin plans to go to law school. "Right now I really don't know which one because I have not visited any yet, but I do hope to go to one of the east coast schools such as Columbia, Georgetown School of Law, NYU, or Boston University," he stated. When asked who is the most influential person in his life, Lorin's reply was instantaneous. "My mother, Carol Rivers, has the most influence on me because she is the strongest and smartest lady I know. She gives me something that is worth more than money which is love and confidence in myself."

With his high goals set and an unending supply of determination, Lorin Rivers' future certainly looks bright.

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South Africa 1976: Part 2

In the numerable successes that we had, we experienced serious setbacks too. Police harassments, detentions without trial, Police and soldiers rape, raids, police informers and massacres were in the mix of the whole formation or making of history. Our mothers were beaten by the police. Our little sisters of thirteen and fourteen were raped by police and soldiers. Our brothers, and sisters, and parents disappeared. Many of our little brothers, as young as twelve, were detained without trial for six months or more. The police shot forty-three comrades in Alexander in 1985. They butchered comrades in Western Cape. They assassinated our brethren in Natal. Many more were killed countrywide. Comrade Peter Nchabeleng, UDF Northern Transvaal Branch President, was killed in police custody in 1986, and his funeral was attended by more than thirty-

five thousand people. The freedom lovers did not obey the court's rule, that less than fifty people should attend the funeral. Peter Nchabeleng was Nelson Mandela's clerk and he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment during The Rivonia Trial (the trial of ANC officials). He was banished to live in the reservation called Lebowa. There, he resumed his activities as a patriot. His success was signified by the formation of Sekhukhuni Youth Corps (SEYO) of which I am a member.

The enemy used a network of informers to infiltrate our lives and I guess that is one of the reasons why we lost a lot of patriots. The informers were severely punished if caught. The so-called necklace killing, the most effective punishment in use, is one of the most terrible ways of killing a person. The victim is forced to drink gasoline, a tire is laid around the neck and

under one arm. Gasoline is then poured into the tire and spread around the body. Finally, the victim is given light to set themselves to flame. This was the only way to fight the enemy's butchering of our brothers. The other action that was taken against the enemy's police was the burning of police homes, if the policeman or woman concerned did not want to cooperate with the comrades. Cooperation in this case refers to resigning from the police or defense force.

The birth of UDF meant a great achievement in the history of our struggle for liberation in Azania. The organizations were formed in nearly all the fields of activity countrywide. Students were mobilized and organized to combat inferior, and expensive education for free education for all. Workers were organized in all occupations, ranging from domestic workers, factory

workers, miners, post office workers and others. There are unions in almost all the fields of work, and they have one mother body, The Congress of South Africa Trade Unions (COSATU) which is UDF affiliate. The workers' struggle continues, and victory is obvious. They are pushing up their salaries through strikes. The unions see to it that the contracts of their members are not mishandled like in the past where old men of sixty-five were dismissed, instead of being given the pension funds, and their insurance funds. In short, I can say that exploitation is fought high and low. In addition, Consumer Action committees were formed countrywide to conduct consumer boycotts which brought many businesses to their knees. Many businessmen petitioned the Pretoria regime to dismantle apartheid even though they did not succeed.

Congratulations To The Graduating Seniors!

FILM REVIEW

An Artistic Critique Of School Daze

School Daze is an ambitious comedy-drama-musical from filmmaker Spike Lee. The film is set at an all-black fictitious "Mission College". Lee's mythological black campus is divided into two clashing groups: "wanna bees" (wanna be white) who are light-skinned and long haired and their darker-skinned counterparts, known as jigaboos (or jigs for short).

The movie deals with the racism, classism, color consciousness and caste system which makes conflicts and that breaks the harmony between people. The film gives a penetrating insight on each group and on campus life. The film displays black people fighting their own personal war with each other. For example as Spike Lee had stated, "The surface differences among black people that keep

us from coming together; light skins versus dark skin; straight hair versus naps; lower class versus middle class; city versus country. Lee's movie reveals the problem of lack of a good self-image and the lack of progressive thinking, and a narrow outlook of life; for example the tension between the "Wanna bees" and the "jigaboos" musical - number "Short and Nappy", in which they had sung about the virtues of hair texture.

The movie "School Daze", brought a lot of controversy since it had touched on some delicate subjects. The major reason for this is the fact that Spike Lee gives the truth like a well-packaged present for us, the public to accept - not many people are ready to receive the present though. Spike Lee had mentioned "the intention of the film is

to make people squirm" and that is why he showed a not-so-nice side of fraternities and the lack of unity between people.

Black filmmakers have a responsibility to black audiences but also to themselves. Spike Lee's first feature was "She Gotta Have It" which was a low budget smash and it was a mass-marketed success. Lee's second film School Daze wasn't a low budget film but it is a seven-million "message film" compared to the prior movie.

Filmmakers, especially a black film maker has to avoid the temptation of creating something simply to meet some kind of a mass-marketed or produced product in which it will enable a commercial and critical success the filmmaker, a lot of creativity and social responsibility is lost. Lee had stated "any time a film

Lee had stated "any time a film gets people talking, that's a step in the right direction. I think we should present these things, let people look at them, think about them and start talking about the stuff." Filmmakers like Spike Lee, are more concerned about strong line and content rather than the line of profit but instead they think of things such as giving substance to a film.

In terms of the message that the film had given; I give it a ten and the movie which had touches of drama, song and dance, a nine. The movie was informative, interesting, original, observant and it displayed some striking performances from some actors as Ossie Davis, Joe Seneca, Ellen Holly, Art Evans and Tisha Campbell and some good music and most notably "Da Butt" by a go-go band, E.U.

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The church is playing a prominent role in the liberation struggle in Azania. The South African Council of Churches (SACC), for example ensures that all the youth organizations have lawyers during court proceedings. Furthermore, many of those organizations are funded by local church members of SACC.

Among the individuals who are highly committed to the well being of the human race in the struggle for liberation in South Africa, are Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Noble Peace Prize winner; Dr. Allan Boesak, Albertina Sizulu, the wife of the jailed ANC leader Walter Sizulu; Winnie Mandela, the wife of Nelson Mandela, and many other smart brothers and sisters. These people, in cooperation with political organizations and the church, forced and advocated economic sanctions against South Africa. A good number of companies disinvested in South Africa includ-

ing Barclays Bank, Kodak, etc. All of the brothers and sisters I have mentioned above are facing problems of police raids, bombings by the vigilante government groups and death threats.

The struggle is continuing in Azania. The children of Africa, as young as thirteen, are in police custody. The police are paid to kill the people. The workers' strikes are continuing. The students' mass actions are changing tribal colleges into international universities. Turfloop University is gaining the international status through the students' actions. The children of Africa are crying for their freedom, liberation, enfranchisement and the power to govern. But, victory is obvious. "We shall overcome", cried Ben Moloisi, while awaiting the hangman. Long live the spirit of Black Consciousness. Viva the people's thirst for freedom. Aluta Continua!



A.M.E. Church Speaks Out Against Apartheid

Statement by Bishop Richard L. Fisher

All men of conscience deplore the unprovoked attack today on a peaceful march by South African religious leaders protesting the latest repression by the South African Government of black anti-apartheid groups. By outlawing peaceful opposition to the oppression of apartheid, the government has turned to violence as the only means of suppressing the peaceful will of the majority population to achieving their goal of non-racial democracy in South Africa. Violence, on the part of the Botha Government or others, is **NOT** the answer. It will result **only** in increased suffering and anguish which will be borne most heavily by black South Africans themselves.

I call upon the Government of South Africa to cease its violent repression of anti-apartheid groups and to rescind immediately these new, harsh and unjustified repressions of basic human rights. We support all peaceful, non-violent actions by South African churches, businesses, and other responsible groups to pressure the South African Government to restore the basic human rights of man and to eliminate the evil of apartheid.

I urge President Reagan to

communicate immediately to the South African Government the outrage of the American people to Monday's violence and to these new and unjustified repressions of the basic rights of black South Africans. In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I call upon all groups of American society — churches, corporations, civic and others — to raise their voices in opposition to this senseless violence and repression of human rights. Whatever actions the United States takes to dramatize its repugnance to this violence and repression it should **NOT** be taken at the expense of or add to the suffering and hardships already endured by black South Africans.

Those of us who are committed to working towards a peaceful transition in South Africa must redouble our efforts in achieving economic and educational empowerment for black South Africans. We must not only continue but increase those programs that are designed to prepare black South Africans to become leaders in a post-apartheid South Africa.

The Coalition on Southern Africa remains committed to the absolute abolition of apartheid and to relieving the suffering of black South Africans and other Southern Africans who bear the burden and pain of apartheid.

AKA Sisterhood Week: A Social Success

by Mark S. Pierson

Sisterhood Week of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (Gamma Gamma Chapter) offered a week of activities and enjoyment for the entire student-body of Morris Brown College and the Atlanta University Center. Activities from March 21 - March 27 included a concert, basketball game, swimsuit competition, game-show, fashion show, and a joint worship service with the Junior Class.

"There were a lot of fun and games when we played the Alphas," said Sonja Johnson. The girls of Alpha Kappa Alpha played the Morris Brown Chapter, the Alpha Phi Alpha boys. The Alpha Boys won by 3 pts.

The Swimsuit Competition held on March 23 awarded two winners in categories of the best male and best female swimsuit.

The competition winners were April Brooks and Derrick Delk.

There was also a very high performance concert on Sat. March 26, with some of Atlanta's professional rap groups including, Tripple X, D-Rock, Rhaheem the Dream, Heavy D and the Boy, and Four by Four. The women of the AKA Gamma Gamma Chapter presented a 15-min. step-show.

Festivities ended with a worship service and fashion show on Sunday. There were over one hundred students in worship that Sunday. The newly organized Gospel Choir of Morris Brown provided the music. Morris Brown Student, Steve Smith preached the morning message. This was a joint worship with Junior students present from the entire A.U.C.

The Fashion show was entitled "Vacation Holidays". Some of the scenes were sponsored by local merchants with professional help from Ribbon's Model & Design.

The Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority express sincere appreciation to their sister Priscilla Jenkins, for her support and Coach Ross for his patience, and to those participants who made their work a fun experience.

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A Pardon for North?

by Mark S. Pierson

Jerry Falwell, former Moral Majority Leader and Pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, has sent a nationwide petition to President Reagan. This petition to President Reagan is on the behalf of former National Security Aide Oliver North asking that he be pardoned by the President. Falwell has not only campaigned this petition on his weekly broadcast but has also bought commercial time to advertise the campaign.

After a fifteen month-long investigation of the Iran-Contra Affair, Lawrence Walsh, the Prosecutor, is charging high ranking military officials for conspiring to support the Nicaraguan Contras. Political advisors feel that it would be politically risky for Reagan to pardon North and other aides before the Presidential election. This type of move could create problems for George Bush, the likely Republican Party nominee. His Contra role remains a campaign issue.

President Reagan does not concede that some of his former aides might have violated the law. Marlin Fitzwater, White House spokesman, said, "We don't discuss pardons, period." According to the Tower Commission Report and the Con-

gressional Committee, President Reagan was practically an innocent bystander, victim of an overzealous number of White House aides. All four aides, Oliver North, General Richard Secord, National Security Advisor John Poindexter, and Iranian-born businessman Albert Hakim are charged with; conspiracy to defraud U.S. Government Property, wire fraud, and diverting the profits from Iranian arms sales to the Contras, and transferring funds by wire. North alone is charged with fraud by using tax exempt organizations to raise money for the contras.

"I did not commit any crime," says North. North and Poindexter are charged with obstruction of justice and making false and misleading statements to Congress and with-holding information from Congress and government officials. North is also charged for destroying official documents. Hakim and Secord are charged with conspiracy to pay North illegal gratuities.

The government can not use information given in the Contra Hearings to prosecute, yet there are many classified files that must be examined. According to Walsh, the files "could expose people to torture and deaths."

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

by Alicia Roach

Have you ever tasted curry chicken or heard the melodious sounds of calypso? If you haven't, you have missed an important and interesting experience.

On Monday, March 28, 1988 the International Students Organization of Morris Brown College had an International Festival in which they displayed various clothes, food, music, and artifacts of their homelands. The international students had observed all international countries and they had also honored all international students in the metropolitan area.

The festival was held in the John H. Lewis Gym. This cultural exchange provided a diverse array of information and entertainment for people to view. There was a fashion show in which the young ladies of Africa displayed their local attire. The modeling was superb, and very professional. It captured the beauty of the African woman and the simplicity of their styles. The clothes were not elaborate fashion pieces, but beautifully decorated and tied in unique fashions.

"If music be the food for the soul . . . play on, play on." These words were once uttered by the immortal Shakespeare and the quote echoes perfectly what the music was. A sampling of international music as diversified as the anthem of South Africa to calypso and reggae. This music

revealed the expressions of the international students and their various countries.

Display tables showed the international students' souvenirs from their homelands. Certain international students acted as ambassadors for their countries. They were posted in front of the display tables that represented their country. These students answered any questions that pertained to the countries. They didn't only answer questions, they presented demonstrations as well. For example, two students from Trinidad showed how Trinidadeans usually dance at a carnival celebration and one gentleman played the musical instrument called the steel pan so that people could actually understand the uniqueness of its sound.

The international students should be commended for their fine, enthusiastic work. The exhibition was well organized and the countries were well represented. The cultural exchange embodies the surging spout of nationalism which urges better results for the purpose of international cooperation for the common good of mankind.

The festival was of high standards and the very best for the international student's future efforts. Congratulations to the international students for a job well done. B R A V O!!!!

"THE STREET" By Michael Nathan

The street is . . .
an asphalt jungle w/
liquor stores, and transvestite whores.
Housing project ghetto is . . .
the concentration camp of our time.
Filth; broken bottles for broken dreams,
and cigarette butts for those who got
burned. Nickel bag and needle (is that freedom?)

Homeless bum: unfortunate Brother
who stumbled over the jAgGeD eDgE,
slave to a bottle, as others
who drive by and laugh . . .
are slaves to a worthless dollar.
The JaGgEd EdGe we walk on
still slaves one and all.

The pusher: he is the sucker, (stupid muthafucka)
money maker, dream killer as he is
the false dream seller,
get high, NOW LOW, confusion,
delusion w/an insane conclusion.
He is the junkie maker.
Mindless child, whose only knowledge
of manhood is held in his grasp.
Is it an even trade?

This: the street, the American Hell reality,
not a dead dreamers dream. Time to scheme,
plot, dissent, and circumvent.
the SYSTEM of death - or it shall be our genocide.
this street - highway of hell.

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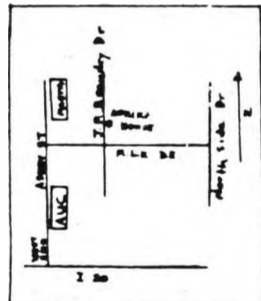


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A YEAR IN REVIEW

by Tanya Smith

My first year here at Morris Brown College has been both positive and rewarding. It has been challenging to overcome difficult situations. Every student entering a college for the first time, whether freshmen or transfer, experiences problems in getting situated in the dorms, enduring the registration process, and adjusting to the campus lifestyle. I am happy to say that many of the faculty and staff members were most helpful in accommodating my requests or needs.

Although there weren't many consistent activities here this year at Morris Brown, there were a few in which I was able to participate. Maintaining a successful and stable social life is vital to a student's overall performance in college. Every student should involve himself or herself in campus activities; finding out what's happening and what isn't happening that should be.

Social activities are important, but my sole purpose for attending Morris Brown was to continue my education and obtain a bachelor's degree. Thus far, I have been able to maintain a stable G.P.A. along with balancing an enjoyable social lifestyle. Although I have been successful in doing this, there is always room for improvement. I'm sure we all can afford a little enhancement in our time management skills. It was a proud experience for me to be one of the honorees at the Honors Day Celebration. My academic accomplishments have always been of primary im-

portance to me throughout my years as a student. Reflecting back on what Mayor Lottie Shackelford of Little Rock, Arkansas has said, we must strive to be much more. There are plenty of honor students at other colleges across the nation. "Being a college student is just like writing a book." In the process of writing your book don't leave any blank pages. I can only speak for myself, but I intend to write a bestseller.

Currently, I am a member of the Big Brother & Big Sister organization here at Morris Brown. It is very rewarding and satisfying to be able to lend a helping hand to ensure that these children understand and play an important role in molding them into respectable young men and women. I am also a member of the Wolverine Observer. I have always enjoyed writing, therefore, the Wolverine Observer has been an excellent opportunity for me to enhance my writing skills.

The living conditions here at the Morris Brown Towers could use some improvement. I feel that this is a major contributing factor to the lack of school spirit and school pride. Despite this I am very proud to be a Brownite. What many of us students here at Morris Brown need is a little more pride; pride in themselves first then in the educational institution we attend. Let's all put forth our best efforts in making the 1988-89 school year a most successful year.

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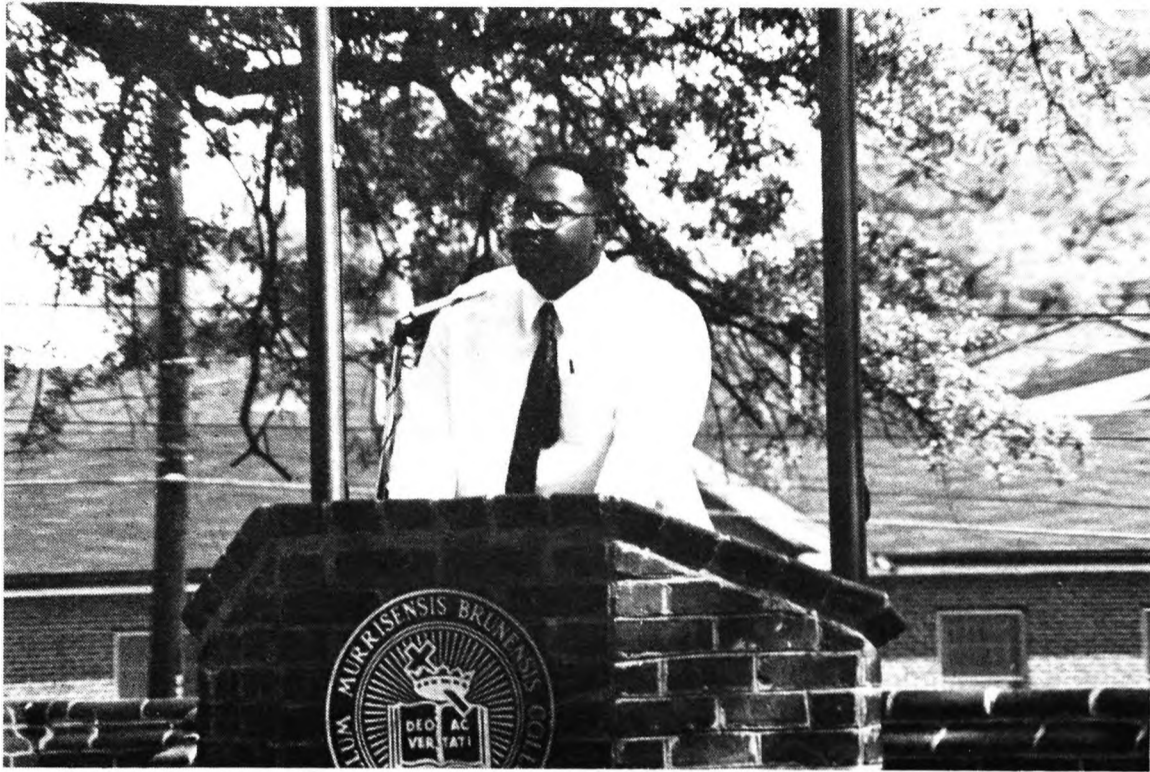
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Addresses The Crowd

"GOING HOME"

It's been a long semester, and at its end
some students will travel and roam,

But when this semester's over,
Deron is going home.

Home is a word that brings a big smile to
my face.

Because even though Morris Brown was educational,
I'm ready to leave this place.

Sure Morris Brown was fun but,
I can't disregard,

That a few teachers like Ms. Reifer have
made this semester hard.

So I'm going home, where I can eat a meal
and not have to stand in line,

And if I'm still hungry I can comeback
3 or 4 times.

At home I can get other foods, not just
beef and fish

At home I can get real foods, but here I
can only wish.

At home I can go in my room that is fully
complete

In summertime I have air conditioning and
in the winter I have heat.

I'm going home where I can travel near or
travel far

SGA 88-89 Leaders



MARK LEE MAKES A POINT

In Atlanta it maybe smarter to take Marta,
but at home I have a car.

Home where I can take a bath, and chill
for about an hour

And I don't have to listen to anyone say,
"Deron will you get out of the shower,"

Yes home to Philly where I can finally get
some rest,

And not have to think about an 8 o'clock
class or test.

Home where I don't have to worry about the
Morris Brown aggravation,

The one we students have to put with
from our famous administration.

Home to have some privacy, cause privacy
here would be a shock.

And at home visitation is a little longer
than 11 o'clock.

And of course home to be with my sister
and my little brother

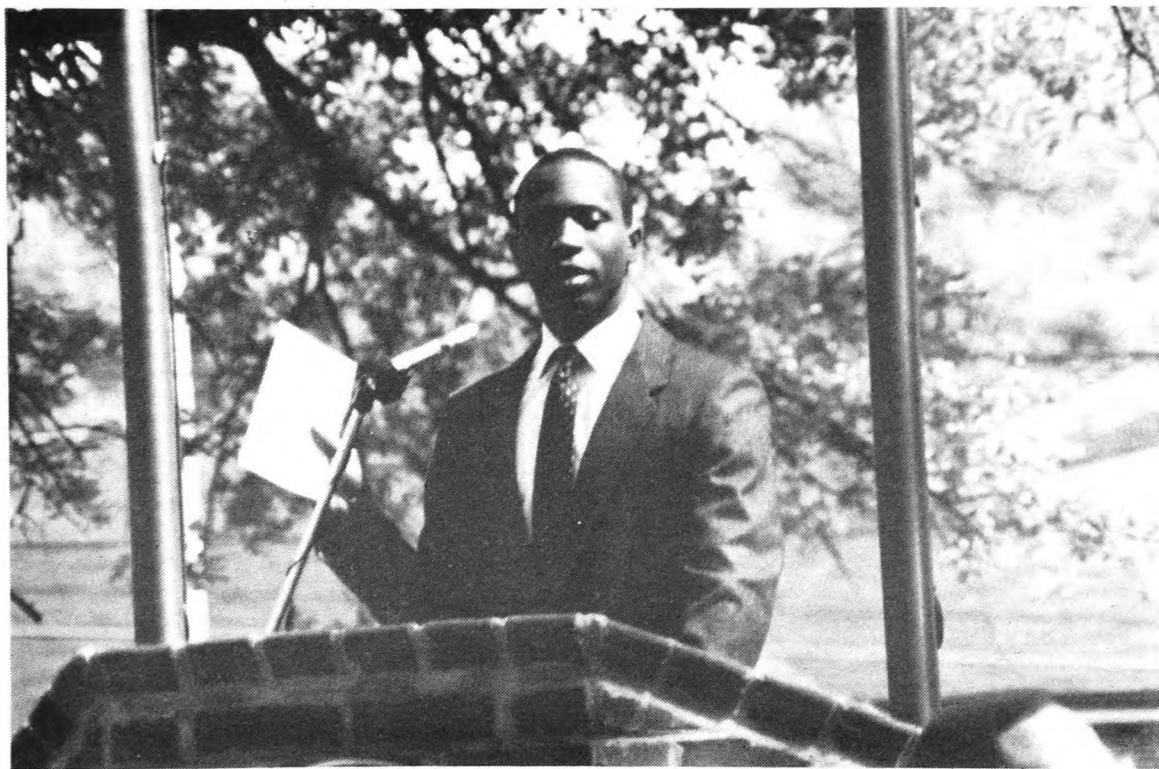
And the lady who brought me here, my
dear sweet mother.

Yes, I've made a lot of friends here,
and that's why I cannot frown

And all who are friends take a pen and
and write this down.

Cause if you want to write me, with me it
will be fine,

I'm at 4641 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
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MALCOLM SMITH, SARGEANT-AT-ARMS

"It's in the handbook."

The Dating Game

BY DEXTER PORTER AND MICHAEL TONEY

It was a laid-back casual afternoon that Thomas Roberson recalled to me. He and his female companion were attending a game. She appeared to me to be the perfect example of the independent Black woman. She had repeated in several conversations that she did not need a man to make her feel like a total person. On the lighter side she was a multi-faceted athlete who often would boast of her ten pin prowess.

Therefore it never dawned on Thomas that in so informal a setting, with such a liberated and outspoken sister, that all the rules of archaic chivalry were still in effect. As he headed for the door, upon getting out of the car in the parking lot, he discovered that he was walking alone. At first he was caught unaware. Then it hit him. He could see through the back window. She was waiting for him to open the door. He had believed that they were on an extremely casual date

and she was still waiting for him to open the car door for her to get out. Needless to say his game plan was changed.

There are some Black men who realize that today's woman is not playing the dating game fairly. She is asserting her independence in the workplace and in domestic situations. But meanwhile she maintains a vice grip on traditional matters like paying for dates. There are women, many women, that pick and choose when to be equal, and modern, or "traditional". This creates a tragic inconsistency. When the scenario is about equal pay today's woman will demand that her rights be respected, and this is fine. But when the bill for dinner arrives, or a door needs to be opened, some women choose to forget their equality.

It is a game-like situation that has some men puzzled, and others disgusted. Men do like to be gallant, and swain, pushing in a chair and sending flowers can be

a pleasurable act. And it is. But Black woman, you can not afford to be Pearl Cleage one day and a Gamma Ray the next. These are causing mixed signals and what most men complain about is that **WOMEN ARE SENDING MIXED SIGNALS**. One minute you're Superwoman. The next you act like you've been smoking kryptonite. This is why some sisters are wondering where is my Prince Charming, my hand-kissing, door opening, lover.

Finding Prince Charming is mute many men say, he was white anyway. Men say that the main issue is courteousness and consistency. This, men argue, is not tied to gender or sex roles. Some have asked why the man does not receive the pampering from the woman, sometimes? When some women are asking for the man to do time in the kitchen, why shouldn't the little niceties that men are expected to offer be reciprocated. The issue here is not about spending

money, and yet sometimes it is.

The central issue however is about making someone you love feel good. Don't sleep. Black men are not born with an affinity for opening doors and dropping coats over mud puddles. There is a process in American society which compels males and females to take on certain sex roles. Females can adopt some traits from males and vice versa. If women were more forth coming with "romantic tokens" men would definitely gripe less about picking up the dinner tab. Men will no longer be the victims of this gross exploitation called the dating game. Black women have made extraordinary progress in the work force earning more than outstanding salaries. Why not flip a check?

What disturbs most men is the fact that they are usually expected to foot the bill for evenings on the town, even if he didn't decide the itinerary. This double standard carries on leading to

interpersonal conflicts. Women, that is some, are equally reluctant to share other dating responsibilities. For example, some women will refuse to drive on dates. This is a shame. Intelligent Black men discarded because they don't have a ride. It would seem that these women believe a man hasn't grown up until he has an "88" BMW. That's weak, real weak.

Many men say that they are casting aside the chauvinistically oppressive notions concerning women's roles. Now it is time for the woman to help liberate the man. I wouldn't ask any woman to cook my dinners. She would look at me funny, and ask me if I felt ill. I cook better than most women I know anyway.

I say all Black women are entitled to their rightful equality, but she must be fully liberated, completely independent. All The Way, like totally.

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Juliette

The Queen of Achievement

by Tanya Smith

Juliette Burgess is a native of Bermuda and resides in Hamilton Parish. She has five sisters and three brothers. She is the second youngest of nine children born to her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Burgess. As a child she enjoyed participating in various sports. She attended Frances Patton Elementary School and was captain of the track and field team. As a member of the track team, at ages 9 and 12, she was able to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was also a Brownie and Girl Guide Girl Scout.

Juliette was accepted to Berkeley High, one of the highest ranked schools in academics. Acceptance was based on the applicants entry test scores. During her high school years, she remained active in various sporting events. She was chosen to represent Bermuda in the Car-

rifita Tournament, which is a Caribbean Track and Field event. She was Deputy Head Girl (Teacher's Aide), and President of SGA. She was always active in church functions as a Sunday school, choir, and YPD member. Juliette also attended the A.M.E. convention in Dover, Delaware as a delegate for YPD. She maintained honor roll status throughout high school. Upon graduation she received several awards: The Mrs. Hill Cup for physical education, The Principal's Cup for most outstanding student, and the Decousta Silver Medal where she was elected by the students for the most likely to succeed.

Juliette remained at home after graduation where she worked for one year and then enrolled at Morris Brown College. As Juliette has proved, her personal and academic achievements haven't

ceased. She was a member of the volleyball team, an RA for two years, President of the Health Physical Education and Recreation Club and a Sinfonettes member. Juliette's involvement with these clubs and activities didn't hinder her academic accomplishments. Juliette has achieved 4.0 GPA throughout her four years here at Morris Brown which has allowed her to be placed on the Morris Brown Dean's List and National Dean's List, to become a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Lambda Theta, and in Who's Who in America's College Students. She received All American Awards and also the Golden Key Award.

Juliette feels that her instructors were very helpful and that she has very much enjoyed being a part of the Morris Brown family. One of her deepest regrets is the limited availability of scho-

larship funds. She feels that deserving students in all areas of study should be allocated scholarship funds.

Juliette performed her internship at St. Brendon's Hospital in Bermuda. She feels that the knowledge and experience she gained in her field has been most helpful and rewarding. Juliette wishes to own and administrate a Handicap Accessable Recreation Center or a Health Spa. Prior to obtaining her Masters Degree she plans to return to Bermuda and begin work May 31, at St. Brendon's Psychiatric Hospital for six months working as a Recreation Therapist Locum, heading the department. In the meantime, she plans to apply to graduate school.

Miss Juliette Burgess has certainly been an excellent representation for our Miss Morris Brown College title. As Miss

Morris Brown, she sponsored several successful programs: Clean-up Day with Miss Morris Brown and Court, Library Session with Miss Morris Brown and Court, and a Thanksgiving Basket for the needy filled with can goods and clothing.

One of her mottos: "Put God first and strive for excellence and not mediocrity." She feels that students should find an equilibrium between managing social and academic time. Juliette says, "Learning is a continuous process and if one is to be successful they must gain knowledge of theory, practical experience and be involved in social activities." These factors contribute to a well rounded individual, something she is striving to become.

Thank you Juliette, we are honored.



The Miss Morris Brown Pageant 1988

The Miss Morris Brown Pageant has a total success. The three contestants; Monique Thomas, Melinda K. Forney, and Angela Henderson did an outstanding job in every aspect of the pageant. Persons attending found the talent portion to be most entertaining. Also, performance in the other categories including extemporaneous speaking, was fan-

tastic. Each of these young ladies possess genuine qualities which reflect their commitment to academic excellence.

Many times we get caught up in the glitter and glamour of these events and forget our purpose for attending. We were to select a supreme representative for our school as Miss Morris Brown. This person should be a

role model student. She should be proud and respectable; having dignity and pride in the educational institution she attends. Before attempting to campaign for this position, one should ask herself: "What can I do as Miss Morris Brown for my peers and for the school." I think all these young women had considered this question before they decid-

ed to run.

I would like to commend these young women for a job well done. Although there can only be one winner, each of you are winners because you had the desire and courage to accept the challenge and put forth your best efforts. Congratulations to all of you.

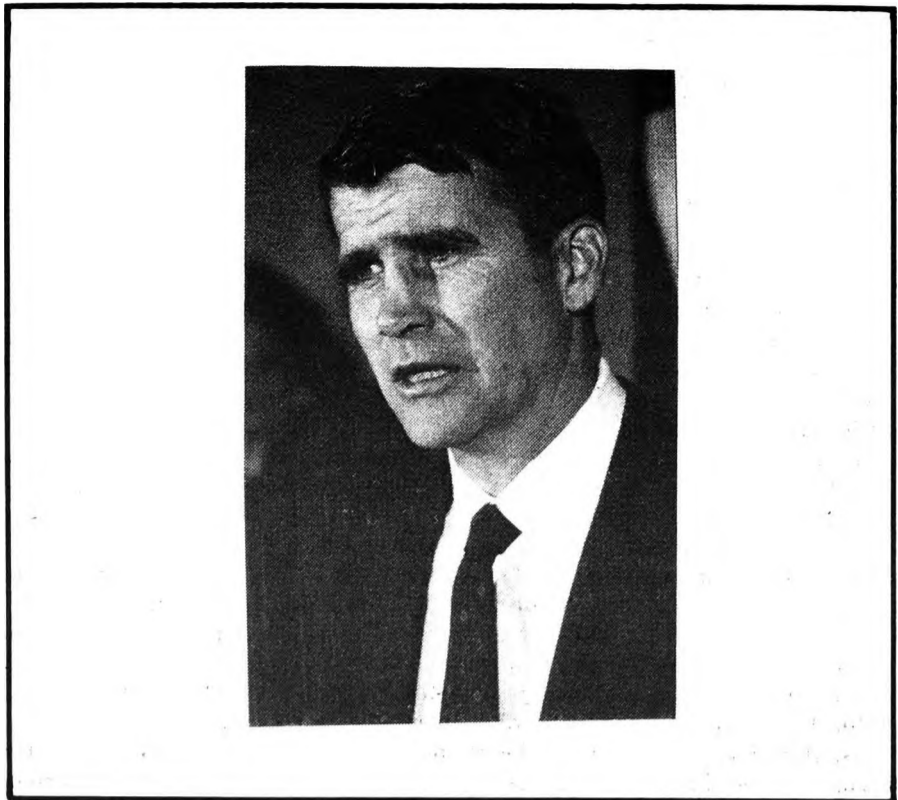
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Noriega faces U.S. charges of drug trafficking but the U.S. has agreed not to seek him from Panama or anywhere else. Noriega's military has taken over the electrical, water and telephone companies. He also controls the airports and ministries of health, finance and education which were all struck by workers, in protest for paychecks. Forces have tried to overthrow Noriega but all have failed. Noriega could remain in power from two months to 20 years.

President Reagan has just invoked economic sanctions against Panama. President Reagan acted upon his power that he has under the International Sanctions Economic Power Right. Following this, he froze all Panamanian assets that were in this country.

According to White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, the U.S. Troops sent to Panama were to "Reinforce our security efforts in Panama." During last month's economic chaos many stores and private shops were closed. Today some are reopening with very few customers.

In a protest of General Manuel Noriega's military control over Panama, The National Civic Crusade marched and troops loyal to Noriega broke up the march. The Contrary opposition to General Manuel Noriega is still in force. "We can't fight Noriega with arms. We don't have any. But we are going to keep on with the same kind of civil disobedience whenever the opportunity occurs," said spokeswoman Lita Arias.



OLIVER NORTH: A REAL ARYAN HERO (JUST LIKE BOTHA)

Update: Big Brothers And Big Sisters

It is anticipated that the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program will be fully operational by the fall semester of 1988. These objectives will be implemented through the adoption of Oglethorpe Elementary School. This is where the individual volunteers will be allowed to adopt a particular child and instill positive vision among these children. JeMak Enterprises is one of the Atlanta area businesses which will indirectly fund the program activities through the assistance of Positive Images, a subordinate organization affiliated with JeMak Enterprises.

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Morris Brown College set goals on a biweekly basis. These goals include the success of the program and progress of the children. It evaluates how close it is in accomplishing these goals. Joe loves working with children and from his dedication, along with others involved, I'm positive this program will be a suc-

cessful and rewarding experience for those involved.

Previously, there were three options to be considered in conducting the program, but Joe McMahon and Jacques Days have narrowed them down to one. They've decided to jointly work with the Atlanta Department of Public Safety in carrying out the "Adopt an elementary school" program. This program requires teachers at the various area elementary schools to select the children who need tutoring the most. The Big Brother and Big Sister volunteer will aid in the advancement of the next generation. The Big Brother and Big Sisters of Morris Brown College have been designated Coan Elementary School. The Atlanta Police Department will provide transportation for the volunteers to and from the elementary schools. These visits are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

"The Performance" An Atlantaen Sonnet

I have a desire to dream
to perform.
But the way it seems,
I have no means to
Perform, live or dream.
Maybe you've never experienced
Being black and a little too proud.
Wanting to dance and sing out loud,
But holding it in, because it just doesn't
seem right,
To show off your talents, to the society
of the white.
Oh, I have dreams and ambitions
I love the arts, I ain't bitchin'

But I have an obligation
To my people and for my nation
To live up to my standard, so that
I may take a stand,
On apartheid, world hunger, equality and justice
Things that are among us.
We are still unaware that Coke is not it.
We even have the nerves to put Revelon in our hair
Wanting to look pretty, with their blush and lipstick
Actually we need to get off that trip.
Make our own coke
Turn theirs into one big joke.
I have a desire to dream and perform
right now. For I hear my people.

—April Kitchen

Experience A Song: Listen To Time

by Michael N. Toney

Listening to Marvin Gaye is an experience that everyone should have once in a while. His music feeds the inner senses, causing the listener to feel this special music inside. When one listens with both heart and mind the beauty of Marvin's music shines through. His music has a stone groove, because Marvin was an artist. Some people know what I mean. The presence of Marvin in the rhythm, and the lyrics is uncanny. It is as if each word, each note he gave a little bit more of himself to us- his people. Sometimes I hear Marvin crying, when he sings. And I feel his pain. Giving a slice of his soul, and his life inside a song. His voice reaches past my material selfish self compelling me to think. Whether thinking of myself and who I am, or thinking about us, I am compelled to think. Ever pondering, ever analyzing.

Imagine what was happening when he wrote the lyrics to "What's Goin' On". Most people in the United States were wondering exactly this, Afro-Americans especially. 1968 - a slain idol, two civil rights bills passed, and unenforced: the cities erupting or should I say burning. The big cities were aflame: Los Angeles, Newark, Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland. There were the breaking of windows, and

Molotov cocktails served daily. And in the midst of this lurked the Vietnam Conflict where Black soldiers were fighting bravely - but for the wrong people. And can you imagine being drafted:

Aman, Black
without a job
who no one cared
about until
Uncle Sam needs
him to play Uncle
Tom: the pawn
of the same
system that
kept him
un-
employ-
ed.

Bleed for the country
that has never bled
4U.
Go 2 War or
Go 2 jail
"a walk-on part in the war,
or a lead role in a
cage"
Many fight, many die
Many fought bravely, and
all fought
4 their
lives

To think that was only twenty years ago. Twenty years ago so many things were happening, that one had to keep informed in order to avoid exploitation. This holds true today. As this summer approaches I am wondering why things haven't really improved. In 1968 the Democratic convention in Chicago was focal point for many dissatisfied special interest groups. What will be the outcome of the 1988 Democratic convention for us, the Black community. Will another idol be slain, this time in the streets of Atlanta? And if Jesse is assassinated what will we do collectively? What would you do? One must keep informed to avoid exploitation.

In Atlanta today white policemen shoot us and walk. This is a fact. Therefore it is hard for me to discern the difference between a Palestinian, an Azanian or an Afro-American. The main thing we have in common is that we are all exploited peoples. Israeli soldiers like white cops shoot one to two of us a day. My parents tell me that this is nothing new. Think about that. It's nothing new. That is to say that the Atlanta child murders was nothing new. That's sick. They lynch one here, shoot one over there, and that they (the police) walk.

1

She screamed
because it was real,
this time. This time
the BLOOD, that was sooo red
on her color T.V.
set, wasn't bright red. It
was dark crimson. And

2

crimson flowed into the
street, mixing in
w/the cigarette butts
and dusty debris of
precious life
outpouring-spilled, wasted.

3

It all happened sooo
fast-shot 1
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, . . .
and his body crumpling,
jerking, convulsing,
and finally
falling.

4

Yet the sound still
still echoes in
her mind . . . shot 1
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, . . .

5

The white cop (gestapo)
killer, cop-killer, killer-cop
kill a white cop
watch him drop.
Shot 1,
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, . . .

6

The blood is real
the pain is searing, my mind
questioning WHY?
does it have 2B this
way? I don't think
SO.

Malcolm said, "A head for a
head and a life for a life!"

Martin said, "I'll be non-violent
even if everyone else is violent."
They're both dead now.
What do you have to say on your
own behalf? It's not on their
shoulders anymore, it's on you.
Yes I like Marvin's music, be-
cause it compels thought. And I
don't think there is anything
more important to think about
than us. Can U?

BLACK WOMAN (I Know We Need Them)

Glenn W. Dee

I was young and Black,
and a little too stupid to understand.
That God made the Black woman,
especially for the Black man.

To bare his children,
and at times to comfort his sole.
To accept his many short comings,
to keep him warm when cold.

To be there when he's down,
to understand his special need.
To feed his hungry ego,
to forgive his selfish greed.

To push him to excell,
to make him be the best.
Standing close to his side,
to give him a place to rest.

To believe in him,,
and never letting him know.
Some of the lies he told,
she knew wasn't so.

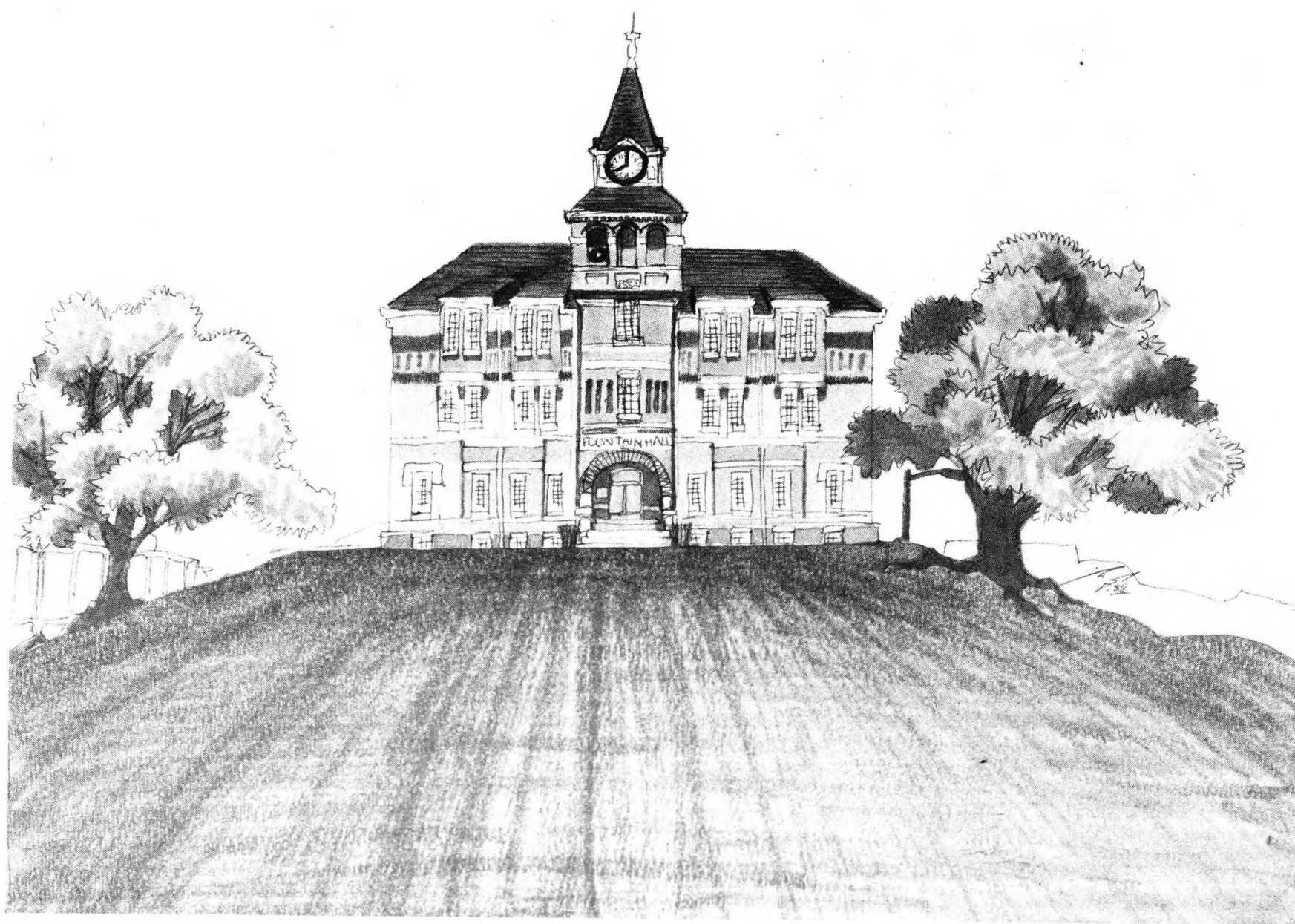
To understand where he has been,
to encourage him to go on.
Accepting his weakness,
making him strong.

To understand his Blackness,
and the barriers on his road.
Letting him know she is there,
to share his heavy load.

To realize as a man,
he sometimes goes astray.
As he seeks to have that,
which his Blackness kept away.

To not get discouraged,
when he doesn't comprehend.
That only she has supported him,
from the beginning to the end.

Someday when he is older,
I'm sure he'll understand.
That it was the love of a Black woman.
That made him a Black man.



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