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MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE Historic Institution Names New President

By Karon A. Daniel

MBC OFFICE OF COLLEGE RELATIONS

orris Brown College announced the appointment of Dolores E. Cross, Ph.D., as the institution's next president. Dr. Cross is prepared to lead the college into the next century with a sense of passion, a spirit of revitalization and a "students first" attitude. She has proven herself as a visionary in academia as past President of Chicago State University from 1990 to 1997.

Dr. Cross comes to Morris Brown from the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center, where she is a GE Fund Distinguished Professor in Leadership and Diversity. In her teachings and writings, Dr. Cross focuses on creating access and generating opportunities for minorities and women in higher education and the corporate sector; establishing mechanisms to retain minorities and women in higher education; and strengthening community-based projects and community service initiatives.

Dr. Cross will utilize her expertise in these areas as she seeks to increase the rate of student success, to improve the quality of life for students and faculty, and to strengthen the College's impact in the higher education community and beyond.

"I think Morris Brown has an opportunity to become a model of how a historically black college can operate," says



Dolores E. Cross, Ph.D

She will complete the responsibilities of her GE Fund professorship, while starting the transition to her post as President of Morris Brown College. A transition team will work closely with faculty, staff, administrators and students until Dr. Cross completes her transition by June 1999. The transition team includes Dr. Gloria L. Anderson, who will continue in her role as Interim President until January 1999.

Previous to her GE Fund professorship, Dr. Cross served as President of Chicago State University. During her tenure, the University became the Midwest's fastest-growing public institution, the number of degrees it granted increased by 30 percent, and the University completed more than \$33 million in new construction. Dr. Cross seeks to make similar strides in increasing the institutional effectiveness of Morris Brown

Morris Brown's Legacy: The Benton

By Miguel Banks

Miss Vera L. Benton (1926 - 1998)

woman of many names, many faces, many talents, and definitely worthy of having a building named after her. She was a teacher, mother, role model, heroine, archetype, chief cornerstone, faculty member, staff member, church member, activist, and the associate professor of English here



Ms. Vera Benton ('46), 72 taught English to thousands of undergraduate students of Morris Brown

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Atlanta City Council Recognizes Morris Brown College Model UN Team CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



(l. to r.) Frederick Korley (MBC Model United Nations Team Member), Pelagio Filipe (MBC Model UN Team Member); Atlanta Councilman Derrick Boazman, Bruno Filipe (MBC Model UN Team Member), Mabiengwa Naniuzeyi (Model UN Team Advisor); Atlanta City Council President, Robb Pitts

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An Open Letter to the Morris **Brown Campus Community**

A MATTER OF SAFETY

Well, here we are beginning a new semester with new students and new ideas and concerns. But some concerns that I've heard are the same ones from previous semesters. So I felt the need to discuss one issue that's been beating at my heart for some time - that issue is the Department of Public Safety

First of all, I think it's important to say that yes, the officers of Public Safety (at least the gun totem ones) are certified bon-a-fide, true, Georgia Police Officers (or so I was told). Armed with the ability to do little things like give traffic tickets for speeding or parking tickets for where we shouldn't be parked (and we do want to know

article is really about. Let's well as other students, don't feel safe! Let's talk about the fact that some Public Safety Officers walk around with a chip on their shoulder - waiting on some poor soul to screw up before they pounce on them like a fierce lion. Yes let's talk about these things.

See, I've got just a few

way). My first item I would like to touch on is the fact that Public Safety Officers seem to refrain from doing paper work. I know you're probably wondering where I'm going with this and I will explain. See, there have been times that Public Safety has been notified about incidents that occurred in the dorms (excuse me. Residence Halls) and they allowed the infraction to just go by. Meaning no one went to jail, no report was written, nothing! Just a hello and goodbye. There have been some incidents concerning weapons and it took a group of students to actually go to the office of Public Safety and make them send an officer to the scene. Is this really how it should

My second item on the agenda is the poor response time of Public Safety. granted, if someone is shot in where we CAN park?). But the head and is bleeding to biggest misconception death, I'm sure Public Safety about the Public safety Offi- will be there in no time flat. cers is that they're fake, But is that what it takes for wanna-be cops who can't do them to feel the urgency to anything. Let me be the one get to a problem? For examto tell you all out there who ple, there was an incident inbelieve this myth, YOU CAN volving narcotics in one of our BE ARRESTED BY PUBLIC residence halls and it took SAFETY OFFICERS!! Now Public Safety approximately that I've gotten that out the 35 minutes to arrive on the scene - they were busy lock-Let's move on to what this ing the gym. LOCKING THE GYM!! Where are the prioritalk about the fact that I, as ties! They're making the difficulty level of locking the gym equivalent to that of rocket science! It doesn't take a genius to lock a door (or does it?). The reason given for the poor response time was there is only one officer on duty. Ok - then why did we see not one officer, but TWO in the car when they finally arrived! And why, why did I items to touch on so the see another officer hop in his masses can know how at least vehicle and take off to do one student feels about Pub- something else!? Does it lic Safety (and perhaps many really take two officers to lock other students feel the same the GYM! Come on,

many officers does it take to screw in a light bulb (or to really lock the gym for that matter!)?

I'm not done yet. My last point is the lack of responsibility from the officers. Yes. it's a fight. Yes it needs to be broken up. But does it take pepper spray to rid a crowd! Isn't that a violation of some code in some manual that they should've read before becoming police officers, or am I the only one who feels this way?

Some of you are probably going to be dumb-founded and not understand anything that I'm talking about in this article. Some of you will know exactly what I'm talking about and will be able to understand where I'm coming from. But the reason of this article is not to Completely bash Public Safety, just let them and other people know how some of us feel about them. I don't think that they suck (although some will say they do), but they can use a little work. Maybe we can hire some officers who care. Or maybe we can re-train the ones we already have to do the things they are required

Tune in next month when I discuss my topic.. the CAFETERIA!

Anonymous!! (Y'all ain't killin' me!)

Benton

There have been rumors that she was one of the founding members of the college and when we reminisce about her life, she was definitely someone whose life was characteristic of our motto - To God and Truth.

The Wolverine Observer Staff is sorry to say that this illustrious persona, the divine Miss Vera Benton, passed away on the morning of October 22, 1998. She will surely be missed in our college, in our hallways. in our classrooms, in our hearts, and in our lives. Now we will start at her beginning and follow along the life of one of Morris Brown's finest.

Miss Vera L. Benton was the youngest of two children born to Willie Leroy Benton and Sallie R. Benton on April 21, 1926, in Covington, Georgia. Her early education was completed at the Washington Street School in Newton County. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Morris Brown College in 1946. She later received the Master of Arts Degree in

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English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan. Advanced studies were done at the University of Southern California, Indiana University, and Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. She was the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations.

She began her teaching career at Social Circle High School in Social Circle, Georgia. Two years later, in 1948, she began her tenure at Morrıs Brown College. Her ınstruction included courses from freshman English to Advanced Composition and Modern English Grammar. Among her favorite offerings were courses in Shakespeare and 18th Century Literature. She fed thousands of hungry souls with the beauty and wisdom of great literature.

Miss Benton was active in academia beyond the classroom. She was a member of the editorial committee for the publication Morris Brown College: The First Hundred Years. She served as academic coordinator for the TRIO Programs, then as consultant of TRIO Challenger until her illness prevented her participation in 1998.

Miss Benton's church activities began at an early age. at Saint Paul A.M.E. Church in Covington, Georgia, where she served in executive capacities in local and district lay organizations. Her influence was felt through her service as a delegate to the general conference, as a workshop presenter, and as a chairperson of the Commission on Christian Education. She was a steward, a Sunday school teacher, and a member of the Women's Missionary

Many recognized Miss Benton for her service: She received the Sears Roebuck Teacher of the Year Award, the Outstanding Service Award from Morris Brown College, a Citation of Merit from the National Alumni Association, An Outstanding Service Award from the South Eastern Regional Association for Social Program Personnel. She was active in the community with the Phyllis Whitely YWCA and the NAACP.

UN Team

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MODEL UN team By Karon A. Daniel OFFICE OF COLLEGE RELATIONS

ATLANTA - Three Morris Brown College students and their advisor stood before members of the Atlanta City Council and the Atlanta community on October 19th as City Council President Robb Pitts and Councilman Derrick Boazman presented them with the Special Achievement Award for representing the City of Atlanta in international competition during the Flame of Human Rights: Second International Conference of the Model United Nations (UN)

The Morris Brown College Model UN Team successfully defended its First Best Delegation title during the competition, which took place in Spain, September 6-13, thousands of miles from Morris Brown in Atlanta, Georgia, where Bruno Filipe, Pelagio Filipe and Frederick Korley attend college. The team's first international win came fall 1997 when they won the Best Delegation Award during the Cambridge International Model UN Competition held in England.

Councilman Boazman, a Morris Brown Alumnus from the Class of 1990, commended the students for representing the City of Atlanta in international competition and serving as ambassadors for the city

The students were the only African-American delegation, the only students from a Historically Black College or University, and the only American delegation to compete.

"We felt tremendous pressure to do well after our win last year. We didn't want to let the Morris Brown College administration down after they invested so much in getting us to competition," said Bruno Filipe.

The team already is setting its sights on a win in Cambridge, England in March 1999, where Harvard University is anxious to take on Morris Brown.

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Miss Giovanna Burgess & Miss MBC, Michelin Taylor

New Assistant Director

By Carvel Bennett

DIRECTOR, STUDENT ACTIVITIES

he Office of Student Activities. Campus Organizations, Recreation and Student Publications welcomes Miss Giovanna Burgess (Pictured with Miss MBC, Michelin Taylor) to Morris Brown.

Miss Burgess is a 1993 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a BS degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Prior to com-ing ville, South Carolina.

to MBC she worked in the area of social services in New York City.

She will primarily be responsible for monitoring Campus Organizations, assisting Miss MBC and Court, as well as Advisor to the Queens Alliance. Synfonette Society and Performing Arts Club.

Miss Burgess is a native of Green-

MEN'S WEEK 98

By Carvel Bennett

DIRECTOR, STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Theme: PREPARATION - The Blackmale in the New Millennium

hough celebrated rather quietly, Men's Week 1998 went quite well. Turnout for most events was rather scanty. but for those in attendance, the programs were informative and entertaining.

Highlight of the week was a convocation featuring alumni Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Morris, Pastor, New Grant Chapel AME Church in East Point, GA. Dr. Morris called upon students in general, and the men in particular. to believe in themselves, keep on striving for established goals, and most importantly I think seriously about becoming entrepreneurs.



Roosevelt Morris & Mrs. Morris Convocation Speaker



Dr. Morris with members of Alpha Lambda Chi Fraternity, cosponsors of Men's WEEK '98

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The First Family Festival



By Valarie Rand
FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL CHAIR

he first annual "Fall Family Festival" for the families of MBC students was held October 30th - November 1st 1998. These three days were filled with activities which included an evening reception on Friday, a student talent show, a tailgate party on Founders' plaza on Saturday, attending the football game, an evening soiree, Sunday church service and a culminating Sunday brunch in Cunningham auditorium. The events were thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

One significant event that highlighted the weekend was the Parent's Council. This meeting was held over a continental breakfast and chaired by Dr. LaVeta Small, Vice President for Student Affairs. Other representatives included Academic Affairs, the President's Office as well as individual faculty members. The Parents who attended expressed a genuine investment and concern in the services offered to their students. Some also volunteered to serve as liaisons for the council to the general MBC parent population. We believe this weekend afforded us the establishment of a strong and positive relationship with our parents.

Though this weekend did not meet anticipated attendance, those who were in attendance evaluated each event positively. From this favorable response, we look forward to this growing tradition of partnership with the families of your Morris Brown College students through this annual event.

Students and their Family members with staff enjoyed the Halloween Soire'e at the First Annual Fall Festival.



Don't hear it through the grapevine, get it straight from the Wolverine OBSERVER!!!

Saluting Your Best and Brightest! Please Nominate!

By Robert A. Dubill

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, USA TODAY

or the 10th consecutive year, USA TODAY is searching for the best undergraduate students in the nation to be honored on the All-USA College Academic Team. Because this is the 10th anniversary of the College Academic Team, the celebration will include some special events.

The 20 students selected for the 1999 first Team will earn a three-day weekend in Washington, DC, in which they will:

- Join a public conversation with officials of the nation's universities on the condition of undergraduate education.
- Tour the nation's only national news museum.
- Gather with representatives of the nine past All-USA Academic First Teams for a celebration of academic excellence.
- Receive a trophy and a \$2,500 cash award.

The 60 students named to the First, Second and Third Teams will have their achievements described to the world in a special section of USA TODAY to be published on Thursday, February 25, 1999.

We invite you and your faculty to the nominate a qualifying student or students on forms provided to the Student Publications Department. To nominate more than one student, please duplicate the form.

Any full-time undergraduate of a four-year institution in the United States or its territories is eligible. U.S. citizenship is not required. A full-time undergraduate is one carrying at least 12 credits in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or one who anticipates earning an undergraduate degree at the end of the current academic term.

Criteria for the all-stars were developed in consultation with our cosponsors, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Winners will be selected by a panel of educators, chosen in cooperation with our co-sponsors.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in scholarship but in leadership roles on and off campus.

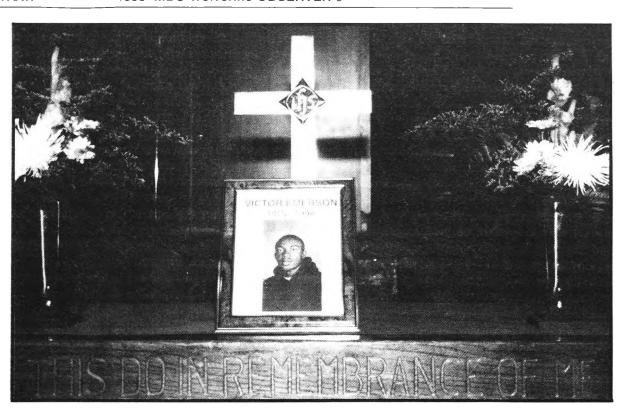
A key element given most weight by the judges will be a student's outstanding original academic or intellectual product. The judges will be influenced by the student's ability to describe that outstanding endeavor in his/her own words. They will not read an author's work, see an artist's painting or hear a composer's music. They will rely solely on the student's ability to describe the effort in writ-

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MORRIS BROWN REMEMBERS VICTOR EMERSON

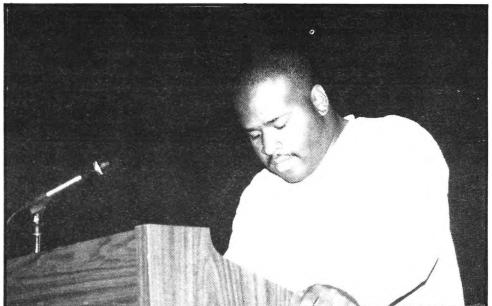
By Mark B. CiscoCOLLEGE CHAPLAIN

Late Victor Emerson





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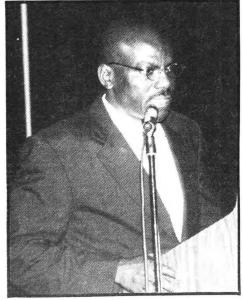


tudents, faculty, and staff congregated in Cunningham Auditorium on Thursday, October 1, 1998 at 11:00 to remember the life and legacy of young Victor Emerson. Victor passed away on September 22, 1998. He was born in Washington, D.C. on November 18, 1975. He attended Meridian High School in Meridian, Mississippi. Victor was a senior at Morris

Brown College majoring in Health Administration. He had a medical history of aneurysm.

During the memorial service, a special message from Dr. Gloria Anderson, Interim President, Morris brown College was read by the Student Government Association President Wole Ralph; Dean Leroy Evan greeted the community on behalf of the Division of Student Affairs; personal friends of Victor's wept as they remembered their colleague; and the Morris Brown College Gospel Choir Comforted through music.

In his message to the college community, Chaplain Mark B. Cisco reminded the community that death is transitory, temporal, and transient. Victor is only sleeping and resting. Chaplain Cisco encouraged the community to hold together and rek a closer walk with God.



Chaplin Mark Cisco

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Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, November 30. Please call Carol Skalski at 703-276-5890 if there are any questions.

We look forward to receiving your school's nominations.



MBC Gospel Choir

Campus ORGANIZATIONS

Career Opportunities at Morris Brown

By Rachel Lawrence

GLOBAL WORKFORCE STAFF WRITER

T he Center for A Green force and Community Service, Career Planning and Placement, Community Service office, Co-op Office, whatever you call it, its mission is still the same.

The Center for a Global Workforce and Community Service assists students in making the right choices concerning their career development. The Center advances Morris Brown College students by giving them the edge to excel when they are placed within the job market. Students are taught resume writing skills, effective interviewing skills, the basics of professional attitude and corporate attire. The Center has five goals:

1. To provide an extensive career development program that assists students with the selection of an

appropriate and achievable career/major.

- To teach students job seeking skills that will position them for competitive interviewing, placement, and success in the work-
- To create relationships with employers that will increase career and community service opportunithe scholarship and partnership activity of the institution.
- To support the Academic Affairs Division in an effort to infuse career and service learning information into the curriculum.
- To place students into work positions that are meaningful and congruent with training and career aspirations.

Whether you are a freshman or sen-

ior, decided or undecided about your major, the Center offers all students opportunities to develop their professional skills.

Staffed with Priscilla Seabrook Jenkins, Director, Ernita B. Hemmitt. Assistant Director for Career Service, and Dennis Jones, Assistant Director for Community Service, and volunteers- Malisha Brown, Erica Smith ties for MBC students and enhance Payne, and Barbara Sykes. The Center is most recognized for its participa- time employment opportunities for tion in the Annual AUC Career Fair held every fall semester, and its internship/permanent placements.

The Center has an open door policy that allows students seeking assistance in career development and community service to walk-in freely. Whether you are looking for a job, coop or internship, the Center offers a wealth of information on full-time and part-time positions available throughout the semester. Workshops and recruitment activities are organized by the Center on a weekly basis, inviting students to participate.

Companies such as Wachovia Bank, RPS, Bureau of Labor Statistics, UPS, Transom Staffing, MBNA and Coca Cola Enterprise will be on campus during the month of November to provide permanent, internship, and partstudents in all majors. Students interested in interviewing at either Career Center (MBC/AUC), may contact Ms. Hemmitt at (404) 220-0338 prior to the date of the interview. Students also have the opportunity to interview with a host of corporations at the AUC Career Planning and Placement Cen-

Edmonds Leadership Program **Enters Its Second Year**

By Miquel Banks

he Morris Brown College Albert Edmonds Leadership Program was established in 1997 under the leadership of then President Samuel L. Jolley. He was assisted in this endeavor by two distinguished alumni

of Morris Brown, Fannie Allen, Class of 1971 and Lieutenant General Albert Edmonds, Class of 1964. The program was named in honor of General Edmonds.

The mission of the Albert Edmonds Leadership Program is to develop and to nurture leadership skills in students at Morris Brown College. The program focuses on the implementation of eight goals. They are:

- To provide the students with an avenue to understand the influence of individual personality on leadership style and success
- To introduce students to leadership theories and styles
- To introduce students to fundamentals of effective communica-
- To expose the students to techniques of problem solving

- To provide the students with knowledge and understanding of organizational management
- To acquaint the student with the strategies for effective team building
- To provide the student with critical thinking skills that result in ethical decision making
- to provide the student with skills that will enhance his/her ability to make a successful transition into professional life

This program is a critical element in the actualization of the broad goal of Morris Brown College to prepare its students to lead and to serve in their communities. The success of the program will be measured by the ability of graduates of the Edmonds Leadership Program to improve the quality of their respective organizations and communities.

The program is now under the direction of Dr. F. Carl Walton. He is a 1984 graduate of Morris Brown College who also holds a Master's and Ph.D. in Political Science from Purdue University in West Lafavette, Indiana. Prior to returning to his Alma



Dr. Carl Walton Director, Edmonds Leadership Program

Mater. Walton was on the faculty in the Political Science Department at the University of Georgia.

The program for the 1998-99 school year is in full swing. The fall retreat was held October 2-4 at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in

Peachtree City, Georgia. Fifty-one student leaders participated in a weekend of intense leadership training. The sessions focused on individual personality and leadership, organizational culture and the history and culture of Morris Brown College. Presenters were Dr. LaVeta Small. Vice-President for Student Affairs at Morris Brown College; Mr. Eddie Gaffney, Vice-Provost for Student Affairs at Morehouse College and Rev. Herman "Skip" Mason, Historian/Consultant.

As a follow up to the retreat, student will participate in a one day workshop each month through the end of the academic year. These workshops will also be conducted by experts in the field of leadership training. The program for the year concludes in April of 1999 with a graduation banquet held in honor of the student participants.

The next goal of the Edmonds Program is to develop a second component that will include an interdisciplinary academic program that will focus on leadership training and development.

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Herbs

By Essex Agee STAFF WRITER

t has been said that all new knowledge is simply old knowledge that we've forgotten and learned. Throughout history, herbs have been harvested and used for a wide variety of needs. The positive power of plants has long been acknowledged and accepted. A long standing tradition of herb use has been handed down from generation to generation. Today, botanical experts worldwide are researching a wide variety of plants and herbs to determine what benefits may exist within their natural chemistry. With this in mind. the goal of 'wholistic healing" is to uplift. liberate, and re-educate us in the arts of natural healing.

In our era of medical malpractice and managed care, we are forced to take a stand as independent healers. Biblical scripture even states that "my people will perish for lack of knowledge". Unfortunately, it is the lack of essential knowledge of proper diet and spiritual maintenance that has us overweight, stressed out, and crippled. Also, we rarely practice yoga, reflexology. aroma-therapy. acupuncture, and meditation (to name a few).

Since the beginning of time, indigenous peoples of the world have lived in harmony with nature. They have practiced the sacred dictum: right knowledge + right food = right thought. Sadly enough, this balance that existed then is almost non-existent today. At least, we can thank the few remaining aboriginal cultures for keeping our tradition in line with its natural essence



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We must begin now to learn and practice the aforementioned ancient healing principles in order to take con-remedies are not genies in bottles. trol of our health. Right now, the doc-

tors hold the reigns of our health. Doctors are like auto mechanics because they both capitalize on our misfortunes. Also, there are some mechanics that fix one problem and give us another so they can continue to take or money. Can this be said about doctors as well? Our best bet is to learn how to repair our own cars and prevent our sickness as to avoid both vampires.

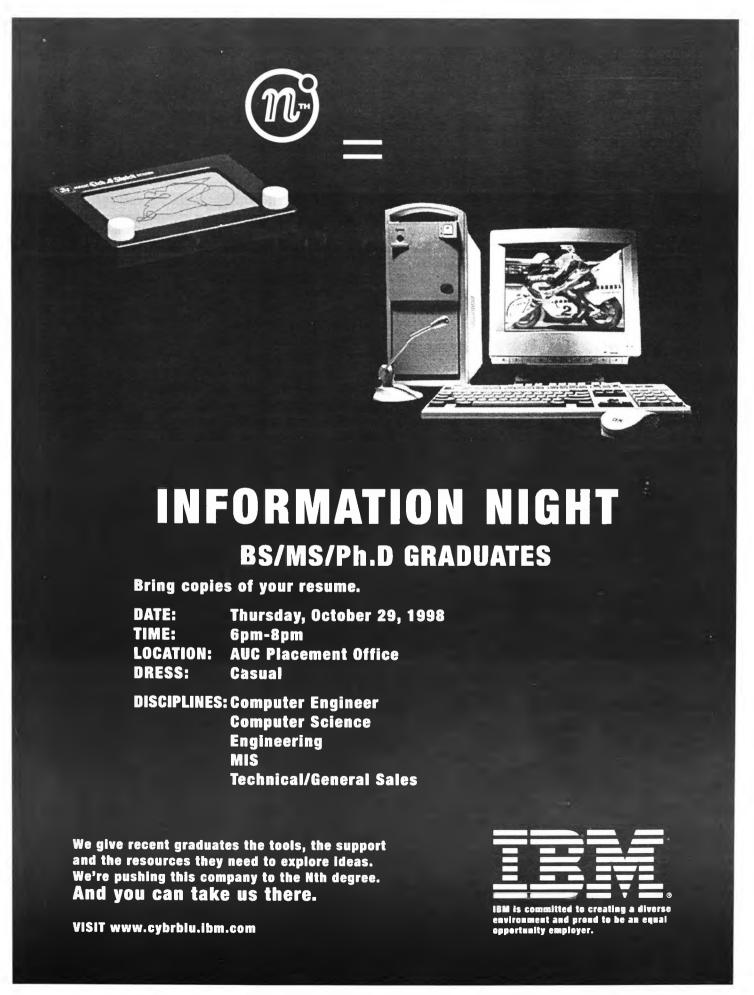
Only 45% of the world's plants have been classified. Of the 45% classified, 90% of our medicine is derived. How-ever, only 10% of the classified 45% have been found to have medicinal qualities. As a result, there are possible cures for diseases that exist today as well as those that are unfore-

We must remember that herbal Surely we can't expect an overnight

herbal cure for a problem we have had for over 10 to 15 years. For instance, Cat's Claw. a potent stimulant of the ımmune system, may prevent us from catching that little bug in every office, but I doubt if it's an end-all to AZT treatment. There is even an all natural herbal version of Viagra, called 'Infinity 1", that has been on the market long before that infamous blue pill hit the drawing board.

The keys to great health are knowledge, discipline, and a great desire to achieve a happier and healthier way of life. The Wolverine Observer will furnish the knowledge and all that remains is discipline and desire.

The question is simple, do you want to live longer? Stay tuned and if you're discipline and desire bound, you may follow in the footsteps of your ances-





40 Years and 40 Days... Bound for Higher Ground

Interdenominational Theological Center Celebrates 40 Years of Service October 8 - November 16

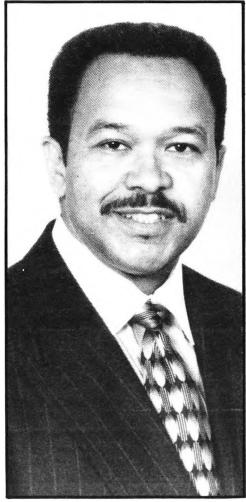
By Tiffany N. Wright

ROY COMMUNICATIONS

Atlanta, GA - This year marks the Interdenominational Theological center's (The ITC) 40th Anniversary Celebration, "40 Years and 40 Days: Bound for Higher Ground." To highlight this stellar occasion, six activities will expand over a 40 day period from Thursday, October 8 until Monday. November 16, 1998.

With a stellar reputation for producing outstanding clergy and a longstanding tradition of community outreach, The ITC has delivered for Atlanta and the nation for 40 years," says The ITC President Robert M. Franklin, Jr. "We are now positioned to be a leader among seminaries in the 21st century that are committed to making strong, strategic efforts toward the renewal of American

From the kick-off at Antioch Baptist Church North with national ministerial keynote speakers and The ITC choir setting the tone for the celebration; to the Choirs Across At-



The ITC President Robert M. Franklin, Jr.

lanta fund raising concert at Symphony Hall; and the invitational fund-raising event at Magic Johnson Theaters; this spirit-filled celebratory occasion will bring together faithoriented individuals who represent churches, government, corporations, organizations, etc.

Located in the Atlanta University Center, The ITC is a consortium of six seminaries of different denominations, serving the African American community. It is largest source of African American academically trained clergy in the nation. The ITC is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational, graduate school of theology Individuals representing more than 23 denominations from more than 30 states and 12 countries walk through the doors of The ITC for a challenging and rich learning experience in theological education.

For more information on celebration activities please contact The ITC at 404-527-7700

ing achievement counts!"

Wishbone, imagining himself as Odysseus, from The Odyssey by Homer, calls on college students to "Be A Classic Hero-Lead A Child To Read." Wishbone appears daily on PBS in shows that celebrate classic literature, from Ivanhoe and Faust, to Don Quixote and Tom Sawyer. The clever canine has become a favorite of fans of all ages who believe that great books should be great fun!

7-Eleven, which created the People Who Read Achieve project, has sponsored this outreach campaign in support of the America Reads goal that all children will be good readers by the end of third grade. In a national test, 40% of fourth graders failed to read at grade level.

Wishbone urges college students to join America Reads this semester and share a love of books with a child. "Hey, if a dog can do īt, so can you!"

One Thousand Colleges & Universities Take The America Reads Challenge

By Pam Hughes

AMERICA READS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

On July 1, 1997, the U.S. Department of Education encouraged Federal Work-Study students to serve as reading tutors by waiving the requirement that employers pay part of their wages. In just one year, more than 1000 colleges and universities have joined the America Reads workstudy program.

What is work-study? The program provides undergraduate and graduate students with part-time employment to help meet their financial needs and give them work experience, while helping the campus or surrounding community. These students might work in their university's library, cafeteria, or laboratories. Students at 3,300 colleges, universities and trade schools receive Federal Work-Study funds as part of their financial aid packages. In 1997, the Clinton Administration increased its allocation of work-study funds

What is the America Reads waiver? Generally the employer pays at least 25% of the student's wages, and the work-study program pays the rest. Under the America Reads waiver, the federal government pays 100% of the wages of work-study students who serve as reading mentors or tutors to preschool and elementary school children. The wages of these tutors can be credited toward the institution's requirement that 5% of work-study funds be used for community service.

What is the new family literacy waiver? Research shows that children whose parents work with them on language and literacy skills during early childhood become more successful readers. As the parents is a child's

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The Elie Wiesel **Foundation For Humanity Essay** Contest

By Jan K. Newell

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF EWFFH

We are pleased to announce that the 1999 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is now underway This annual contest, in which students compete for awards of up to \$5000, is designed to challenge fulltime college juniors and seniors to examine and analyze urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. Please contact contest coordinator for more information at the Office of the Dean, Lee Evans.

Announcing **Four 1999 Dow Jones** Newspaper **Fund Internship Programs**

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund is offering college juniors, seniors and

graduate students the opportunity to apply for one of more than 120 editing internships being offered during the summer of 1999 through three programs. They are:

- Newspaper Editing Program
- Online Editing Program
- Real-Time Financial News wires Program

The Newspaper Fund is also offering *minority college sophomores and juniors the opportunity to apply for one of 10 internships through its:

Business Reporting Program

There is a bulletin board announcement in Hickman Student Center (second floor) for those students interested in news careers. The posters will instruct students on how to obtain a copy of the application forms. Also there are a small supply of application forms in the Student Publications office.

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund has taken special care over the years to provide students with more than scholarship and internship opportunities. The pre-internship training and their follow-up efforts during the summer are designed to provide students the best possible educational

*DJNF defines minority as U.S. citizens who are Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic and American Indian or Alaskan Native.



America Reads To Recruit College Students as Tutors

By Pam Hughes AMERICA READS

ishbone TM , the dog who encourages children to read on his PBS series, is now starring in a new role: Tutor Recruiter for America Reads! The Jack Russell terrier appears this fall on 1000 campuses nationwide through posters, flyers, brochures, and ads that recruit college students to tutor children in reading.

America Reads encourages workstudy students to tutor or read to children as their paying job. Other students are urged to volunteer. "A college student who reads regularly to a small child helps prepare that child for school success," said America Reads Director Carol Rasco. "One-on-one tutoring can provide the extra attention that a struggling reader needs to succeed, The college tutor serves as a role model and sends an important message: Read-

VIEWS&EXPRESSIONS

HSUS offers opportunity for On-line discussion and activism for animals

By Rachel Querry

humane society united states

Atlanta, GA - As college students return to campuses across the country. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) encourages them to take advantage of a new way to share ideas about animal issues the Inter-campus Animal Advocacy Network (I-CAAN).

I-CAAN is a free e-mail list-server that provides an opportunity for college students to network about animal issues. Pre-college students and other animal activists are also encouraged to join I-CAAN. According to Jonathan Balcombe, associate director for education for HSUS animal research issues. I-CAAN has created an interactive forum to exchange ideas and strategies, recruit members of campus animal advocacy organizations and carry out campaigns for

By linking animal activists electronically, I-CAAN will empower and encourage student activists," says Balcombe. "Through I-CAAN, the Internet has created a community of college students from campuses across the country. I wish that this existed when I was in school."

Charlotte Firestone, a junior at Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, PA, says, "I-CAAN has been a great help to me, as I have discussed a few things and have been pointed to many great websites, not to mention gotten a lot of incredibly helpful in-

Recent topics discussed on I-CAAN include a student's successful campaign for a dissection choice policy, and opportunities for jobs that advance vegetarianism. Another message requested information on finding a graduate program in animal behavior that doesn't require students to harm animals. Although

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teacher, the America Reads waiver was extended, on July 1, 1998, to include students who tutor in family literacy programs. These programs provide services to children from infancy through elementary school and their parents or caregivers.

What training do work-study tutors receive? Many colleges and universities provide training through their schools of education, community literacy organizations, or the local school district. Congress allocated \$5 million for "train the trainers" sessions that are taking place in sixteen locations across the nation from July through September, 1998. These funds will also support direct training for work-study and volunteer tutors through 60 America Reads partnerships.

The HSUS administers the network the ideas and viewpoints expressed are not necessarily those of The HSUS, administers the network, the ideas and viewpoints expressed re not necessarily those of The HSUS, which is the nation's largest animal protection organization.

To subscribe to I-CAAN, students should send the message "subscribe icaan" to waste@waste.org. For more information about I-CAAN, contact The HSUS at 2100 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20037 or visit The HSUS on the Internet at www.hsus.org.

The Good Ole Days

By George Jones

gjclub@mindspring.com

Are you feeling old? Consider this:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1980.

They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era, and did not know he had ever been shot.

They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.

Black Monday. 1987, is as significant black and white TV to them as the Great Depression.

There has only been one pope. They can only really remember one presi-

They were eleven when the Soviet union broke apart, and do not remember the Cold War.

They have never feared a nuclear war. "The Day After" is a pill to them. line for them. not a movie.

CCCP is just a bunch of letters.

They have only known one Germany. They are too young to remember the space Shuttle blowing up and Tienni-

men (sic) Square means nothing to

They do not know who Mohammar

Their lifetime has always included

They never had a Polio shot, and likely, do not know what it is.

Bottle caps have not only always been screw-off, but have always been plastic.

They have no idea what a pull top can looks like.

Atarı pre-dates them, as do vinyl albums.

The expression "you sound like a broken record" means nothing to them. teams"

They have never owned a record player

They have likely never played Pac-Man, and have never heard of Pong. Star Wars looks very fake and the special effects are pathetic.

and the blue ones are not new. What the Civil War. do you mean there used to be beige

They may have heard of an 8-track. but chances are they probably have never seen or listened to one

The compact disc was introduced when they were one year old.

As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 32 cents. Zip codes have always had a dash in them.

Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels, nor have they seen a

They have always had cable.

There have always been VCRs but they have no idea what Beta is.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

They were born the year that Walkman was introduced by Sony.

Roller-skating has always meant in-

They have never heard of King Cola. Burger Chef, The Globe Democrat, Pan Am, or Ozark Airlines.

Jay Leno has always been with the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in a microwave.

They have never seen and remember a game that included the St. Louis Football Cardinals, the Baltimore Colts, the Minnesota North Stars, the Kansas City Kings, the New Orleans Jazz, the Minnesota Lakers, the Atlanta Flames, or the Denver Rockies (NFL Hockey, that is)

They do not consider the Colorado Rockies, the Florida Marlins, the Florida Panthers, the Ottawa Senators, the San Jose Sharks, or the Tampa Bay Lightning "expansion

They have never seen Larry Bird play and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a football player.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

The Vietnam War is as ancient his-There have always been red M&M's, tory to them as WWI, WWII, or even

> They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who MORK was or where he was from.

They never heard the phrase "where's the beef?", "I'd walk a mile for Camel", or "De plane, de plane!"

They do not care who shot J.R. and They have always had an answering have no idea who J.R. is. The Cosby Show, The Facts of Life, Silver Spoon, The Love Boat, Miami Vice, WKRP in Cincinnati, and Taxi are shows that have likely never been seen.

The Titanic was found? I thought we always knew where it was.

Michael Jackson has always been

They cannot remember the Cardinals ever winning a World Series or even being in one.

Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places, not groups.

McDonalds never came in styrofoam containers.

Do you feel old now? Remember, the people who don't know these things will be in college this year.

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White people acknowledge benefits of privilege

By Robert Jensen

DAWN/LAT-WP NEWS SERVICE @ BALTIMORE SUN

Here's what white privilege sounds like:

I'm sitting in my University of Texas office, talking to a very bright and very conservative white student about affirmative action in college admissions, which he opposes and I support. The student says he wants a level playing field with no unearned advantage for anyone. I ask him whether he thinks that being white had advantages in the United States. Have either of us, I ask, ever benefited from being white in a world run mostly by white people? Yes, he concedes, there is something real and tangible we could call white privilege.

So, if we live in a world of white privilege - unearned white privilege how does that affect your notion of a level playing field? I asked. He paused for a moment and said, "That really doesn't matter." The Statement, I suggested to him, reveals the ultimate white privilege: the privilege to acknowledge that you have unearned privilege but to ignore what it means. That exchange led me to think the way I talk about race and racism with students. It drove home the importance of confronting the dirty secret that we white people carry around with us every day: in a world of white privilege, some of what we have is unearned. I think much of both the fear and anger that comes up around discussions of affirmative action has its roots in that secret. So these days, my goal is to talk openly and honestly about white supremacy and white privilege.

White privilege, like any social phenomenon, is complex. In a white supremacist culture, all white people have privilege, whether or not they are overtly racist themselves. There are general patterns, but such privilege plays out differently depending on context and other aspects of one's identity (in my case, being male gives me other kinds of privilege). Rather than try to tell others how white privilege has played out in their lives, I talk about how it has affected me.

I am as white as white gets in this country. I am of northern European heritage and I was raised in North Dakota, one of the whitest states in the country. I grew up in a virtually all-white world surrounded by racism, both personal and institutional. Because I didn't live near a reservation, I didn't even have exposure to the state's only numerically significant nonwhite population, American-Indians.

I have struggled to resist that racist training and the racism of my culture. I like to think I have changed, even though I routinely trip over the lingering effects of that internalized racism and the institutional racism over me. But no matter how much I "fix" myself, one thing never changes -I walk through the world with white privilege.

What does that mean? Perhaps most importantly, when I seek admission to a university, apply for a job, or hunt for an apartment, I don't look threatening. Almost all of the people evaluating me look like me - they are white. They see in me a reflection of themselves - and in a racist world, that is an advantage. I smile. I am white. I am one of them. I am not dangerous. Even when I voice critical opinions, I am cut some slack. After all, I'm white

My flaws also are more easily forgiven because I am white. Some complain that affirmative action has meant the university is saddled with mediocre minority professors. I have no doubt there are minority faculty who are mediocre, though I don't know very many. As Henry Louis Gates, Jr. once pointed out, if affirmative action policies were in place for the next hundred years, it's possible that at the end of that time the university could have as many mediocre minority professors as it has mediocre white professors. That isn't meant as an insult to anyone, but it's a simple observation that white privilege has meant that scores of second rate white professors have slid through the system because their flaws were overlooked out of solidarity based on race, as well as on gender, class and ideology

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unearned

Some people resist the assertions that the United States is still a bitterly racist society and that the racism has real effects on real people. But white folks have long cut other white folks a break. I know, because I am one of them. I am not a genius - as I like to say, I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer. I have been teaching full time for six years and I've published a reasonable amount of scholarship. Some of it is the exceptional stuff one churns out to get tenure, and some of it, I would argue, is worth reading. I worked hard, and I like to think that I'm a fairly decent teacher. Every once in a while, I leave my office at the end of the day feeling like I really accomplished something. When I cash my paycheck, I don't feel guilty. But, all that said, I know I did not get where I am by merit alone. I benefited from among other things, white privilege. That doesn't mean that I don't deserve my job, or that if I weren't white I would never have gotten the job. It means simply that all through my life, I have soaked up benefits for being white.

All my life I have been hired for jobs by white people. I was accepted for graduate school by white people. And I was hired for a teaching position by the predominantly white University of Texas, headed by a white president, in a college headed by a white dean and in a department with a white chairman that at the time had one non-white tenured professor. I have worked hard to get where I am, and I work hard to stay there. But to feel good about myself and my work, I do not have to believe that "merit" as defined by white people in a white country, alone got me here. I can acknowledge that in addition to all that hard work, I got a significant boost from white privilege.

At one time in my life, I would not have been able to say that, because I needed to believe that my success in life was due solely to my individual talent and effort. I saw myself as the heroic American, the rugged individualistic. I was so deeply seduced by the culture's mythology that I couldn't see the fear that was binding me to those myths. Like all white Americans, I was living with the fear that maybe I didn't really deserve my success, that maybe luck and privilege had more to do with it than brains and hard work. I was afraid I wasn't heroic or rugged, that I wasn't special. I let go of some of that fear when I realized that, indeed, I wasn't special, but that I was still me. What I do well, I still can take pride in, even when I know that the rules under which I work in are stacked to my benefit. Until we let go of the fiction that people have complete control over their fate - that we can will ourselves to be anything we choose - then we will live with that fear.

White privilege is not something I get to decide whether I want to keep. Every time I walk into a store at the same time as a black man and the security guard follows him and leaves me alone to shop, I am benefiting from white privilege. There is no space here to list all the ways in which white privilege plays out in our daily lives, but it is clear that I will carry this privilege with me until the white supremacy is erased from this society.

This article taken from the Atlanta-Journal Constitution dated Tuesday, July 7, 1998 was found relevant to the absence of work being completed on the 'The Village' - a proposed mall near the AUC off Martin L King, Jr. Drive in the west side of town. Has the work stopped because of the lack of Blacks not investing in their own neighborhood?

'MECCA' FACES DILEMMA

Blacks need to invest in own neighborhoods

By Jeff Dickerson

Jeff Dickerson is a member of the Journal's editorial board. His column appears on Tuesday in The Atlanta Journal Editorial Opinion

s the NAACP national convention comes to town Saturday, I'd like to welcome conventioneers to my side of town in DeKalb County. We in south and central DeKalb are supposed to have the second most affluent black community in the nation, behind Prince George's County in suburban Washington. The NAACP says it's coming to Atlanta because it's the Mecca of black progress, and surely our progress in DeKalb is emblematic

But if this is the black "Mecca", we're in trouble. In the years I've lived in the community, I've seen impress

growth, but also dispiriting decay. I've touted black middle class? seen businesses close by the dozens; Memorial Drive, once a sparking commercial center, is a shadow of its old self. Many of the businesses there have followed the white exodus to Snellville along the U.S. 78 corridor.

My neighborhood of some 1,000-plus homes was once a tightly knit community of middle-class residents where you got to know your neighbors over golf, tennis or a swim at a first-rate country club. Today, the pool is closed because so few residents joined. Golfers drive in from other communities. play a few holes and leave. The oncemighty civic association hangs on by a shred, because just a smattering of residents will fork over the modest annual dues to keep up common areas.

This is mecca, the best of the much-

Porter Sanford, a DeKalb County commissioners who represents the area, says whites don't want to invest in predominantly black neighborhoods. To much dismay, we've discovered in DeKalb that most blacks won't either.

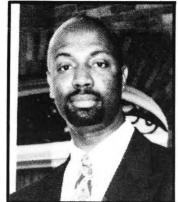
There are exceptions of course. Two black banks in the area grow and seemingly prosper. Greg and Juanita Baranco held on to their now-closed auto dealership on Covington Highway as long as they could. Bob and Frank Williams have made a success of their supper club Hairston's on south Hairston Road. A budding Caribbean presence has produced a few store-front restaurants. But new black investment is tentative and uneven-though the residents there certainly have the

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Wag the Dog

By Carvel Bennett
COLUMNIST & DIRECTOR - STUDENT
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remember rather fondly, how I used to enjoy those cartoons in my high school European History textbooks, by the famous cartoonist, Punch. I never did any research into who Punch was, but they were some rather interesting

Movie Madness & Miscommunication

By Michael Ralph

interactions that take place between people on a daily basis do not make much sense. For example, whenever you return from the movies, someone will inevitably ask, "Was that a good movie?" You might say, "Yeah, it was tight." And the person will say, "Aiight then, I'ma check it out." But the problem is that the person has little or no concept of what the movie was actually like or what is was actually about. So he might go to see it and come back to you and say, "Man that movie was terrible, what was you talking' about?" And to you, the movie was still good. But, it may have been good to you because the main character had the same relationship with her mother that you had with yours. Or because there was a car accident in the opening scene and you recently experienced an auto collision, or because the main character played basketball and you start at power forward for the mighty Wolverines.

My point is this: in order to gain a better understanding, people need to ask more specific questions about what they are really concerned with. Instead of asking, "Was that a good movie?" A better question would have been, "What did you think about that

Yesterday, I realized that most of the nteractions that take place between eople on a daily basis do not make nuch sense. For example, whenever ou return from the movies, someone will inevitably ask, "Was that a good on the necessary of the nec

Explaining exactly what we are looking for is related to everyday events and activities. How many times have you fallen in love with somebody for the same reasons that someone else thought she was ugly? How many men see a beautiful woman where someone else will say that she is too chubby?

Vinced we are experiencing the 'W the Dog' syndrome. At the beginn of the semester, Vice presidents, Deans, Directors, and Program Codinators were given printed copies the operating budget for the 1998 academic year. Most of us though we understood the procedures regarding the procurement of goods

Effective communication has definite advantages. Someone could dislike a movie because it was too vulgar or because the sex scenes were too short. A film may receive a good rating because there was too much violence or because it was too boring and the war scenes were too soft. Since we each interact with different situations in different ways, we should not be afraid to provide a clear analysis of the things we appreciate or don't care too much for. This simple exercise will improve communication while reducing confusion. And, hopefully, you won't have to sit through any more terrible mov

cartoons. They made satirical remarks about rather important historical events, and the personalities associated with them then - the unification of both Italy and Germany, Napoleon's rule in France, etc.

Today, I get my kick from political satirical cartoons by reading the 'Perspective' section of the Atlanta Journal & Constitution (AJC) newspaper on Sunday mornings. I cannot draw, so cartoonists like Mike Lukovich of the AJC put into pictures my sentiments exactly, most of the times anyway. If I could draw, I guess this column would be accompanied by a cartoon of a large dog (or in this case, a wolverine) being wagged by it's tail, rather than the other way 'round.

We are roughly mid-way into the semester and already I am seeing the effects of what I call the other 'Wag the Dog' syndrome. This, from the movie of similar title. In the movie, the President of the United States is faced with serious political trouble regarding some kind of scandal., so he authorizes his famous movie director friend to stage and broadcast a fake war overseas. By so doing, he hopes to divert attention from his political problems, shift the focus of the public's attention on the 'war' overseas, and thus buy time to deal with his 'situation'.

After going through what many have described as "one of the best Homecoming Weeks we have had since I have been here", I am convinced we are experiencing the 'Wag the Dog' syndrome. At the beginning of the semester, Vice presidents, Deans, Directors, and Program Coordinators were given printed copies of the operating budget for the 1998-99 academic year. Most of us thought garding the procurement of goods and services needed to get our various departments functional for the new year. However, after submitting several purchase requisitions, some even months in advance, I still had to undergo the usual stress of not having checks prepared in time for vendors who had to provide goods and services for Homecoming activities.

The reasons given by the Finance Department ranged from - "you had not submitted your requisitions in on time"; "we cannot locate your requisition at this time"; "your requisition is on the desk of the Vice President of Finance"; to "as soon as the President signs it, you will be able to get the check later today". I never did understand what was considered a

'reasonable time' for submitting a requisition. Some were submitted two weeks in advance and were ready, others were submitted two months in advance and several people had to intervene before a check was prepared. At one point I wondered if we were going have our traditional Coronation, Java & Jazz, and Queen's Ball at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Then came the barrage of meetings and memos outlining new procedures and policies about the acquisition of goods and services for the college. To me, the diversion tactic, as in the movie. Rather than try to have checks ready, we are bombarded with memos, policies and procedures. Which is fine, only students (our clients) paying \$1000 for student activity fees don't want to hear about the Finance Department's policies and procedures. They want to have activities for homecoming and throughout the year. There are requisitions submitted since this Summer for equipment and furniture that is desperately needed by the Office of Student Activities. Our Pool Tournament has been postponed twice because we have no pool cues; office furniture ordered since July has still not arrived, and I can go on.

I am sure I am not the only Director experiencing such difficulties. What is needed is a simplification of the procurement procedures and an administration that has the ability to successfully raise additional funding for the college. If I have \$50.00 in my checking account, and a friend asks me for a \$120.00 loan, then no matter what kind of procedures and policies I have him go through, I still cannot help him at the level he expects of me, i.e. \$120.00. I can lend him up to \$50.00 and wish him well, or I can tell him no and have him seek help elsewhere. To have him come back tomorrow or the next day, knowing I will not have it is a waste of his time.

Let us move away from using excuses, policies and procedures and other stall tactics and be honest with our Directors and Program Coordinators. The Office of Finance is now the tail wagging the dog. A lot of events and programs that are planned are being held up as we are at the mercy of that department. I only hope that those whose responsibility it is to raise additional funds for the college, get on the ball and start doing so very quickly. Let us have the dog wagging its tail soon.

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income to do more.

South DeKalb's affluence, says state Sen. Connie Stokes (D-Decatur), flows from income and education, not from wealth and business formation. She touts the expansion of a DeKalb business incubator that she hopes will nurture more businesses. But, says Stokes, "Most of the time, when you see thriving communities, the people who live there invest in the community."

Low-income areas, where residents are largely uneducated and unemployed, have a hard time thriving. But South DeKalb? These solidly middle-class residents have good jobs and

good incomes, fancy automobiles and comfortable homes. So why is there a check-cashing shop in their corner strip mall?

It's true that whites, for whatever reason are reluctant to invest in predominantly black communities. But when will those African-Americans invest in their own communities? When will they stop looking for others to build that fancy new restaurant, boutique or bar, and do it themselves?

The NAACP has courageously faced the big issues of our era: school busing, housing bias, affirmative action, voting rights. But nothing is more important to African-American communities now than getting black residents to help build and sustain them.

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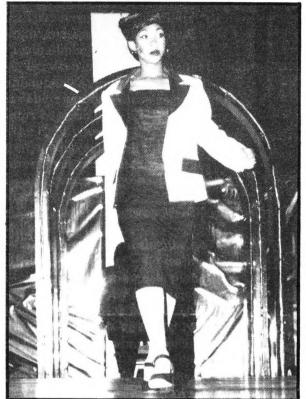


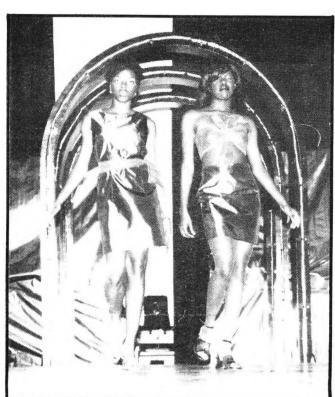
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Interim President, Dr Gloria Anderson giving closing remarks at the Coronation of Miss MBC.



Members of the 98-99 SGA Executive Branch with Mis MBC. Their regal attire Enhanced the theme "Purple Reign — Continuing The Royal Legacy.



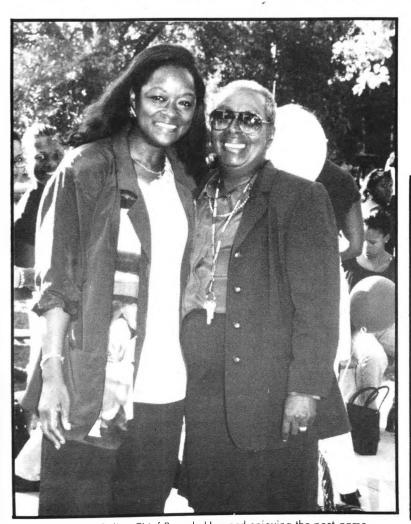
97.5 FM with our students during a live remote broadcast promoting community awareness.



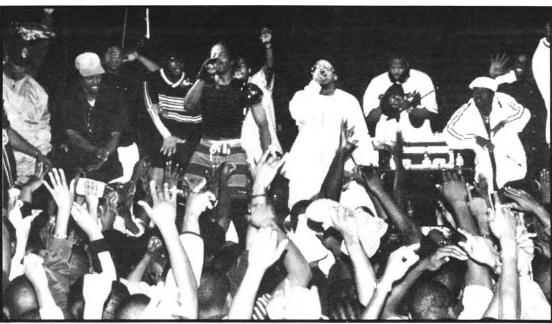
Miss Michelin Asabi Taylor – Miss MBC 1998-99. A senior, majoring in Early Childhood Education , from Los Angeles, CA.



Miss MBC with Little Mr. & Miss MBC, La Darrius White and Jazmin Fulton.



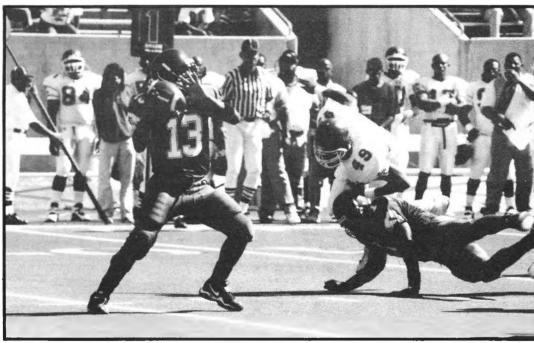
Alumnae, Police Chief Beverly Harvard enjoying the post-game Picnic on the yard with Interim President Dr. Anderson.



OutKast – the featured group for the Unity Jam concert in collaboration Morehouse College, in the Herndon stadium.



The nationally acclaimed MBC Marching Wolverines Band during the parade, another joint event with Morehouse College.



Alumni and friends enjoyed the football game against Benedict College, despite the 30–27 loss.

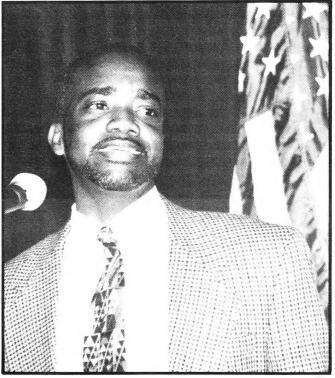


Miss MBC and Court at the Halftime presentation.

POLITICS:

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Inauguration and Senate opening



Carl Walton, Director, Edmonds Leadership Program and guest speaker for the occasion.



Chief Justice - attorney Rosemarie James and Justice Jasmine Buckley.



Student Senators being sworn in.



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RELIGION

Why Is There No Rush to God Anymore?

By: Revelation

noticed an odd thing as I gazed out of my window, there was not a backup of cars on Northside Drive and there was no display of who had the best stereo system on Mitchell Street. In addition, there were no white people on Martin Luther King Drive, with the look of amazement, surprised that all Black people were not in jail. Then, I had a revelation and I saw the light. It was Sunday, the holy day, or should I be truthful, the lazy day, catch-up day, or simply the stay-at-home day. Was this the reason for the silence? No, but what other conclusion could be drawn? There wasn't a rush to get from one place to another or even to engage in holy worship anymore. I was bothered and I feared the worst was coming.

Still standing there, I started to wonder why people stopped rushing to embrace the good word. As a child, I was taught to go to church, no matter what, but now church isn't important. It isn't even seen as important and this frightens me. So I ask you, why is there no rush to GOD anymore? As I continue to ponder the question deeply, I realized that people were still moving to GOD, but the mad rush had stopped. So now the question is why: Is it because of bad leadership, the distrust of the preacher, or any real ministries to help the Black family?

Today, people are searching for the truth and the light, and they are not finding it in the traditional denominations of our hallowed walls, or should I say, hollowed walls. The church has been trampled with allegations of misusing funds. It has taken money from its hard-working members to ensure the preacher has a heavenly throne on earth. It has allowed some ill-minded pastor to know the women of the church, and as President Clinton said, in an immoral way. Now, the question is how ironic and hypocritical will the church become?

As I gazed out of my window for the last time. I saw several church buses adorning the streets. I thought to myself, it was not a rush, but it was a nice flow. Maybe I had wanted something and church was not about what I wanted, but what GOD wanted. Had I, in my attempt to see the world in principle, did not see the world in practice. Rome was not build in a day and Paul had not always been the great Disciple. All good things take time and certainly, church was not an exception. Just as Jesus is the lifegiving water, these people will in time, become the springs upon which the church will build. We, and not I, know that once water pressure builds in the church, the rush will spring forth in waves of life-giving water. Can we get an Amen for that?





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The Psychology of Kemet

By Miquiel Bank

WOLVERINE EDITOR

The Kemetic religion, for lack of a better word, represents an intensive and elaborate psychological, spiritual, ethical, and mental "cleansing" of the psyche of a great and ancient civilization. The use of polytheistic symbolism within the parameters of the multiple and synonymous abilities/duties of the one supreme GOD becomes the ultimate expression of worship. Understanding the nature of GOD the Kemetians delegated the creator's powers into forces, deified each force, and then personified each. As a result, which strengthened human intellect the force was given an identity, a name. With a name and its purpose in place, it was relatively easy to create from this A GOD and/or A GODDESS To make sure that no one misunderstood or misinterpreted the GOD's purpose, they were depicted with ani-

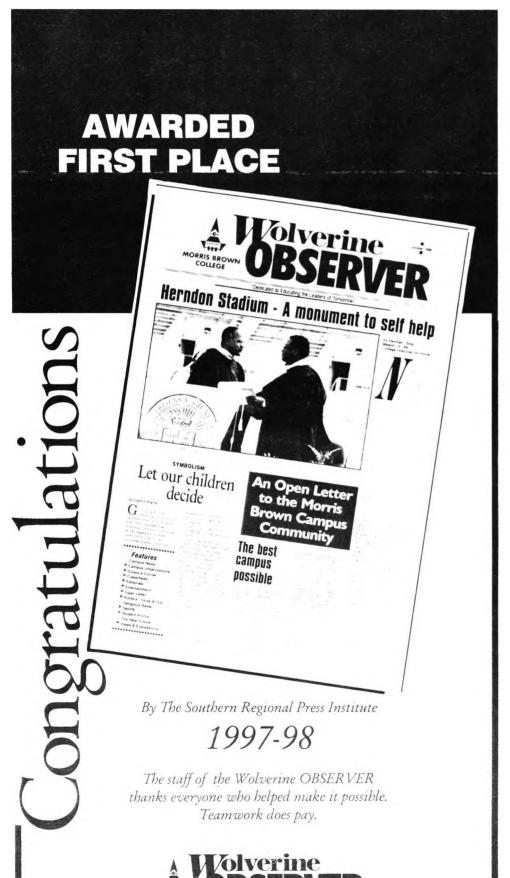
mal body parts which symbolized and drove home the point of it all - the animal body part symbolized the GOD's characteristics and simultaneously utilized nature with the concept of "as above, so below". By using animals as vehicles to personify characteristics of certain GODS, the Kemetians created a dual benefit program- the GODS benefited by being able to express their majestic and divine powers in earthly form for mortal beings' full understanding and the animals benefited by (if for nothing else, to be acknowledged as being a part of the universe) and their connection with the divine. Just as animals are led by instance, the GODS were also led by instinct, but it was divine. Somehow, this infers that we as humans could be changed by reason and intellect and to offset this imbalance, the GODS were given human bodies with animals heads and body parts, and reason with pure, raw, and unadulterated animal instincts. The result is divine energies being channeled within the human body and followed whole-heatedly by instinct and not by reason. The result is a GOD or GOD-DESS, one who can only follow divine

laws (Ma'at) and knows nothing else.

By using this system of symbolism, personified energies' characteristics. and spiritual worship, the Kemetians perfected a righteous atmosphere which was built on truth, science, and facts. It must be remembered that this system of symbolism also concealed their arcane and divine knowledge from people that would use it in a only Kemetians in the sky and the negative fashion. Understanding this, we can only infer that the Kemetians were aware of chaos and confusion within the guise of Caucasians (symbolized by Seth) and had already prepared to disguise what they knew to ensure that their knowledge would not fall into the wrong hands. It is this triple check system that ensured that its people, the black people, would understand their role, purpose, and reason for existence in the universe. By saying that the GODS bore children gave them human qualities and also deified childbirth as a gift from the creator. Within this context, it does not need to be stated that humans were created in the image of GOD, it is altogether inferred. Also, it lical concept of Jesus ties in with this is inferred that different jobs required different GODS, therefore we should know that different jobs require differ- or Sun?

ent people to do them. It is this framework upon which the Kemetic religion was built.

The Kemetians saw the stars as crossing the waters of the sky just as they crossed the waters of the Nile. It is this unified symbolism that empowered their world view and gave them a cosmic consciousness. The starts were Kemetians were stars on the earth. In addition, the concept of light (of which Ra is the soul source) configures within this context also. The stars, having their own light, shine brightly throughout the voyage in the night. It is not that they don't shine during the day, it is just that Ra's light is so radiant that all other light is outshone and seemingly non-existent. It is the same with the Kemetians - they shone brightly when they were in the absence of light (Ra), not in and of themselves, but as extensions of Ra. Because Ra is the soul source, identifies his function in the cosmos as the source of all souls, or from whence all life is begotten. Furthermore, the bibcorrelation because the question is whether Jesus is the only begotten Son



Life Lessons

By Valetta Renee Wayne

Good Day Gang, A bit of wisdom...how do ya teach this to a Jack Russell?

here was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all

the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well. my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there." A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts

Show your friends how much you care. Say this to everyone you consider a FRIEND. (Originally published by Lynn Fliedner-Buannic)

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Benton's Corner

TO ALL BLACK WOMEN By Miquiel Banks

Black women initiate spiritual cleansing for black men

And it is with them that life begins Every child born sees her first, her face is the base

And we dedicate this poem for that special place

In our hearts, in our minds, and in our souls It is the black woman that makes the black man whole

When we faltered, you didn't complain

or aggravate

You fought for feminism so that we would be great

When we tripped, you didn't get mad or irritate

You erected a monument to us, saying that we're great

With so much love, from you and from above

The black man has made history, cos that's what we're made of

The dust of Africa, the minerals from water Every black son and every black daughter The rocks of Sumeria, the pyramidal

shapes in Egypt The black woman binds all these in her

Most certainly, with the black family she is first

regal features

We honor thee, O black woman, for taking care of us

O GODDESS!

By Miquiel Banks

When I think of you, I breathe to relieve the pain-

You are my heaven, so I remain standing in the rain.

Every drop is like kissing you, I'm eternally indebted.

Bless me, O Goddess, I'm ready for resurrection!

My friends see my dying, but the point, they've missed it-

To truly love you, \bigcirc goddess, I must be in the spirit.

You left Kemet long ago, now your sacred

land pains-

God Ra.

It dried up into desert sands, now it misses

I worship you, O Goddess of Kemetian Culture.

My soul's like the African desert,

dry without your nurturing.
I cannot speak for fear of angering the

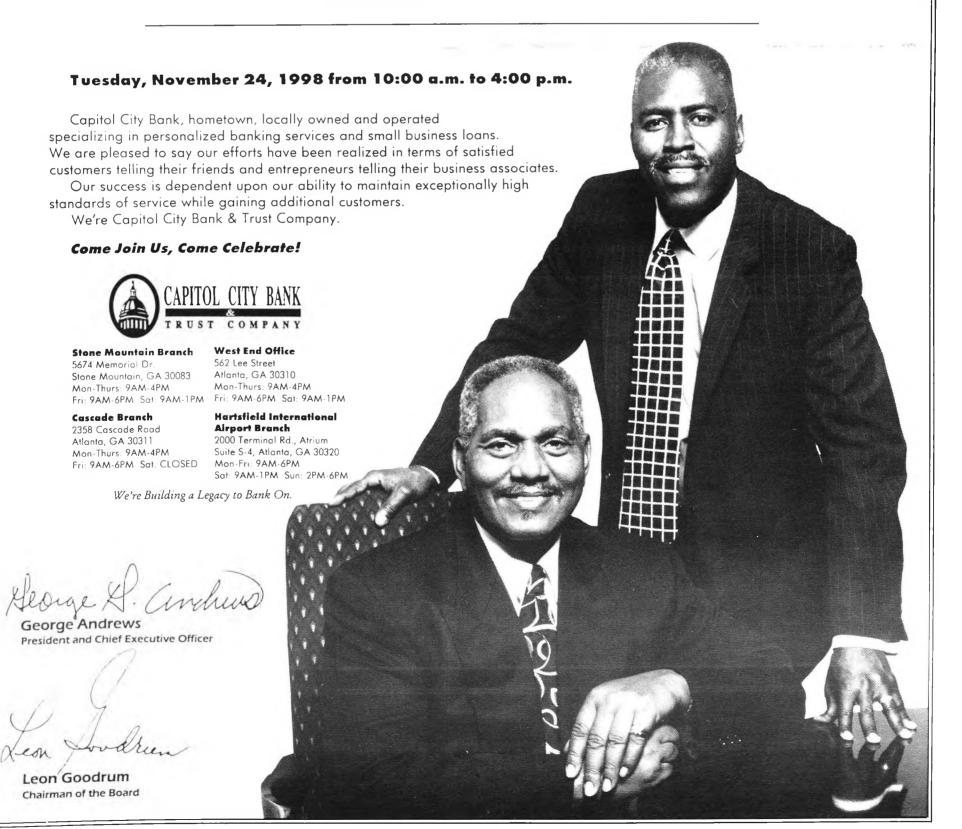
You're his counterpart, but you're also my Evening Star.

Every night I wish on you it seems-Goddess, I dream of you within my dreams:

Hallowed be your name from days of old, We honor you, O Goddess, when we're draped in gold-

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Internationally Acclaimed Children's Choir Comes to Atlanta

By Mozelle Cole

CATHEDRAL AT CHAPEL HILL

n an effort to shine the spotlight on the desperate plight of the children in Southern Sudan, the African Children's Choir, an internationally acclaimed group that has

been nominated for a Grammy and has performed at the United Nations and the Houses of Parliament in the United Kingdom, will be appearing in concert at the Cathedral at Chapel Hill on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The choir, comprised of 25 children from the poorest regions of Rwanda and Uganda, will perform a variety of African tunes along with well-loved children's songs and popular gospel tunes. The concert is free to the public and no tickets are required. Volunteer donations will be accepted.

Cathedral at Chapel Hill is located at 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway in Decatur. For more information, please call Mozelle Cole at 404-244-1552.



Recommended

- 1. An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America by Andrew Young
- 2. My Favorite War by Christopher John Farley
- 3. Stolen Legacy by George G. M. James
- 4. The Cultural Unity of Black Africa by Cheik Anta Diop
- How Europe Underdeveloped Africa by Walter Rodney
- 6. Africa Must Unite by Kwame Nrumah
- Civilization of Barbarism by Cheik Anta Diop
- The Mis-Education of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson

- 9. Monster
- by Sankiya Shakur
- 10. Message N a Bottle: The 40 oz. Scandel by Alfred 'Coach' Powell
- 11. Black Man of the Nile and His Family by Dr. Yosef Ben-Jochannan
- 9. The Moors in Spain by Stanley Lane-Pool
- 10. Secrets of the Federal Reserve by Eustace Mullins
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Own DESTINY

By Michael Ralph CONTRIBUTING WRITER

lack Star may very well have been speaking of L-Boogie when they sing about that dynamic "Brown Skin Lady." Stepping away from the Fugees for a moment, Lauryn Hill takes off on her own with a multiplatinum debt album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." With enthusiastic production, Lauryn illustrates the musical diversity that has made her so popular. Spreading smooth R&B vocals over razor sharp lyrical dis-

plays, L-Boogie leaves artists in all categories fleeing from embarrassment. But despite this urban diva's amazing verbal calisthenics, the strength of her presentation is that she shares a spiritual message with her audience. In a business driven by "money, power, and respect" very few artist ever have an opportunity to speak from the heart. With an amazing musical medley Lauryn serves as a spirit medium and channels a spiritual message directly from the Creator through the speakers of Black

America. Lauryn has the courage to highlight contradictions, targeting people who profess a moral commitment that their actions cannot substantiate, "It took me a little while to discover/ Wolves in sheep's clothing who pretend to be lovers/ Men who lack conscience will even lie to themselves, to themselves/ A friend once said, and I found to be true/ That everyday people, they lie to God too/ So what makes you think that they won't lie to you."

Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins of TLC National Celebrity Spokesperson

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"Artistic Expressions" An evening of art, music, and poetry

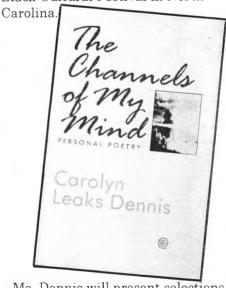
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he Gamma Beta Chapter of
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Professional Music Fraternity,
Inc. hosts "Artistic Expressions," an evening of art, music,
and poetry at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday,
November 19, 1998. The event will
be held in the Art Gallery, located in



Carolyn Leaks Dennis

Jordan Hall on the Morris Brown College campus. Carolyn Leaks Dennis, noted playwright, poet, and motivational speaker, is the evening's featured guest. Most recently, Ms. Dennis participated in the 1998 Black Heritage and Black Arts Festivals here in Atlanta, and her play, Magnify My Heritage, was featured at the Black Cultural Festival in North



Ms. Dennis will present selections from her new book, *The Channels of My Mind* - from the depth of experience comes this spirited collection poetry, which will also be available for purchase. Poetry and musical selections will also be presented by members of the Morris Brown College faculty, alumni, Delta Omicron, and Phi Mu Alpha. The event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door. We look forward to your presents and support.

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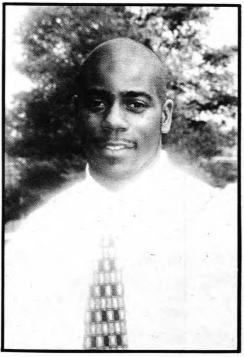
Burger King Honors Local College Scholar Athlete Brelon Jones

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ATLANTA, GA - Burger King Corporation has named Brelon Jones of Morris Brown College, as Division II College Football Scholar Athlete of the Week. In honor of his outstanding athletic and academic achievements and his commitment to community service, Burger King donated \$10,000 to the Morris Brown College general scholarship fund in his name. The award will be presented by Burger King Franchisee and former NFL standout, Myron Guyton and School President, Dr. Gloria L. Anderson, during halftime of Morris Brown's showdown, rivalry football game against Albany State University, on Saturday, October 31st.

Developed to foster the pursuit of athletic and academic excellence while encouraging social awareness and community service, the Burger King College Football Scholarship Program is the largest single corporate commitment of its kind in the United States. The awarding of these scholar- raise the overall Burger King contri-



ships is based on academic achievement, dedication to community service and athletic ability. Since the program's inception three years ago, Burger King has donated a total of \$3.3 million dollars in college scholarship funds to 174 colleges and universities nationwide. The 1998 program will

bution to \$4.3 million.

"These athletes serve as outstanding role models of achievement in the classroom, on the football field and in their communities," says Jim Watkins, Burger King Corporation senior vicepresident, North America marketing. We are proud to honor these young people who have truly applied themselves in school and still found the time to remain actively involved with helping others."

This week's scholar athlete, Brelon Jones, is a senior who has maintained a 3.26 GPA as a Business Administration major, while starting as a wide receiver for the Morris Brown College football team. In addition to his academic and athletic endeavors. Jones is also the Senior Class President and Captain of the football team.

Each week throughout the 10-week 1998 college football season, Burger King Corporation will name eight scholar athlete award winners, and donate \$10,000 to the general scholarship fund of each scholar athlete's school in the name of the athlete. Four of these winners, one from each college football division, will be selected as finalists for the 1998 Burger King Scholar Athlete of the year

Award and earn an additional \$25,000 for their school. This award honors the nation's top scholar athlete in college football and Burger King Corporation will set up a \$100,000 scholarship endowment at the school of the honored winner.

The winner of the 1998 Burger King Scholar Athlete of the Year Award will be announced during the ESPN2 Home Depot College Football Awards Show on December 10. Last year's recipient was Peyton Manning of the University of Tennessee, who was the number one draft pick in 1998 and is now an NFL starting quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts.

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"Honda Campus All-Star Challenge 1999"

By Lillian E. Parker HCASC PROGRAM

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Modeled after the Peabody and Emmy Award-winning College Bowl, the Challenge features teams of four students and an alternate. Each team represents a participating Historically and/or Predominately Black College or University in competition for a share of \$305,000 in monetary grants to upgrade campus facilities, institutional resources and improve the quality of students lives.

Morris Brown is among eightyseven Historically and/or Predominately Black Colleges and Universities of higher learning eligible for this year's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge: Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Albany State, Alcorn State, Allen, Arkansas Baptist, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Barber-Scotia, Benedict, Bennett, Bethune-Cookman, Bowie State, Central State, Cheyney, Chicago State, Claflin, Clark Atlanta, Coppin State, Delaware State, Dillard, Univ. of the District of Columbia, Edward Waters, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville, Fisk, Florida A&M, Florida Memorial, Fort Valley, Grambling, Hampton, Harris-Stowe, Howard, Huston-Tillotson, Jackson State, Jarvis Christian, Johnson C. Smith, Kentucky State, Knoxville, Lane, Langston, LeMoyne-Owen, Lincoln of Missouri, Livingstone, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Medgar Evers, Miles, Mississippi Valley, Morehouse, Morgan State, Morris,



The 1998 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge team and Coach-Director of Student Activities Carvel Bennett (left) pictured in Orlando, FL with Eric Conn,(center) Senior Manager of Auto Advertising, Honda Motor Company

Morris Brown College, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central, Oakwood, Paine, Paul Quinn, Philander Smith, Prairie View A&M, Rust, Saint Augustine's, Saint Paul's, Savannah State, Shaw, Simmons, Sojourner-Douglass, South Carolina State, Southern-Baton Rouge, Southern-New Orleans, Spelman, Stillman, Talladega, Tennessee State, Texas College, Texas Southern, Tougaloo, Tuskegee, Virginia Seminary, Virginia State, Virginia Union, Voorhees, West Virginia State, Wilberforce, Wiley, Winston-Salem and Xavier.

Sponsored by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Campus All-Star Challenge is sanctioned by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in higher Education (NAFEO) and the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).

Competition at Morris Brown begins with the campus tournament to determine the campus champion team, scheduled for November 9-12, 1998.

Our varsity squad will advance to the National Championship Tournament, March 11 - March 15, 1999 in Washington, DC. The Nationals is

the academic version of "March Madness." It will feature 64 HBCUs at one location with 320 students competing for their institutions. A preliminary round-robin tournament narrows the field from 64 to 16. The "Sweet 16" square off in a singleelimination tournament for the national crown.

To sign-up for Morris Brown's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge competition, contact Carvel Bennett, Director, Student Activities and team coach, room 208, Hickman Student Center at 404-220-0153. Sign up Today...It's Serious Fun!