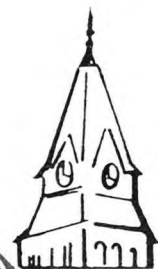


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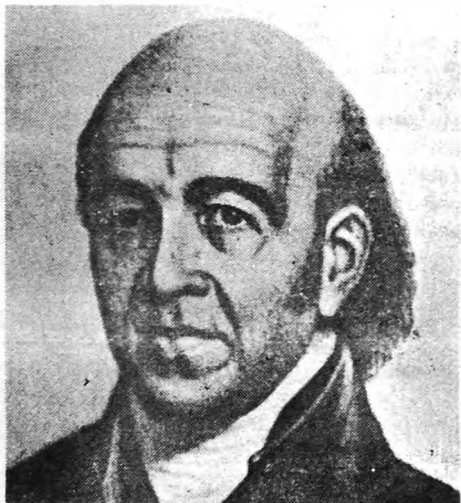


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## Welcome Address From The Editor



Bishop Morris Brown (1770-1849) Pioneer, Preacher, and Organizer; Second Bishop of the African Methodist Church. Bishop Morris Brown was born in South Carolina.



The Morris Brown College Mock Trial Team is the only Historically Black College in the United States to have a team competing in this competition. Team members are pictured here from top to bottom: Rodney Phillips, Thomas Webb, Marc Sardinha, Didiere Bangudi, Mira Commissiong, Kenya Berry,

Dionna Davis, Kenneth Day, Shermanetta Carter, and Sumiko Ware. Team members not shown are Tomika Grubbs, Reginald Johnson, Oliver Jones, Erica Melbourne, Monique Rhone and William Taylor.

by Cadisa E.S. Osa-Yande  
Welcome Class of 1995! As a first year student here at Morris Brown College you will be exposed to much history, traditions, and Black or African American Culture at its best and sometimes, its not so best (Smile). While Morris Brown for some of you may not be quite what you expected, if at all possible you must give it a chance; "Often times things are not what they appear to be." In time you will learn to love this Institution, that is if you don't already.  
The AU Center experience as well as your experience at Morris Brown College is what you make of it. You may or may not experience situations that you deem unnecessary, but even these situations are under your control. You can determine the outcome! During your matriculation at this unique institution I encourage you to take advantage of all opportunities that come your way, because while college may be the best years of your life don't lose sight of why you are here and that the decision you make now could determine your future later. Sometimes

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## Morris Brown Law

(This article was taken from the August issue of the UNCF Magazine.)

America is in need of more black attorneys. While black students compose nearly 15 percent of the college-age population, they receive only 4 percent of all law degrees awarded nationwide.

Historically black colleges expend great effort in addressing the country's lack of black attorneys by offering students a supportive, undergraduate environment and in many instances a pre-law curriculum. And students flock to these colleges for just these reasons. More than one-half of all of America's black lawyers completed their undergraduate work at an historically black college.

Students contemplating a career in law should consider Morris Brown College. The college assists not only potential attorneys but also interested lay persons in understanding the United States judicial system through participation in the Intercollegiate National Mock Trial Competition.

For the last six years, students at Morris Brown College have joined in this nationwide tournament. During five of those years, the college has entered two teams in the event.

Morris Brown fares well in competition, usually ranking in the top percentile. This year the college scored five wins, lost two rounds, and registered one split decision.

"Participation in this program is very instructional for young people," said attorney William H. Shepard, who is

also the team's coach. "Students learn how to think on their feet and pick up important advocacy skills," he said.

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# Local/Campus

## Welcome Brownites!

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Morris Brown College. As the incoming class of 1995, you will encounter many things during your matriculation here at Morris Brown. In the words of Benjamin E. Mays,

*"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but it is a disaster to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is sin."*

I wish you much success throughout your college career. Once again I welcome you.

Lia Hamilton  
SGA President

## Many A.U.C. Students Taking A Crash Course In Death 101

by Dexter Porter

Students measure out a few milliliters of this and that, unaware that the chemicals they hold in their hands have meant disfigured faces, serious wounds, blindness, and even death to other students.

The exact number of chemical accidents involving students is unknown, according to the occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). But the rate of injury from chemical accidents on campus is 10 to 50 times higher than in the chemical industry, says James Kaufman a chemical technician with Georgia Power. "1,000 chemical accidents occurred in educational institutions each year; colleges and universities are notoriously poor in terms of safety performance." There is a tremendous difference in the terms of what's considered good sense and practice at a major chemical company versus a school. Mr. Kaufman also went on to say before a chemist can do a reaction with hazardous chemicals at Dow, for example, "he has to submit a proposal detailing the experiment's potential problems and how he would handle them. Something like this rarely happens on any college campus in the United States."

Unlike chemists at corporate labs, where safety departments strictly monitor accidents, students rarely report chemical accidents on campus often feeling that if they do it will affect their grades. However, some accidents are too severe to cover up.

In 1987, a student at Southern died in an explosion after trying to distill tetrahydrofuran with flammable lithium aluminum hydride. The fire caused \$779,100 worth of damage.

In 1989 a student at UCLA lost both of her eyes and received acid burns to five percent of her body. One suing Wellesly claims that her instructor provided inadequate equipment and improper research supervision.

Students also deal with carcinogenic chemicals whose effects may not appear for at least ten years. For instance formaldehyde, used to preserve frogs and fetal pigs was judged as unsafe by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because it caused cancer.

"Formaldehyde's level of danger depends on the specimen you examine, and the room's ventilation," said one Atlanta University Center professor who wished to remain anonymous.

Chemicals also threaten nonscience majors; art majors mix paints containing cobalt arsenate and chromate pigments, which all have been proven by the EPA in 1982 to result in cancer. Photography students deal with harbor nitric, sulfuric and hydrochloric acids which also have been proven by the EPA and the OSHA to result in kidney damage and nasal cancer.

Extensive safety instruction isn't part of the educational experience. Students usually learn about chemicals from text books and lectures. "Such training isn't enough when the lecturer underestimates the potential for danger," says one student here at Morris Brown College. "The lack of safety consciousness among some teachers is criminal," she said. "Because of their poor awareness students will continue to lose not only parts of their bodies but their lives as well."

## Marching Wolverines At A Glance



The Marching Wolverines are pictured here during the 1990 Homecoming Game. The Morris Brown College Band will take part in the first battle of the bands, in September.

The uniforms are of purple and metallic silver trimmed in red. MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE is displayed on the front of the jacket while MARCHING WOLVERINES is displayed on the back. The uniforms are accessorized with metallic silver capes.

The Marching Wolverines have appeared in many conventions, trade shows and exhibitions around the country. They have performed in many charitable events including the Scottish Rites Childrens Hospital/Macy's Christmas Parade. Also, this band has appeared five times in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (1967, 1971, 1975, and 1982), one of the very few bands holding such a title. They have made performances in the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade, the City of Festivals Parade in Milwaukee, the 200th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution Parade in Philadelphia, the third Annual Martin Luther King Junior Drum Major for Justice Parade and Exhibition in St. Petersburg, the Atlanta Olympic Victory Parade (1990), the Evander Holyfield Victory Parade (1990) and many, many other city, state, and national events.

The Marching Wolverines have also appeared in the Burt Reynold's film "Sharky's Machine". They have performed for the Ambassador of Goodwill for the state of Georgia by former Governors of Georgia: Jimmy Carter and George Busbee. The band has hosted numerous halftime performances including the Atlanta Hawks, the Atlanta Falcons, and collegiate/high school football games. This band holds the title of Collegiate Band of the Year (1971-1972).



## Attention All Engineering Students!

All students majoring in engineering need to register annually at the Dual Degree Engineering Program office located on Beckwith Street at the base of Woodruff Library next to the library parking lot entrance. You will need to see Mrs. Elder and fill out your application and paperwork, and then make an appointment to see Mrs. Delinda Brown, who will council and answer any questions you may have regarding the program. Remember to do this as soon as possible so that you will avoid detrimental mistakes later.

# Alumni News

## Join The Morris Brown Alumni Foundation As They Cruise To The **BAHAMAS**



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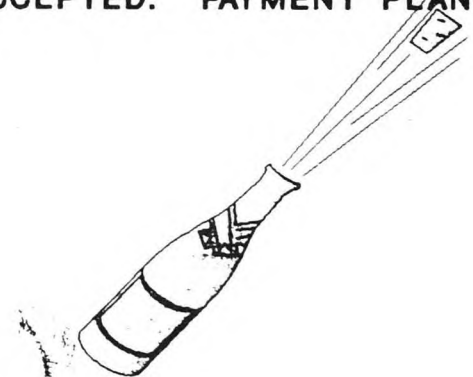
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TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE CONTACT UNIVERSAL TRAVEL AT 404-393 4143 OR 1800-627-1002. A DEPOSIT OF 100.00 PER PERSON IS ALL IT TAKES TO HOLD A CABIN FOR YOU. THE FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE SEPTEMBER 29. A \$3.00 PER DAY PER PERSON TIP FOR ROOM AND DINING ROOM STEWARD IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RATE. MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED. PAYMENT PLANS CAN BE ARRANGED.

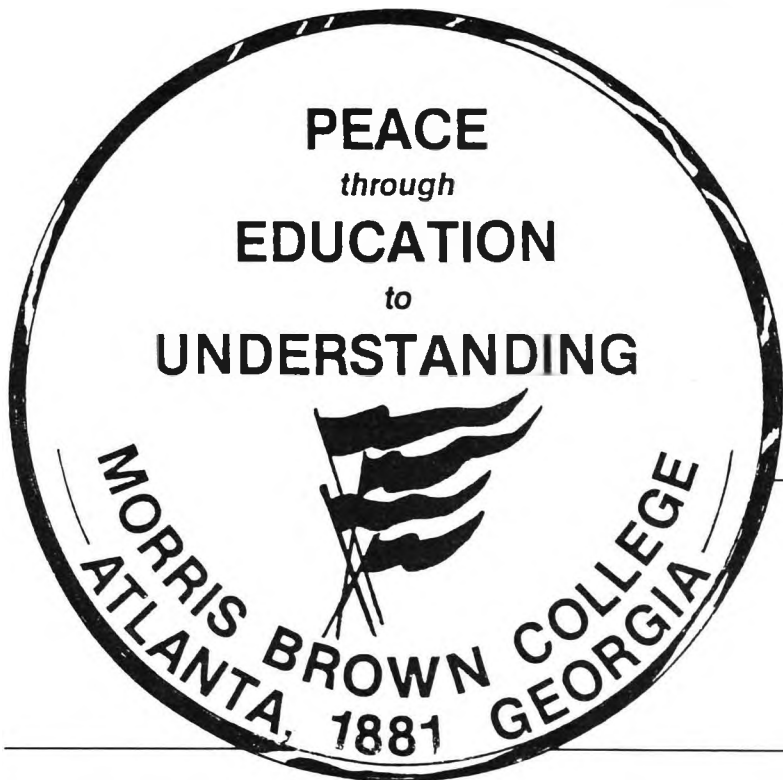


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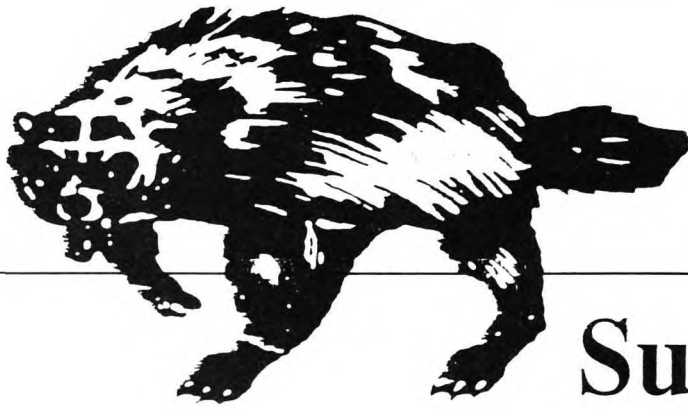




# International Students



## Welcome To Morris Brown College



## Support The Wolverines!

Let me take this opportunity to welcome those of you who are new to the Morris Brown College family. It is indeed a pleasure for me to see the faces of you who I have talked to by phone during the past several weeks or months. You're not as ugly as I thought you were!!!! (smile).

Seriously, your presence here at Morris Brown College represents a lot of hard work and planning by you, your parents, concerned family members and the International Students Office. You should consider yourself very fortunate to have the opportunity to continue your education at an institution, world renowned for excellence and committed to success!!!

This semester will be filled with many opportunities for you to get involved with campus life and to be a part of planning the activities of the International Student Association which is one of the largest, most active student organizations on campus. We need you to be active from the very start because we have a lot of activities to plan early . . . Like the election of officers . . . electing Ms. International, Coronation and Homecoming, the Morris Brown Soccer Team, bake sales, coffee hours, the speakers bureau and on and on and on!!!!

**So get settled and get ready to get busy!!!!!!!**

### UP COMING ACTIVITIES

- International Student Association elections will be held Tuesday, September 3rd in room 206, Hickman Student Center. Officers to be elected are . . . President, Vice President, Treasurer, SGA Representative, Newsletter Editor, Ms. International, Chairman Social Activities Committee, Chairman Public Relations Committee and Chairman Festival Planning Committee. Please be present and on time. Meeting begins at 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

- There will be an International Students Welcoming Social, Friday, September 6th in the Hickman Student Center in Room 206. That's next door to the International Students office. Food will be served and music will be provided. All students are welcome to attend and to bring a guest!!!!

- The International Student Association Coffee Hours will continue this year thanks to J. Martinez "Fine Coffees of the World" who will donate various international coffee products for us to enjoy. Donuts and Danish will be provided

by the International Student Office. We will again have our regular association meetings during the "Coffee Hour" this year from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to accommodate the various student schedules. Students from the United States are more than welcome to attend.

- The sweets for the sweet bake sales will continue this year to raise money for our many activities. As usual, we will sell cake, pie, cookies, brownies and patties!!!! Committee members are needed to assist with the planning of the bake sales and in preparing the "home-made" items.

- There will be a **Birthday Party Every Month** for those students whose birthday falls in that month. The first "Party" will be for those students whose birthday was during the months of July, August and September. Come by the International Student Office for special information and to plan for individual gifts.

- The Morris Brown Soccer Team will have its first meeting, Wednesday, September 4th in the Hickman Student Center in Room 206 at 5:00 PM. All students interested in joining the team as players, cheerleaders or trainers are welcome to attend. This year the soccer team will be playing outdoor matches here on the Morris Brown Campus or in the surrounding area. Possible matches are planned against Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Emory, Berry College and Clark Atlanta University. **Let's Kick Butt!!!!**



### WORLD TREE DEDICATION

Last semester, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Student Affairs Office gave the International Students the responsibility of caring for one of the trees on Founder's Plaza. This tree will become a focal point for **World Peace and Understanding Through Education and Communication**. You are needed to participate in the dedication of the **WORLD TREE** and in **decorating it for all to experience student unity here on the Morris Brown College campus**. If you have any ideas and would like to assist in the planning of the dedication ceremony, please come to the International Student Office as soon as possible or call 220-0313.

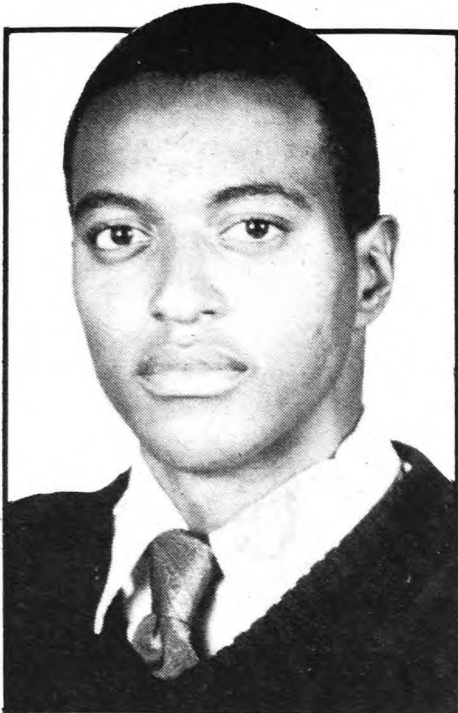


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# Editorials

## Justice Thomas Not Out Of Touch With Black Mainstream; Black Liberals Are



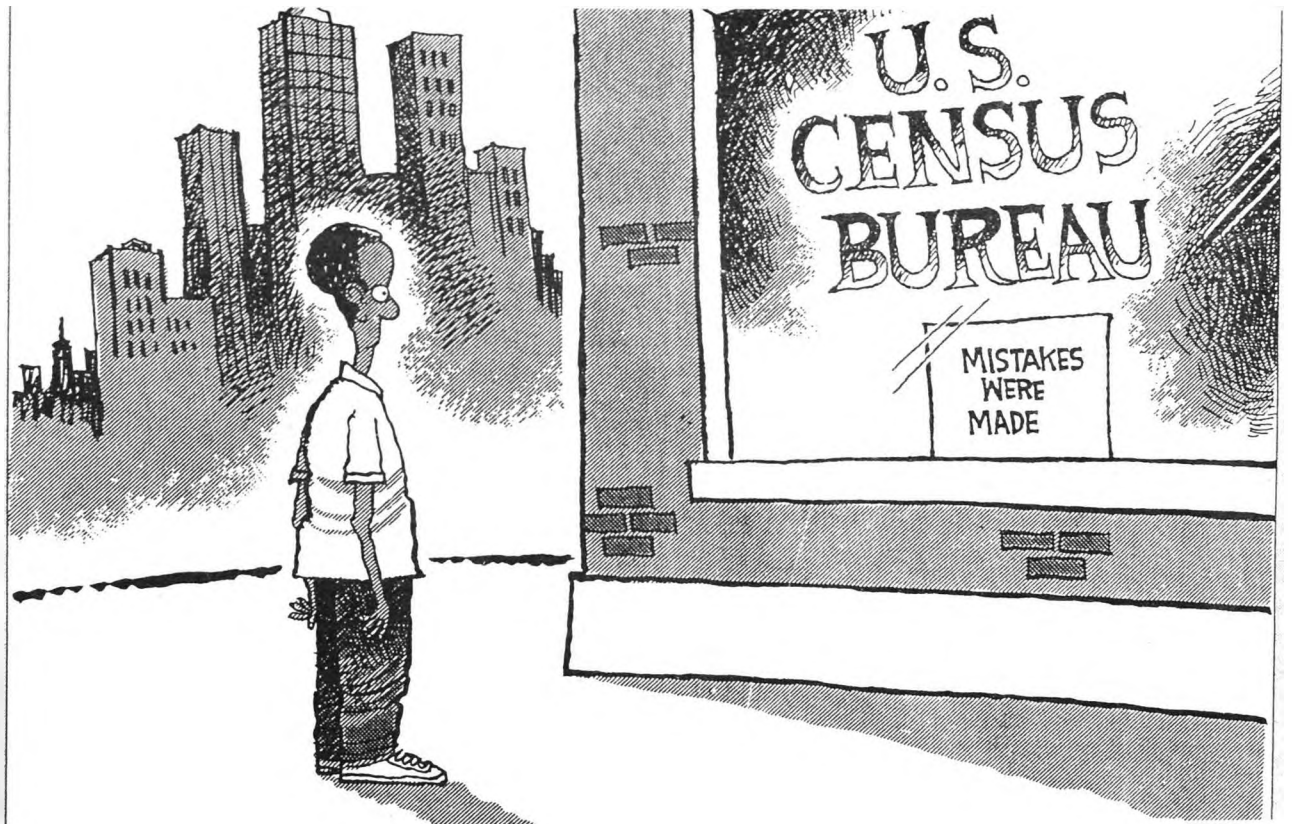
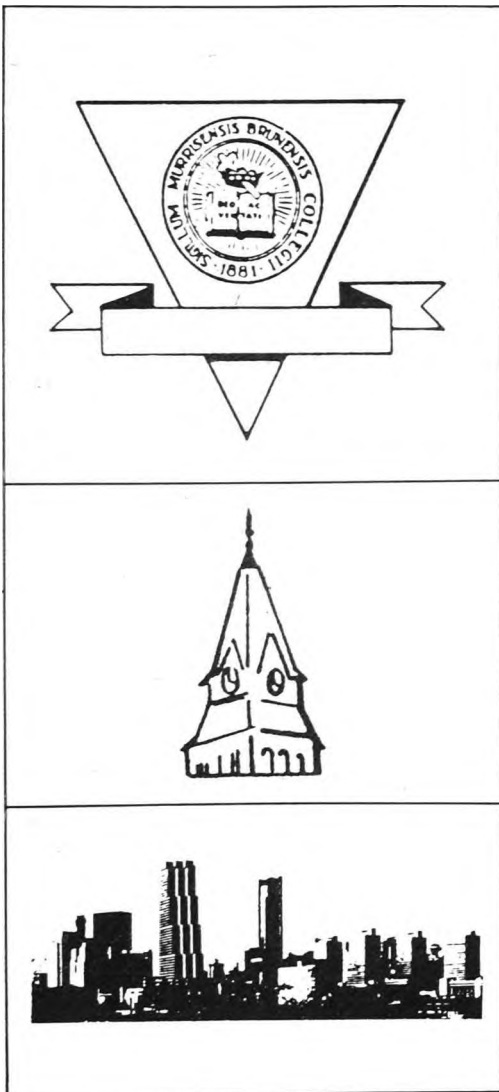
Dexter Porter  
Associate Editor

Charging up a hill in their opposition to Justice Clarence Thomas many Black leaders and organizations found themselves running into a poll. A CNN/Newsweek gallop poll that is which suggest 60% percent of Black Americans, while in support of the Justice Thomas nomination to the Supreme Court, are not at all pleased with the assortment of Black liberals who have tore into the Thomas nomination. Obviously, when Upper Class Black liberals found out that an outsider would become the most powerful Black in this country, it became imperative to rip the Thomas nomination apart; as many Black liberals do with those who differ from their political views. Here is the point that many of these liberals are using to oppose Justice Clarence Thomas:

He opposes affirmative action, not so. Justice Thomas insisted that the New Orleans Police Department hire one Black for every White, until the department was 50% percent Black and White, something the NAACP couldn't pull off.

Clarence Thomas was the only Black leader to openly oppose Reagan for trying to give tax exemptions to Bob Jones University; Justice Thomas has gone on record as telling Edwin Meese during a meeting, he seemed to have some sort of a problem with Blacks and civil rights. Justice Thomas is not in favor of abortion, big deal neither are the majority of most Black Americans. Black liberals have given America this impression that all Blacks are waiting for the government to solve our problems for us.

Also on the same end begging for handouts; give us welfare checks, give us food stamps, give us more housing projects, give us free drug treatment, give us liberty or death and a free BMW with a CD player while you're at it. Black America, Justice Thomas realizes just as our parents, your success must come by your own initiative, but here are the Black liberals on their knees begging for someone else to hire us and teach us.



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# Achievements Of Black Colleges Highlighted At Pro-Line's Miss Collegiate African American Pageant



1991 MCAAP Contestants and Sponsors at MCAAP press conference held in the lobby of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood.

by Ghana Wilson

Traditionally campus queens at Black colleges have served as important student leaders, many of whom sit on the governing boards of their schools. "They are the future business, professional and economic leaders of this country," says Mercado.

According to a 1990 survey conducted by The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), graduates of Black colleges account for 89 percent of Black doctors and lawyers and 75 percent of Black Ph.D.'s and military officers.

"Black colleges and universities are crucial not only for Black America's survival and advancement, but to our national development and growth as well," according to a recent study conducted by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Foundation. "Black professors continue to provide their pupils with encouragement, support and nurturing so necessary in building academic confidence, things which these pupils do not receive on predominantly white campuses," added the survey.

Comer Cottrell, CEO of Pro-Line Hair Products, the lead sponsor of the pageant echoed the sentiment of the CBC and Mercado. "Historically African-American colleges and universities have always assumed the responsibility for producing diverse, talented and creative individuals. Pro-Line recognizes the importance of that mission and we will continue to support programs and initiatives such as the Miss Collegiate Pageant," Cottrell said.

Each year the pageant has grown in support by both the colleges and sponsors. Pro-Line Hair Products, The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and Universal Studios sponsored the pageant for the second consecutive year. General Manager of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel Alix Baptiste commented, "we are proud to once again serve as the official hotel for the Miss Collegiate African American Pageant. The values that the young ladies and the pageant promote sends a strong and wonderful message to today's youth."

Dr. Talbert Shaw, president of Shaw University and also chairman of the MCAAP president's committee praised

the pageant. "Events like the MCAAP allow all of the college presidents to come together and build upon our strengths. To devise programs not only to uplift African-American women, but help uplift African-American males as well." Members of the 1991 presidents committee included: Dr. Earnest Holloway (Langston University), Dr. William Delauder (Delaware State College), Dr. James Lyons (Bowie State University), Dr. Jimmy Jenkins (Elizabeth City State University), Dr. Katherine Mitchell (Shorter College), Dr. William Hytche (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Dr. Charles Walker (University of Arkansas Pine Bluff), Dr. Delores Spikes (Southern University) and Dr. Sam Myers, chairman of NAFEO.

Pro-Line's CEO Cottrell was honored by pageant officials and college president's at the annual President's Banquet. Cottrell, whose recent purchase of Bishop College helped to save the financially beleaguered institution. "Despite initiatives proposed by the federal government HBCU's remain in a state of fiscal crisis. To assist these colleges a comprehensive program is needed. The government and African-Americans must recognize these institutions as the national treasures that they are and do everything in our power to ensure that they continue to exist and prosper," he said.

Staged at the Star Search Theater in Hollywood, California, the two-hour star-studded extravaganza vaunted a panel of distinguished judges which included: actresses Marla Gibbs and Beverly Todd, producer Manel Thomas, advertising executive Keith Lockhart, actors Reginald Vel Johnson, Richard Lawson, and Darryl Bell, educator Dr. Sam Myers and managers Dolores Robinson and Bethann Hardison. Rapper Kool Moe Dee, saxophonist Najee and singer Carl Anderson entertained the standing room only audience.

After the colorful and energetic opening production number, led by Miss Collegiate African-American 1990, Mary Ann Palmer, the eight semi-finalists: Miss Bowie State University, LaVonne Murdock; Miss Morehouse College, Adrienne Smith;

Miss Grambling State University, Tiffany Williams; Miss Wilberforce University, Adrienne Baseden; Miss Howard University, Nicole Sutherland; Miss Norfolk State University, Ellen Reid; Miss Elizabeth City State University, Alisa Robinson and Miss Central State University, Detrice Smith prepared for the grueling question and answer period.

Emphasizing the intelligence of the contestants, the question and answer segment of the MCAAP is very different than other pageants. Questions ranging from: "What role should African-American colleges play in the education of African-Americans?" "How does knowledge of your African heritage help you in today's society?" and "The 70's was considered the me decade, the 80's the decade of greed. Do you believe that African-Americans can afford to adopt those values?" were posed to the semi-finalists.

"Since all of the young ladies that participate in the MCAAP are extremely intelligent and boast GPA's of 3.5 or better, we ask questions that are reflective of their intelligence," Mercado said. Eugene Jackson, chairman of Unity Broadcasting and executive producer of the pageant agreed with Mercado. "The campus queens at African-American colleges are the manifestation of the academic excellence found at African-American colleges."

Although education and academic excellence are the focus of the pageant, the contestants had an opportunity to relax, get to know each other and have fun during their 10 day stay in Los Angeles. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity hosted a luncheon at City Hall, Marla Gibbs hosted a luncheon for the young ladies at her soul food restaurant Marla's Memory Lane, and Universal Studios Hollywood hosted a tour of its Universal Attractions theme park where the contestants were able to unwind.

While all of the contestants were outstanding during their question and answer and talent segments, it was the vocal styling of Tiffany Williams, Miss Grambling State University that captured the attention of the judges,

who named her Miss Collegiate African-American 1991. With the title, the 22-year-old senior will receive \$10,000 cash award, a trip to Africa, a 1991 Chrysler Shadow Convertible, a \$1,000 academic scholarship donated by Emerge Magazine, a week's stay at the Clark Gable Penthouse Suite in the Hollywood Roosevelt and a trip to Grenada donated by Class Magazine. Other prizes include: a 1 year supply of Pro-Line Hair products, Egyptian Goddess Cosmetics, Nina Cosmetics, a MCA Video Library, MCA CD Library and an Encyclopedia set.

After the crowning ceremony complete with African ceremonial robes, headdress and music, Williams, flanked by her attendants: first runner-up Adrienne Baseden; Miss Wilberforce University, second runner-up Nicole Sutherland; Miss Howard University and third runner-up Ellen Reid; Miss Norfolk State University, commented, "You can achieve anything if you believe in yourself and God."

Other contestants in the 1991 MCAAP included: Kim Curnell - Miss Benedict College, Michelle Herrington - Miss Bethune Cookman College, Terri Thrift - Miss Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Trecia Wilhite - **Miss Clark Atlanta University** - Shawn Stokes - Miss Delaware State College, Marcia Foster - Miss Florida A&M University, Elisa Richey - Miss Kentucky State University, Melanie Bratcher - Miss Langston University, Krystal Miller - Miss Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, Lori Scales - Miss Morgan State University, Christia Prioleau - Miss Morris College, Sharron Jenkins - Miss North Carolina A&T State University, Jolie McKeel - Miss Prairie View A&M University, Stacey McJunkins - Miss Rust College, Princess Whitaker - Miss Shaw University, Rhonda Matthews - Miss Southern University at Baton Rouge, Ava Allen - Miss Southern University at New Orleans, Lynn Lofton - Miss St. Augustine's College, Tanya Bayne-Bey - Miss Stillman College, Carole Ward - Miss Talladega College, Darlene Jones - Miss Texas Southern University, Teresa Jones - Miss University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Susan Reine - Miss Xavier University of Louisiana.





## Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

### Iota Chapter

Morris Brown College  
P.O. Box 92055  
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

July 21, 1991

Dear Prospective Student:

We the **Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** would like to welcome you to Morris Brown College. Your choice to matriculate at Morris Brown was an excellent one and one you will not regret.

Morris Brown was founded upon academic excellence. Benjamin Elijah Mays made the statement, "**To whom much is given, much is required**". The chance to matriculate at one of the top black private institutions has been awarded to you; ergo, it is incumbent upon you to take advantage of this opportunity. All of the amenities of college life are present at this institution; however, do not indulge in them excessively but keep them in proper perspective.

Again, we would like to congratulate you on your choice and wish you success in all your academic endeavors. Should you need any assistance in your transition to college life, the **Men of Alpha Phi Alpha** will be at your disposal.

Sincerely Yours,

**Dennis Jones**  
President

## "Tales From The Briar Patch"

The art of storytelling lives and breathes in "Tales from the Briar Patch," beginning at the Wren's Nest Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. The program starts on September 7 and will end on May 30, 1992.

The stories of Br'er Rabbit and Br'er Fox are African-American folktales recorded by Georgia's own renowned author, Joel Chandler Harris. The storytelling takes place at the Wren's Nest, Harris' beautiful Queen Anne Victorian home, currently finishing a major restoration. Members of the Southern Order of Storytellers such as Akbar Imhotep, Janan Henry, Phyllis Kelly, Cynthia Watts, Betty Ann Wylie, and others will entertain visitors with the antics of Br'er Rabbit and his friends.

This program is sponsored jointly by the Bureau for Cultural Affairs, City of Atlanta, the Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. and the Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tours of the Wren's Nest are conducted Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The storytelling program takes place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and is free to the public. The Wren's Nest is closed on Mondays. Admission for the tour is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and teens, and \$1 for children. Group rates are available with reservations.

The Wren's Nest is located at 1050 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd., S.W. (formerly Gordon Street) and is easily accessible by car or by MARTA. Parking is available. For further information, please call 753-7735.

## Morris Brown Law . . .

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More than 200 Morris Brown students have taken part in the program.

Colleges enrolled in the national mock trial competition receive a new case each year. One year the case is a civil proceeding; the next, it is a criminal proceeding. Students are given six months to prepare both a defense and prosecution. Although cases are hypothetical, they touch upon contemporary issues. A recent case centered on the possible violation of a college athlete's right to privacy when it was released to a school newspaper that he had tested positive for AIDS.

Student teams prepare cases and act as prosecutors, defenders, and witnesses. Along with the assigned case are the procedures, rules of evidence, exhibits, and witness statements. Within the scope of the material provided, participants are allowed flexibility in presenting their cases.

The teams consist of about 8 people: 3 attorneys, 3 witnesses and 1 or 2 stand-ins. Competition occurs in 4 segments, where teams alternate between presenting a defense and prosecution. By the end of the tournament, each school will have debated 4 others.

Decisions are rendered by a two-judge panel. Trial judges are members of the Iowa Bar and are either attorneys or judges.

Because of Morris Brown College's commitment to the mock trial competition, the top-flight performance of the student squads, and the coach's dedication and talent, Mr. Shepard was asked to join the Board of Directors of the American Mock Trial Association. He is currently in his fourth year of service.

Although the Morris Brown project is not linked to a pre-law curriculum, it provides youngsters with invaluable insight into the American legal system. Students do not have to be considering law degrees in order to participate, although some 60 percent do investigate law school programs.

The concept of an intercollegiate mock trial tournament originated at Drake University with the premier competition held in 1985. While the first-year debate attracted eight colleges, the competition has increased more than tenfold to 105 schools entering the 1991 contest. Morris Brown is the only historically black institution to participate.

In addition to the experience of trying cases, the tournament provides Morris Brown students with the opportunity to interact with peers from schools like Notre Dame, Rhodes College, and Northwestern University.

## Welcome Address . . .

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we must sacrifice something that seems like fun and so important at the time for something that will determine whether your graduate school is paid for or you come back next semester! One thing you will find out is not to let set backs discourage you; especially those of you who plan to enter the Dual Degree Engineering Program; or are majoring in any science or math fields. Get involved in support groups like Student Support Services, NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers),

departmental clubs; such as the Mass Communications Club, English Club, Psychology Club, etc. (For more information on clubs and activities you can stop by the Publications office after 9/13/91 for a listing or stop by and see Dr. Alvin Cook, the head of student activities.

This first year will be filled with a lot of new and exciting experiences. I wish for all of you a safe and prosperous year and a continuation into the next year and the years to come.

## NSBE: National Society of Black Engineers

by Cadisa E.S. Osa-Yande

The National Society of Black Engineers is a student run organization that joins or is the linkage for all Black Engineering students across the country. The Atlanta University Chapter is comprised of all the Atlanta University Center Schools. There is an Executive Board which generally is comprised of anywhere between thirteen to fifteen members of which six are elected positions, and the others appointed. The conditions for running for office are that you must have at least a 2.5, be a second year student, a student attending one of the Atlanta University schools, a (DDEP) Dual Degree Engineering Program student, and a member of (NSBE) National Society of Black Engineers. The membership is ten dollars per year.

During the first semester the annual Big Brother Big Sister Tea is held. At the Tea you are introduced to the new Executive Board members, other Dual Degree students from the other Atlanta University Center schools, and you receive a Big Brother or Big Sister who is an upperclassman who is majoring in your particular area of engineering and science. There are Corporate Representatives who come and give presentations and lectures; there are many social group activities as well as academic ones. Also a Fall Regional Conference is held. At the conference you will meet and be exposed to other students in NSBE from your region, you will meet Corporate representatives, attend workshops and be a part of chapter and regional talks, business and decisions. There are also a Spring and National Conference. The National Conference is a week long and takes place during the spring semester. Last year it took place in Los Angeles, California from March 27-31. This year it will be held in New York, New York.

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