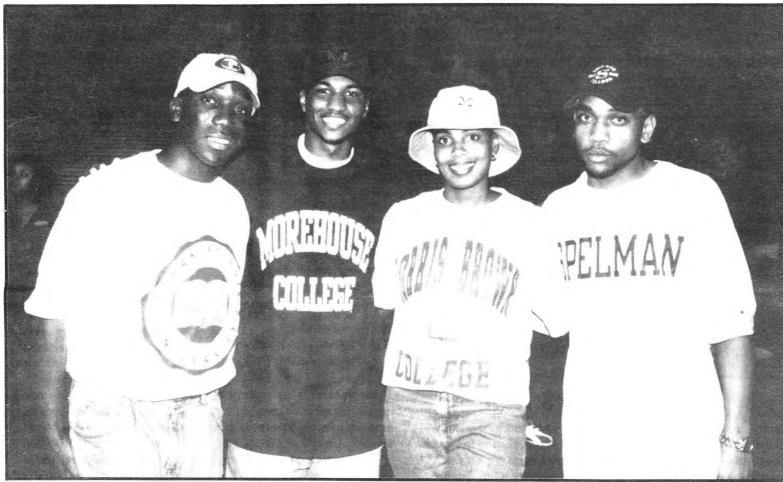


Big Bethel A.M.E. Church was the site of Morris Brown College's first classes. Morris Brown, founded in 1881 by leaders of African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the only institution of higher education in the state of Georgia organized by African Americans. The college is a private, coeducational liberal arts institution engaged in teaching and research in the arts, humanities, education, social and natural sciences.

Welcome One & All



AUC undergraduate colleges' Presidents...1997 AUC Unity Rally L. to R. William Sellers, Morehouse College: Allen Francois, Morris Brown College: Morenike Christian, Spelman College; Yusef Abdul-Alim, Clark Atlanta University







true "Global Citizen" A dedicated humanitarian who championed the causes of the world's less fortunate, sick and impoverished.





Dr. Samuel D. Jolley, Jr., President

Dear Morris Brown Family:

elcome back to "Dear Ole Morris Brown." The 1997-98 academic year promises to be an exciting one. All aspects of our college will excel. Yet, the year also will have some challenges as we continue on our chartered course of achieving excellence in all that we do and strive to become, the "Megastar of the Black College Educational Experience."

The 21st Century, the "New Millennium," is a time that we all anxiously await. Morris Brown College does a great job of pursuing its mission of educating students in a Christian environment; but we can do better. As we approach the New Millennium, there are four major goals that we will achieve over the next three to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

dition. Always remember that service to our community is one of our most sacred founding principles. It is my charge to all campus organizations and students individually to take the initiative and be as active as possible Make a difference and do something productive for your people. Sign up for committees, join extracurricular activities, and find service projects on your own time. Remember that as a Brownite it is your duty to actively serve your school and your community. Also remember that there are three types of people: *Those who make things happen. *Those who watch things happen. and *Those who wonder what happened. Brownites are people who MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!! I am looking forward to a positive and prosperous year with all of you. God Bless

By Carvel G. Bennett

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You kissed AIDS babies around the world, when such an act was taboo.

You befriended and touched lepers in India.

The American Red Cross will miss your support.

Children in Africa, Bosnia and throughout the Third World have lost a good friend and strong advocate.

You transcended age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religious persuasion and socio-economic status.

To the British people you were the *Princess of Wales*, mother of princes William and Harry. . But to the rest of the world you were the *People's Princess*. May your life's work be a 'cause celebre' for us all, as we each dedicate our lives to some higher

and nobler cause.

Brook Brandon

want to take this opportunity to *welcome* you to the most prestigious institution that is Morris Brown College. You are part of an institution that was founded on service, grounded in excellence, and anchored in tra-

Brook E. Brandon

SGA Internal Vice President 1997-98

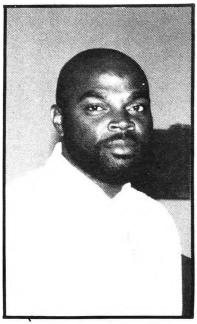
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EDITORIALS

An Open Letter to the Morris Brown Campus Community

From the Editor:



Miquiel Banks, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

elcome Back continuing Wolverines and a fun-filled welcome to the new freshman class! This is a new year full of promises, thrills, and award winning performances; it's up to us to choose our course of action. The MBC family has made key changes to insure that we, the student body, will profit immensely in the future financially, socially and spiritually. Remember, it is through our differences that the complete picture is unified into one existence, one entity, and one spirit.

For example, the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium's life was ended

this summer and once imploded, its white exterior crumbled to the ground. It appeared to me like a dead spider, its body low and its legs still standing. However, it was replaced with the parking lot that Turner Field so desperately needed and this was a change for the better. Therefore, change is a constant we must make work for us and not against us. We must look past all the minute obstacles (registration, parking, relationships, racism, etc.) that we face daily and focus on getting the most that life has to offer us. We're all special and promising people, so we must fly high and keep the MBC legacy filled with our distinctive flavors of success. My Brothers and Sisters, may peace be with you!



Historic Gaines Hall

pose for existing. While there are still many problems that the College must assume full responsibility for such as in the areas of financial aid, housing, and the registration process, there are also areas that students need to take ownership of and to assist in eliminating. You should have more pride in your school and its facilities. This is our campus and we should help to take care of it. These are our buildings and we should not litter them with trash and debris or allow anyone else to do the same. Each one of us needs

to be more concerned about the other. We all need to treat each other with more respect and with dignity; faculty, staff, administrators, and students alike.

As we look around the campus much work is being done to improve our facilities. Wilkes Hall and our gymnasium have been completely renovated. Gaines Hall will be ready for occupancy next semester. The campus grounds are continuously being landscaped However, we often must redo many things that have already been completed simply because we allow some of our classmates. college mates, visitors, or ourselves to deface or destroy the things that we have brought about. I pledge to you that the administration will address the problems for which it is responsible, but what about you? Will you help eliminate those concerns that you can address? For example, some financial aid problems are yours because some of you do not attend to those details that are your responsibility. I certainly hope and pray that you will. I also pray that this year will be a great one for you as you continue to academically grow and develop. I urge you to study hard and always do your best and remember, this is your College!

Retro gres sion,

decline from a better to a worst state; a reversal in development

By Brook Brandon SGA Internal Vice President

hat word more that summarizes my sentiments pertaining to the behavior of some freshmen during the AUC Unity Rally/Block Party, which was hosted by my prestigious institution, Morris Brown College on Saturday, August 23, 1997. I was filled with disgust and dismay as I witnessed the destruction of our lamppost by some young males longing to call themselves Morehouse Men. This horrific display both appalled and enraged me. Outright disrespect of our campus and our students was demonstrated by some AUC freshmen. In addition to the damage to our lamppost, the landscape was trampled and a mass of debris littered the plaza of our new Herndon Stadium. This incident appears to be a mere symptom of senseless and unfounded misconceptions carried on by an ignorant few that continues to poison our AUC family. I want to thank those of you who were able to enjoy yourselves without embarrassing yourselves or your institution. You are more than welcome to convene with us in the future. Morris Brown College is the ONLY institution in, not only the Atlanta University Center, but in the state of Georgia that was founded by Blacks for Blacks and that is continually operated by Blacks. We as a people have so very little to call our own that you would think that we would revere that which is uniquely ours.

Know and understand this indisputable fact: my prestigious institution needs no defense. The respect and reverence it demands will be duly given. Also know that no actions or verbalizations that even allude to the degradation of our student body as a whole will not be tolerated in any form or fashion.

Can We

from...

Get Relief

I was doubly offended upon hearing reports of the disrespect of our women. For those new arrivals who do not yet know or those too ignorant to realize, let it be clearly expressed that the intimidation of prestigious Morris Brown women by use of lewd comments and other harassing remarks is intolerable and unacceptable in any manner. I suggest that you do not attempt to display such demeaning and undesirable behavior again.

Morehouse Men, if it is your duty to make your Black males into true Men, then you have quite a task ahead of you with some members of the class of 2001. Their actions were a disgrace to the honorable Morehouse name and more than an insult to Morris Brown College. None of the Morehouse Men I associate with conduct themselves in that uncouth manner. They carry themselves as distinguished gentlemen worthy of the utmost respect. Those of you who took an active part in the retrogressive behavior displayed that night made a pathetic and unsuccessful attempt to mirror the image of a true Morehouse Man. Please look to your Brothers for guidance. You have more than enough good examples to follow. Take a second and imagine that you have invited some relatives to your home to partake in a family dinner. They arrive and you, of course, welcome them with open arms. However, three of them simply ignore your embrace and simply enter your home in a rude manner. They immediately sit down at your table and eat all of the food. While they are eating, they demean the cook, who put so much time and effort into this carefully prepared meal. CONTINUED

WELCOME BACK

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 five years. These goals are:

- 1. To provide the infrastructure and the resources necessary to create a model curriculum for the 21st Century with an efficient and ethical educational delivery system, and an energized and committed faculty;
- 2. To create an enabling environment for safe, enjoyable, and serious learning;
- 3. To manage our human and material resources effectively and efficiently, and ultimately;
- 4. To produce quality graduates who will not only become successful, but who will assist in setting academic, social, cultural, religious, and economic standards for the New Millennium.

Everything that we do this year and in the years to come at Morris Brown will be to prepare graduates who will be leaders that will make a difference in this world. Everything that we do this year will be done with students in mind; with the idea that the education of students is our sole pur-

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Your President,

Dr. Samuel D. Jolley, Jr.

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POLITICS:

Allen C. Francois

Dear Fellow Brownites,

G reetings! It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you back to our prestigious institution. It is with sincere gratitude that I extend my thanks to you for electing me as President of the Student Government Association for the 1997-98 academic school year. As Brownites we have many reasons to be filled with pride and high spirits. We are the only institution in the state of Georgia founded by Blacks, for Blacks, and continuously operated by Blacks. Morris Brown College is our home and it is our foundation for our future. It will be through our dedication and love for Morris Brown that we make the impossible possible. It will be our job to determine the betterment of our institution because as students we are part of the blood line that keeps the heart of dear old Morris Brown pumping. We are the stream that refreshes every heart and mind, we are the future of this great institution.

As Brownites we must be compelled to empowering ourselves and work productively toward our goals and the manifestation of our dreams. At times we may encounter a struggle, but the fight will be to make it to a prosperous and fruitful end. Morris Brown College is here to nurture our dreams and the dream set forth at the evolution of our uniquely divine institution. This 1997-98 Student Government Asso-

ciation is dedicated to all our fellow Brownites. We are here for you and we expect you to be here for us. Together we achieve the finest and the finest is yet to come. Yours in Solidarity,

Allen C. Francois, SGA President 1997-98

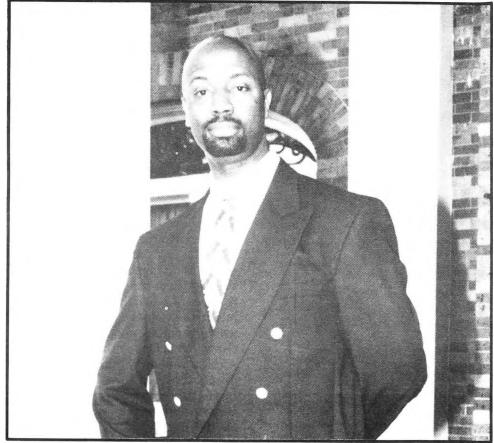
Vice President of Finance

The Morris Brown College Family Welcomes...

Denise Smith-Moore, a native of Chicago, comes to the College after an extensive career in finance, most recently serving as chief financial officer of the Atlanta Housing Authority, where she was responsible for the financial operations of more than \$100 Corp. In addition to her work as a CPA, Ms. Moore has also worked as an auditor for Ernst & Whinney, a senior financial analyst for Amoco Corp., and as an instructor at Harold Washington Junior College.

After graduating magna cum laude from Purdue University with

In My Opinion



Carvel Bennett, Director Student Activities & Student Publications

" The Emperor's New Clothes"

By Carvel G. Bennett

A s a young child I was an avid reader. I still am today but not as much as I used to. One of my all time favorite tales is the "Emperor's New Clothes." It tells the tale of an emperor of a far away land who loved dressing up, constantly buying new clothes or even more impressive, having new clothes made. One day two splendidly dressed young men approached the Emperor with the idea of making him some fine clothes - "nothing the likes of which had ever been seen before." The Emperor was thrilled and so engaged their services to adorn him with some exciting new garments.

After several days he came by to check upon the progress of his new outfit, but they wouldn't let him see it. "Wait" they said, "you're gonna love it. Be patient." His courtiers, some of whom had a chance to get into their workroom, were somewhat amazed at what they saw. A lot of work going on, but no materials, no thread, no clothes. They kept quiet and waited for the explanations from the tailors. When the tailors finally sought audience with the emperor for a fitting, he too was amazed and started to question them. "Where is this exquisite garment that you have been working on all this time?" he asked. "You see sir," they replied," the material is so exquisite that you cannot see it. It is made from such fine thread that it cannot be seen with the naked eye. Your courtiers cannot see it as they are not from royal stock as yourself." His courtiers agreed, not wanting to really express themselves. Somehow everyone went along, thus the tailors continued their "work". Finally the big day came. The outfit was ready. The tailors dressed the Emperor and he was now ready to appear before his subjects. He wandered outside the palace for all to see. The crowds gasped, eyes bulged, some applauded, but no one said a word. Suddenly from amongst the throng a small child shouted, "The Emperor is

wearing no clothes. He's in his underwear." People snickered, others laughed, some stood in disbelief. Truly, the Emperor was naked except for underwear.

Being at Morris Brown College everyday reminds me of that tale. We see things going wrong and we choose to remain quiet. Each person preferring to stay in his own little comfort zone and go along with the program. If you criticize the system you are perceived as "out of control," a "radical" or like the Emperor's courtiers, not good enough to see the exquisite materials of the new coat. So most people just keep quiet and let the "tailors" do their work, even at the peril of the institution.

You see, the poor Emperor felt good when told by the tailors how nice he looked or the fact that his common subjects couldn't see the expert craftsmanship of the clothes. What he was not prepared for, nor his subjects had the guts to do was to do what the small child did -called it like they saw it.

To improve, one must be constantly criti-

million in annual federal grant funds.

A licensed certified public accountant (CPA) in both Georgia and Illinois, Ms. Moore founded the CPA and consulting firm of Brewer-Smith, Ltd., in Chicago in 1987. The firm's clients have included Grady Hospital, Cook County Hospital, The City of Chicago's Office of Management and Budget and its Treasurer's Office, and the Resolution Trust a bachelor of science degree, Ms. Moore earned her MBA from Harvard University's Graduate School of Business.

In her capacity as Vice President of Finance, Ms. Moore will be working to provide leadership in the planning and implementation of fiscal policy; development and maintenance of the College budget process; and all other areas relating to the financial stability of the institution.

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Retro gres sion,

Afterwards, they break every dish that was used and throw their garbage on the floor. As they leave, they shout obscenities at you and your family. They speed off into

the night in their car, which they parked on your lawn, without so much as a 'thank you''. How would that make you feel?

I think I already know.

qued, listening to others and coming to an intelligent decision. Surrounding ourselves with "yes" people is not only insecure it shows a lack of true leadership. As a family, for us to progress we must be open to suggestions, learn from and listen to each other, then we can move forward and enter the next millennium as a strong institution.

The award winning **Wolverine Observer** seeks to be the voice of the child in the crowd, calling it as it really is, hoping that by so doing we correct the many problems we need to correct if we are to grow. We solicit the help of good journalists, creative, fair and progressive writers so that we may not only be awarded first place in the newspaper category, but in photography and the writing categories as well.

We believe in this institution, we are proud of dear ole Morris Brown, but we will not sit idly by while this college runs amok. We look forward to another exciting and award winning year. This article from our December 1996 issue was brought forward to remind you of how important college can be to your future well-being. The question is this - will what happened in California have an effect on this nation state by state...can minorities really get a fair chance to achieve their dreams without affirmative action?



By Shonda Cannon

hat does affirmative action mean to you? How do you as an African American feel about affirmative action? Does

African Americans and affirmative action

anyone care that California has just passed a law that says affirmative action is no longer needed? Despite the negative things that surround this law it has helped many minorities achieve dreams that they would probably not have gotten a chance to achieve otherwise. As an African woman in America, I was deeply troubled when I heard the news. It is rumored that if someone wants to start a trend, start it in California. To young African men and women this should be a wake up call; the powers that be are busy at work. They want us to think that racism is no longer a problem, that everything is okay. We should all be aware of the transformations that are taking place in this country.

As citizens we should know who we vote for and why. We should know who our representatives are in the House and the Senate as well as locally. Further, we should know what laws are being passed and how they effect us as a people and as individuals. I can say that I will no longer sit by and let things happen that can and will affect me or my children. As a minority (because I am a woman and I am African), now is the time to stand up and be counted. It's time for all of us who are not contributing our time, talents and gifts for the cause to start participating.

If we don't start now, the next thing we know we will be right back where our great-grand parents, grand parents, and parents were: trying to figure out what happened and how did it get so bad. You can say that will never happen. This is 1996. Things are different, "We" won't stand for it. But look at the Black people in California, look in all the jails, look at our neighborhoods. I'm sure those Black people thought the same thing, but it is happening, slowly but surely. I challenge you to make a difference no matter what organization you are currently in. Learn about the laws and the politicians who pass them. Let these people we elect know that you are knowledgeable and aware. Let us be the generation that says "enough is enough, we have had enough."

"GET INVOLVED."

This October 1996 article gives a person something to think about .

"My Foundation My Comfort Zone"

By Tamara V. Birdsong

It seems as if it was only yesterday that I began my freshman year at Morris Brown College. But, in reality it has been four years, since I started my journey into the land of higher education.

Within the corridors of my mind and spirit, my-morals and values were supposed to be my guiding light to deal with college life. And fortunately, for me those things enabled me to grasp onto problems and solve them with maturity. Atlanta and campus living showered me with the realities of life that I always knew existed. As each year passed I began to feel more comfortable with my environment and with my abilities to achieve. I found myself making decisions on my own time instead of someone elses. But, this new sense of independence did not control my yearn to receive

living in my own apartment but, I was afraid to tackle the world and venture out.

For so long my life centered around class, my boyfriend and sleep, but I soon found these things could not bring me happiness. This was a shocker for me; because I then realized I had to be happy with myself first. So, I found myself on a journey to strengthen my spirituality level, and even today I am still on that journey. The difference with today and yesterday is that I now know the direction of my life. And as my last semester of my Senior year approached, I had the opportunity to witness stress in the first degree. The pressures of papers, proposals, exams and my internship was a tremendous overload, that I wished would end.

Finally my time at Morris Brown was brought to an end. On May 20, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. the Morris Brown College class of '96 marched through the Atlanta Civic Center to start another chapter of our lives. It was now time for me to loosen my hold on my comfort zone of care free college life. From that day forward I would be a member of the professional arena. No longer would I have the cushion of course work, it was time to prove to individuals that I knew public relations and marketing like the back of my hand. Unfortunately, I am still having to prove my worth, but I know that one day I will be a successful PR consultant. This dream will happen only if I remain patient, humble and true to myself. And most important I cannot forget the foundation that helped to mold my mind, and I am proud to say that it was Morris Brown College.



little words of comfort from my family and friends.

Throughout my tenure at Morris Brown, there were both fond and horrible memories. The two combined forces only made me a much stronger person. My faith and perseverance shined a light on my

spirit, when the tunnel of life seemed to be a black hole. Dealing with professors, friends and so-called friends, became a gruesome task for me daily. I had to pull myself together and realize that I had to live my life for Tamara, and not for others individuals. Being able to deal with various situations and people in a proper manner enabled me to see my maturity level. During this time I was in my last semester of my junior year and I began to realize that Morris Brown had become a "Comfort zone" for me. I was

PRE-ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Morris Brown College Pre-Alumni Council has initiated its annual financial membership campaign, and has open leadership positions to upperclassmen for 1997-98

The Council is accepting resumes for the following positions:

Treasurer - Business related major, minimum 2.75 gpa, and at least a junior. Business Manager - Business related major, minimum 2.75 gpa. Parliamentarian - minimum 2.75 gpa

Who are the current officers? Kesi Carter - President Parker Burton - President Elect Rodrick Flowers- - Secretary

What is the difference between a standing member and a financial member of the Pre-Alumni Council?

- All upperclassmen who have completed the new student success seminar are standing members of the Pre-Alumni Council. Freshmen will be eligible in January 1998.
- It only takes \$15 to become a financial member of the Council.

Where does the annual assessment go?

- \$2.50 goes toward the annual fund of the college
- \$2.50 goes toward the annual UNCF annual fund campaign
- \$5.00 goes toward the general operations of the Council, and
- S5.00 will go towards a raffle for a FREE trip to the National Convention of the Pre-Alumni Council, which will be held in St. Louis, MS in February 1998.

What will the Council be doing this year?

- Host the now famous "French Toast Breakfasts"
- Involvement in the Black College Hall of Fame Weekend activities
- Hosting the Regional Conference of the Pre-Alumni Council in late October
- Host a series of campus centered mentoring workshops
- Work with the alumni chapters to identify student liaisons
- Host the UNCF Unity Day 1998
- Develop a student book thrift store



The following students are already financial members of the Council: Aerika Quainter Juli-ette Goldston Michell Shackelford

The Council was established in 1958 to stimulate the interest and participation of students in the progress of the College Fund UNCF to preserve and further loyalty and fellowship between the member institutions of the UNCF, to encourage young people to attend UNCF institutions, and assist in raising funds during the annual campaign of UNCF.

For more information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office.

CICERO'S CORNER

Neon Lights

Darkness falls and things happen. I begin to shed my daytime And put on my night. I change, yet I remain the same. But don't you still love me? I am the one who made you smile I made you laugh I made you ugh I made you wonder I am the one who made you Fall in love Under the neon lights. Cat

Love Thy Self

By Miquiel Banks Why fight for anything but my life When I live by what's wrong or right Tonight, I promise myself to see All that matters is what's best for me

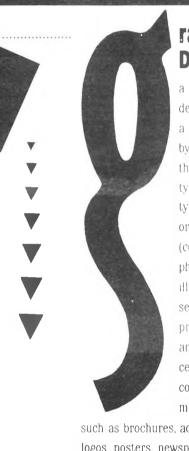
Girls and Women

By Miquiel Banks

Calling you my girl invokes no response, Until the day I was questioned once. Forget that, of you, I think the world, What's wrong with calling you my girl?

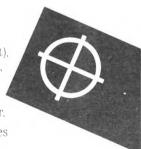
A girl develops her mind the fastest-Why question facts, to be fascist? We're stronger, but in a worser place-Our strength's sapped in sight of a pretty face. Then our minds think beneath the denim-Maybe we need girls, we aren't ready for women:

- Sexual urges define our views, And girls is a topic like the news. While we're thinking beneath the waist, Women are pursuing careers in the marketplace. No wonder women bate to bear girls fr
- No wonder women hate to hear girls from our mouth-
- Maybe what we call them only tells them what we're about.



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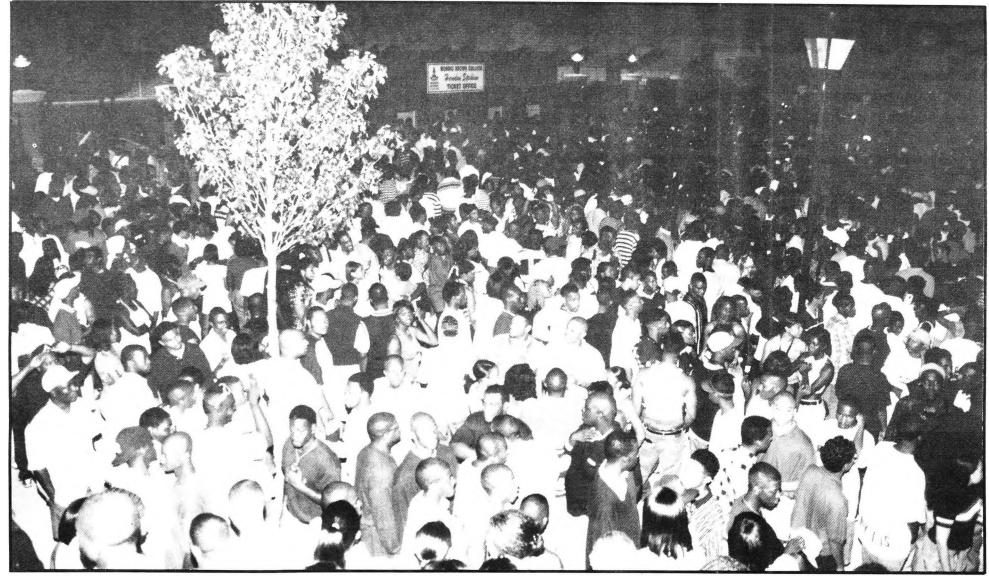
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CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS



The AUC Unity Rally & Block Party-Herndon Stadium Plaza. A great way to mix and mingle...start the year right.



Together we achieve the finest!" Presenting your Morris Brown SGA staff 1997-98

Student Government Association 'Together We Achieve The Finest'

To begin the summer the Student Government Association participated in a SGA Retreat. This retreat consisted of all members of the Executive Branch of the SGA. The retreat involved a leadership overview, management and organization workshops. Officers were given the opportunity to discuss their expectations for the SGA and personal goals that they would like to pursue. The Student Government Association is gearing up for a prosperous year for Morris Brown College.



It takes dedication and determination to be a part of this hard working team.

Tentative Homecoming Schedule 1997*

September 28 - October 4



Sun. Sept. 28 "To God and Truth" Gospel Concert (Student Activities/Campus Ministries) Cunn. Aud. 7:00pm Various Artists

- Mon. Sept. 29 "Blast from the Past...Old School Monday" "Ultimate Videos" (Student Activities) Cunn. Aud. 10:00am-4:00pm MBC Family "Clue" Game (SGA) Cunn. Aud. 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Tues. Sept. 30 "Who U Wit. Where U From" Organization T-Shirt Representation Day

Dorm/Non Pan-Hellenic Step Show (SGA) GWCC 8:00pm

Wed. Oct. 1 "Global Society Day"

Study Extravaganza (SGA) LRC 3:00pm-6:00pm Comedy Show (SGA) GWCC 7:30pm Rehearsal for Miss MBC Coronation (Student Activities) GWCC 9:00pm-11:30pm

Thurs. Oct. 2 "Dress to Impress Day"

HC Convocation (Alumni & Student Affairs, Pres. Office) TBA 11:00am-12:30pm Former Queen's Reception w/Miss MBC (Student Activities) GWCC 6:30pm Miss MBC Coronation (Student Activities) GWCC 7:30pm Java & Jazz (Student Activities & Phi Mu Alpha) GWCC 9:30 pm-11:00pm The Queen's Ball (Student Activities) GWCC 11:00pm-1:00am



Fri. Oct. 3 "School Spirit/School Paraphernalia Day"



Alumni Golf Outing Hidden Hills Golf Course 8:30am Dedication Ceremony of Cleophas Johnson Park corner of Fair St. & Northside Dr. 10:00am Pep Rally (SGA/Band/Football) Mitchell St. to Stadium Plaza 6:00pm-7:30pm Old School Reception Inn on Peachtree (call Alumni Affairs for time) Homecoming Party (SGA & Student Activities) TBA 9:00pm-2:00am

Sat. Oct. 4 Hooooommmmeeecoming!

Parade Breakfast (SGA, Creative Foods) Dining Hall 6:30am-9:00am Homecoming Parade (Student Activities) Fair, Ashby, M.L.King 9:00am-12:30pm Homecoming Game (Athletics, SGA, Student Activities) Herndon Stadium 1:30pm Homecoming Concert (SGA, Student Activities) Herndon Stadium/Gym 9:30pm Homecoming Street Festival (Finance, Alumni Affairs) Mitchell St. All day

* Schedule for major events only and does not include smaller events/activities sponsored by other charted campus organizations.

For further information and/or inquires, contact the Office of Student Activities at (404) 220-0312 or 0153. Parade applications may be taken by phone at same numbers.

CAMPUS NEWS Morris Brown College "DEDICATED TO EDUCATING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW" IN THE AUC NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION '97



I hope all this stuff can fit in your room

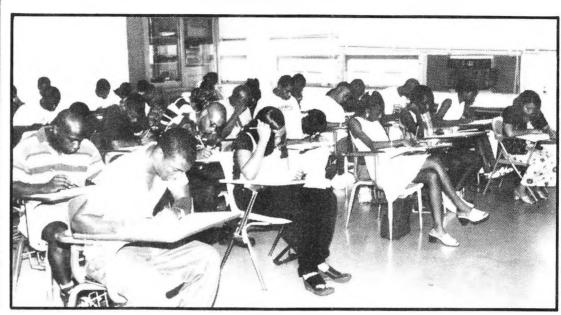
After the success of Summer'95, the college's administration decided to hold orientation in four sessions again. Session 1 June 29 July 1

Session 2 July 13 - July 15

Session 3 August 10 - August 12 (football, band)

Session 4 August 18 - August 21

It proved to be quite a task for the orientation committee, but we did it. Welcome new Brownites and Good Luck to the Class of 2001.



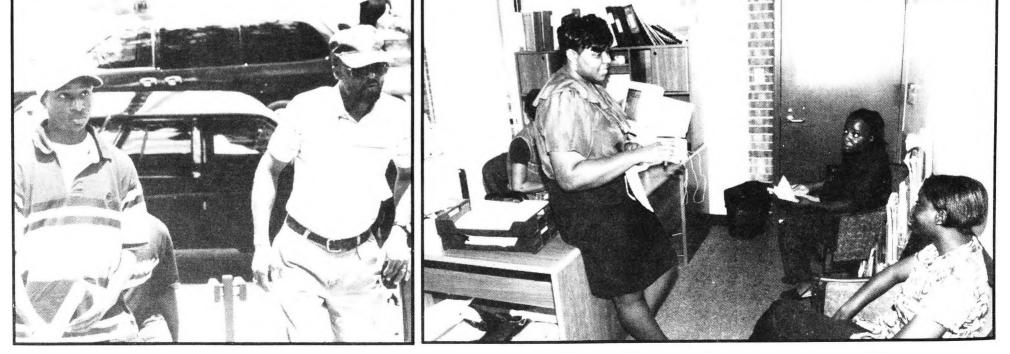
test already and I haven't even registered yet.



I knew I should have left some of this stuff at home



SGA Leadership and new students during a "LOCK IN"

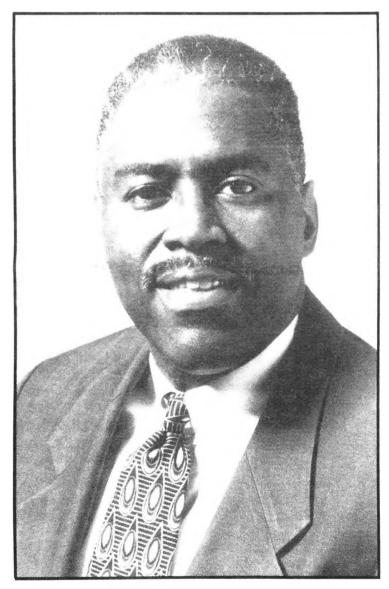


New student arriving with parental reenforcement.

Ms. Ida Abbington, Interim Director, Residential Living talking with new students.



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Black Male Dance Team



MBC Cheerleaders



There's no place like Home

fter a semester of growth the *Black Male Dance Team* has returned for their 97-98 performance season. During the previous semester the Black Male Dance Team gained exposure on the campuses of Clark Atlanta University and Spelman College in addition to other programs outside the Atlanta University center.

Their hard work, dedication and love for their craft was exemplified in their performance at the 1997 Black College National Cheerleading and Dance Competition. Approval and admiration of their talents were given by the audience and judges in the way of standing ovations, moral support and the team winning the first place award for choreography. This was only one of the many highlights of Black Males' achievements during the 96-97 school year.

During the upcoming semester the Black Male Dance Team looks forward to working with the faculty and staff of Morris Brown and once again performing for its entire Wolverine Family. The vision for this years dance team is to not only be a dance team but also an active organization committed to community service and the continued service of Morris Brown College.

The First Place Winners - Morris Brown College Cheerleaders - now the National Champions of the Black College National Cheerleading & Dance Competition and Second Place Winners (tied) are Black Male Dance Team & Ecstacy Dance Team.

A Little Trivia

Questions

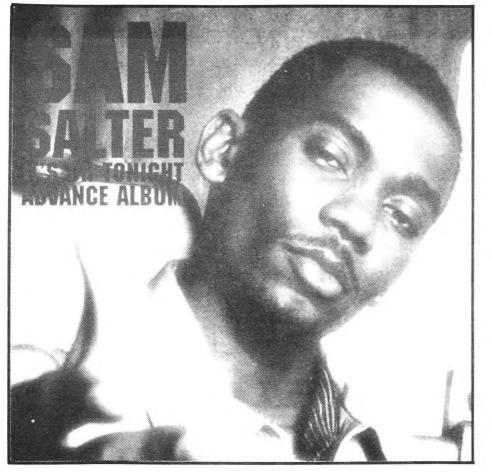
- 1 What entrepreneur managed the Temptations and the Supremes before founding his company on a recipe from his aunt?
- 2. What African country was one of the founding members of the United Nations?
- Which river crosses the equator twice: The Nile, Niger, Congo, or Zambezi?
- 4 Who threatened President Franklin Roosevelt with a march in Washington of 50,000 Negroes to protest unfair employment

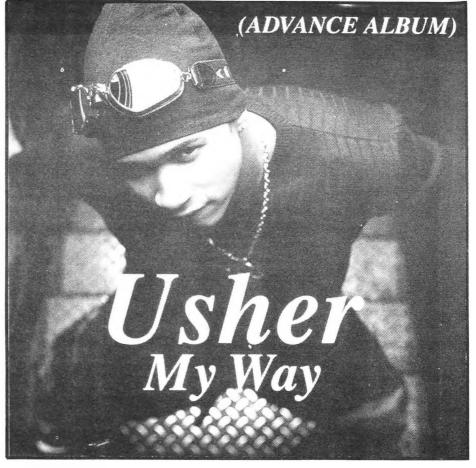
practices?

- 5. Who was the first African American to win a Pulitzer prize?
- 6 What literary figure came to be known as "the poet laureate of the Negro Race"?
- 7. In what city can you visit the oldest African American church?
- 8. In what Shakespeare play did Orson Wells direct an all black cast in 1936?
- 9. Name the largest country in Africa.
- 10. Name the lawyer who argued the case of Brown v. Board of Education before the Supreme Court in 1954.

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Ecstacy Dance Team





Sam Salter

It's On Tonight

LaFace Records

he highly acclaimed singer-songwriter Sam Salter, releases his First CD, It's On Tonight, on September 30, 1997. His versatile and melodic vocals make him "a singer's singer", and it is this attitude that Sam establishes in his genuine songwriting talent mixed with his dynamic style of expressing the feelings typical of Generation

Music Worth Buying

By Miquiel Banks

X. His first release, After 12, Before 6, has already paved the way for this up and coming star, and to be more specific, superstar. Most artists are praised for having vocal abilities and their fame is usually ruled by their production, but it is in this arena where Sam differs from current artists on the charts.

Yes, he has the vocal ability, but it is his provocative insight into today's social conditions that will allow his career to hover well into the 21st century. The title song, It's On Tonight, expresses the fervor well of Friday night before going out on the town. He expresses his reverence for beauty and love in the harmonious and ear-catching song There You Are. Finally, the problem with single parent households has never been addressed directly and Sam leads the way with his heart-touching song I Love You Both. Therefore, keep Sam Salter in your mind as well as On Your Heart.

Usher-My Way

LaFace Records

Usher's new release on LaFace Records, My Way, is a true testament to the timehonored tradition of the Atlanta-base Label. The first single, You Make Me Wanna, moves the crowd, expresses an ageless situation common among African-Americans, and still satisfies those interested in the "music". When one registers the extent and power of such a song, it can only be classified as a "hit record"

- that elusive and sought-after goal that is the basis of the entire industry. Another sure smash hit off the CD, Slow Jam, delivers an intensely emotional rendition of the "Old School Hit" and LaFace Artist ushers the song into an invaluable experience. Indecisive about leaving the one he's with, he takes footsteps in the dark until he says that One Day You'll Be Mine, trust me, I Will. After reassuring her that he's the one, he takes her home in his seductive track BedTime

Now that I've prepared you for the experience, Usher will show you the world His Way.



by Miquiel Banks

- The following article was reprinted based on its importance to the students of the AUC campus community. Think twice.

Condoms and Their Use in Preventing HIV Infection and Other STDs by Department of Human Resource

> about condom effectiveness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides the following updated information to address some common myths about condoms. This information is based on findings from recent epidemiologic, laboratory, and clinical studies. ▶ Myth #1: Condoms don't work Some persons have expressed concern about studies that report failure rates among couples using condoms for pregnancy prevention. Analysis of these studies indicates that the large range of efficacy rates is related to incorrect or inconsistent use. The fact is: latex condoms are highly effective for pregnancy prevention, but only when they are used properly. Research indicates that only 30 to 60 percent of men who claim to use condoms for contraception actually use them for every act of intercourse. Further, even people who use condoms every time may not use them correctly. Incorrect use contributes to the possibility that the

condom could leak from the base or break.

► Myth #2: HIV can pass through condoms

A commonly held misconception is that latex condoms contain "holes" that allow passage of HIV. Although this may be true for natural membrane condoms, laboratory studies show that intact latex condoms provide a continuous barrier to microorganisms, including HIV, as well as sperm.

ne of Fishburne's new releases, Event Horizon, is a science-fiction horror experience so well expressed that the viewer ponders whether or not the possibility of such an event could occur. or more appropriately, has occurred. A group of astronauts are sent to the outermost parts of the universe because of a distress signal sent by a ship that has been missing for seven years - The Event Horizon. One must also consider that the choice of seven was no accident when we believe that God created the universe in seven days. The crew is led by Dr. Weir, the creator of the Event Horizon, into a world of illusions, premonitions, and memories that have been buried for decades. Remember this, the Event Horizon represents man's use of technology and the events that follow are symbolic of spiritual progression or spiritual regression. One thing's for sure, this movie is sure to make you feel creepy and funny, as if your life were on the horizon of a major event.



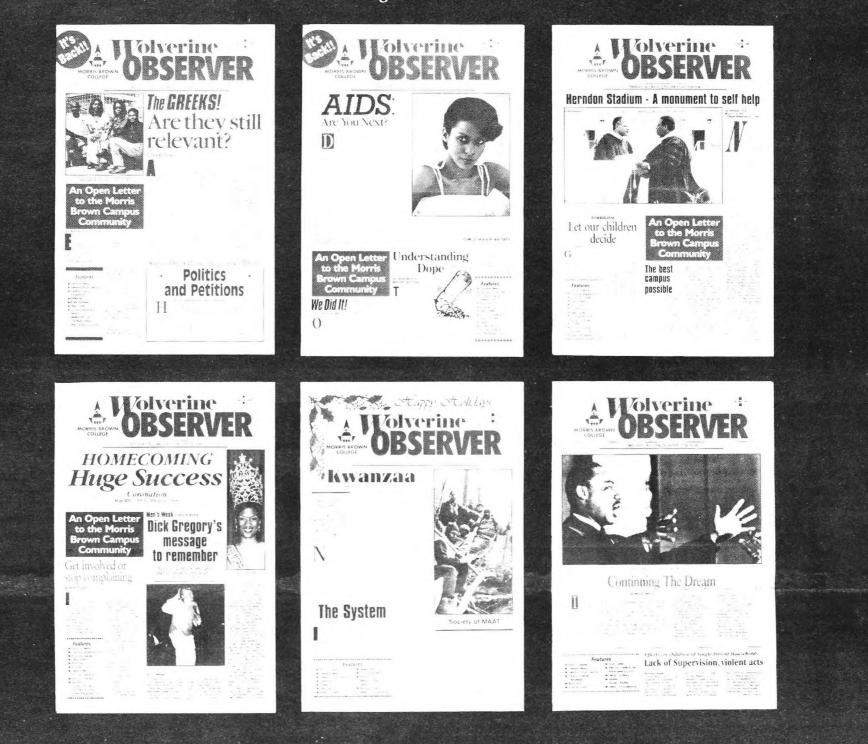
Myths About Condoms There continues to be misinformation and misunderstanding

Myth #3: Condoms frequently break

Another area of concern expressed by some is about the quality of latex condoms. Condoms are classified as medical devices and are regulated by the FDA. Every latex condom manufactured in the United States is tested for defects before it is packaged. During the manufacturing process, condoms are double dipped in latex and undergo stringent quality control procedures. Several studies clearly show that condom breakage rates in this country are less than 2%. Most of the breakage is due to incorrect usage rather than poor quality. Using oil based lubricants can weaken latex, causing the condom to break. In addition, condoms can be weakened by exposure to heat or sunlight or by age, or they can be torn by teeth or fingernails.

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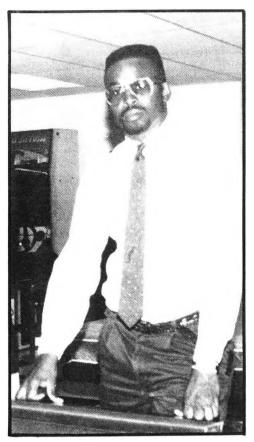
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SPORTS Is This Finally the Year?



By Spurgeon Dennis Jr. Coordinator, Student Publications & Photographer

1951! Bobby Thompson hit the "home run heard around the world" as the Giants beat the Dodgers.

1951! The Oscar for best picture went to MGM's "An American In Paris".

1951! The last time Morris Brown College won the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in football. For 46 years, the Wolverine Faithful have vearned to be back on top. Only 19 of those years did the and allowing full concentration on impleteam play above .500 ball; 12 of those seasons resulted in 2 wins or less. For 46 years supporters entered the new season, enthusiasm flourish-



ing in anticipation of another team, another run at that elusive title.

that was then.. and THIS IS NOW !! The recipe: take a large and experienced coaching staff; add a squad that is skilled, strong, and deep; supplement with

confidence, hustle and Wolverine pride and you have the 1997 MBC Wolverine football team.

The main ingredients:

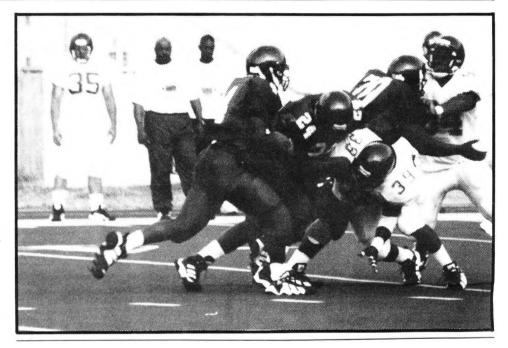
Georgia transfer Rod Perrymond, who churned for over 2,400 yards and 39 touchdowns during Dunwoody High School state championship year (1993), will be called upon to execute in MBC's ground attack. Jerome Weaks, who transferred from Western Carolina, will lead a stronger and

much improved offensive unit for the Wolverines.

Four-year starter and All American candidate Roosevelt "Tadpole" Blackmon is one of the major weapons in the arsenal Capable of scoring from anywhere on the field after an interception or returning a punt, Blackmon will be counted on to solidify a defense that was quite stingy a year ago.

Team Co-captain Reuben Bain, a 6'3', 300lb. senior out of Miami, Florida is the mainstay of the offensive line that will be responsible for allowing the skill position players time and room to execute.

The team traveled to Eatonton, GA, site of the Rock Eagle camp area, for 10 days. It enabled the coaches and players to bond



POSITION OPEN IN ALUMNI AFFAIRS

The alumni affairs office, in conjunction with the Morris Brown National Alumni Association announces the following position opening for the Fall semester. The position has been made available through the student affairs office s student work aid program, that requires a commitment of 20 hours per week Resumes will be accepted in the Vice President for Student Affairs (Hickman Center), and the Director for Nummi Affairs (Old President's House) offices

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and unite firmly away from city distraction, menting and refining strategies.

Morris Brown has the coaches, players and the drive for a successful 1997. Hopefully, even better than 1951.

So, somebody please tell us why are the Wolverines losing? Remember...the key word is TEAM. United you win.

A good number of our kids must realize there wouldn't be an America worth saving - had it not been for the involvement of Black people making this or trying to make this the democratic, Christian culture it should become.

Dr. C.T. Vivian

The candidate must have demonstrated a commitment of community service, and have shown the capacity to establish and maintain a positive working relationship with college personnel, students, alumni, and contributors to the institution. Experience necessary in letter writing, popular computer software, and the capacity to quickly comprehend new technologies.

Brief Statement of Work

The primary duties of the student assistant are to carry out the responsibilities of administrative and technical support for the office of alumni affairs, organizations associated with the Morris Brown National Alumni Association Specific duties include

Clerical responsibilities, including filing, telephone monitoring, letter writing, and documentation distribution

Research responsibilities to identify target alumni and pre-alumni groups, and college archive information, as designated by the director

Attend and participate in alumni and pre-alumni association related functions held on the Morris Brown College campus on behalf of the Office of Alumni Affairs, as designated by the director

Responsible for coordinating pre-alumni association related functions and special events taking place on the Morris Brown campus

Assist in the coordination of volunteer activities such as, but not limited to, the college/alumni Phon-A-Thon, "Pre-Alumni Council, and College Fund/UNCF related events.



Education Students selected for Who's Who In America

By Angela Shelton

ATLANTA - The 1996 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include 47 Morris Brown students selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

These students were chosen by the campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and potential continued success.

Morris Brown students share this honor with other students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher education from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several countries. This directory has been published annually since 1934. Morris Brown students selected to include:

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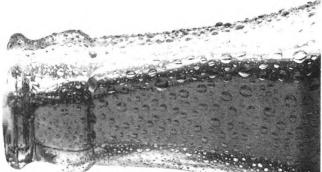
The ghetto stops being a ghetto when we as a people no *longer* allow it to exist.

Author Unknown



THERE WILL ALWAYS BE WINNERS + THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LOSERS + THE OTHER TEAM ALWAYS OOKS BIGGER - THE HOME TEAM

ALWAYS BATS LAST - THERE WILL ALWAYS BE BAD-HOP GROUNDERS - WHEREVER THERES AN UMPIRE, THERE'S ALWAYS AN ARGUMENT ·WHENEVER THERE'S A SELLOUT, THERE'S ALWAYS THE WAVE (UNFORTUNATELY) - THE LINE TO THE LADIES' ROOM WILL ALWAYS BE LONGER THAN THE LINE TO THE MEN'S ROOM · THERE WILL ALWAYS BE COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORIES · COACHES WILL ALWAYS BE SECOND-GUESSED · COACHES WILL ALWAYS BE FIRED · WHEREVER THERE'S AN OBNOXIOUS FAN, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER OBNOXIOUS FAN · THERE WILL ALWAYS BE FOUL BALLS · FANS WILL ALWAYS FIGHT OVER FOUL BALLS · THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PENALTY FLAGS ON PUNT RETURNS - THERE WILL ALWAYS BE WATERBOYS WHO WISH THEY COULD MAKE THE TEAM WHEREVER THERE'S A HERO, THERE'S ALWAYS A COAT · A REFEREE'S EYESIGHT WILL ALWAYS BE IN QUESTION · THERE WILL ALWAYS BE FUMBLES · AS LONG AS A FOOTBALL LOOKS LIKE A FOOTBALL, IT WILL ALWAYS TAKE A FUNNY BOUNCE . THE MAJORITY OF DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE HANDS OF A BRICKLAYER'S SON · WHEREVER THERE ARE TWO GUYS ON BLACKTOP THERE'LL ALWAYS BE ONE-ON-ONE



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TRIVIA

ANSWERS: 1. Wally Amos, creator of Famous Amos Chocolate-Chip Cookies 2. Liberia in 1945 3. The Congo 4. Philip Randolph in 1941 5. Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950 6. Langston Huges 7. Boston 8. MacBeth 9. Sudan 10. Thurgood Marshall.

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