

## Rosa Parks Comes To Spelman

By Lori Boyer

The lower section of Spelman's Sisters Chapel was filled to capacity. There were people standing in the back. On Feb. 19, everyone had come to see and hear the quiet, soft-spoken woman whose name, according to Mayor Andrew Young, symbolizes courage, honor and freedom.

Attorney Donald Hollowell, Spelman College Trustee and moderator for the program, said Rosa Louise Parks "Can do more sitting down than most people do standing up 18 hours a day for a lifetime." Young proclaimed Feb. 19 as "Rosa Parks Day".

Ms. Parks is credited with igniting the spark that began the 1956 Montgomery, AL bus boycotts. On Dec. 1, 1955, Ms. Parks decided not to give up her bus seat to a white person. Her arrest outraged the community. The bus boycotts were begun.

The special convocation honoring her was in the form of the panelists commenting on certain issues and then answering questions from the audience. The panel consisted of Ms. Parks, Young, and Hollowell.

Ms. Parks began by giving a brief statement about her life and struggle. She married Raymond Parks in 1932 and together they fought for equality. "I was at times quite frustrated, hopeless and angered," Ms. Parks said, but she continued to work. She served as Youth Council Advisor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). That may not seem like an important function, but in those days the NAACP was outlawed. The government saw the organization as a group of radicals.

Ms. Parks commented, "It will take a great massive worldwide effort to overcome apartheid in South Africa." She said

Montgomery of the civil rights era was like South Africa in that blacks were denied the right to vote. "Many of us who were denied the use of the ballot are now holding political office," she emphasized.

"What you see before you is a redefinition of your own concept of power," Young told the audience in regard to Ms. Parks.

"Her quietness demonstrated a new king of power," Young said. "It was the kind of power that could bring about change without violence. The power that you see before you is the power that you need to understand," Young explained.

He also compared those Montgomery days to South Africa. Every person in Montgomery, blacks and whites, carried a gun, he said. There was a strong possibility that the revolution would be violent.

"Martin Luther King didn't start the civil rights movement alone," Young said. "Rosa Parks lit the spark that set things in motion. We still need some Rosa Parks," he said.

Coretta Scott King, in closing remarks said she sat in awe of Ms. Parks, a woman "who had the courage to take on the whole system of segregation in the south."

Ms. King also compared the Montgomery bus boycotts to happenings in South Africa. Bus boycotts in South Africa, she said, were inspired by what happened in Montgomery.

Ms. Parks, the "Mother of the Modern Freedom Movement," was honored by Spelman College for being an outstanding example of a strong black woman.

"She is a noble lady and a symbol of courage for black women as she demonstrated to the world the power of simple words, 'I am not going to move.'"

## Only 180 Students May Graduate

According to an official memo issued by a College Official and presented to Drs. Hugh M. Gloster, president and Phillip L. Redrick, vice president for Academic Affairs, only about 180 students or less will graduate from Morehouse in May 1985.

This, the memo said, is due to the fact that about 30 percent of the class of 1985 have either dropped out or don't have enough hours to be classified as seniors. It also painted a gloomy picture of retention at Morehouse, which may have

caused the establishment of the Student Retention Committee. But this committee has met not more than three occasions this academic year, and by press time two administrators we contacted for more information had not returned our phone calls.

## Chairman Praises The Maroon Tiger, Wins More Awards

The Chairman of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, Dr. Thomas Kilgore, has praised the Staff of **The Maroon Tiger** for an excellent work "which is the best that I have seen through my 50 years

affiliation with Morehouse." He encouraged the staff to keep up with the good work.

Meanwhile, two editors won recognition at the Georgia College Press Association Annual Conference at the Universi-

ty of Georgia, Athens in February. Associate Editors Robert Drummer (Sports) and Johnny Crawford (Photography) won second and third positions in their respective areas in the Better Newspaper Competition.



Photos by Johnny Crawford

The annual Morehouse Auxiliary Books and Bake Sale took place in the Sadie Mays Lounge on campus in early March. Pictured left is Dr. Beulah H. Gloster, president of the association and director of Writing Skills Lab at work at the Sale.

## Nesmith Presents Paper At San Jose

A senior Psychology major and co-chairman for the Morehouse College Psychology Association Kimblin Eugene Nesmith presented a paper entitled **Learning in Blaberus Craniifer Using Single Versus Grouped In Straight-Alley Maze** at the bi-annual Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) conference held in the Grand Ballroom of the St. Claire-Hilton

Hotel in San Jose, California, on March 7.

Nesmith's paper which was a joint project with Dr. Duane Jackson, associate professor of Psychology at Clark College and was coordinated as a one-speaker paper by Dr. Robert A. Hick, MARC Colloquium coordinator at San Jose State University.



At the SIAC Tournament recently, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity played host to some neighborhood kids. They posed for this picture after the games.

# New Pulpit Dedicated, Richardson Brings Address

By Gregory Powell  
News Editor

"I am challenged by this moment as I solicit your prayers for me," said Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, keynote speaker at the 75th Anniversary of the Morehouse Chapel.

General Secretary National Baptist Convention, Richardson addressed the Morehouse student body on the topic of "Redigging Old Wells."

"Famines exist where there is no water. Tensions in the Middle East, hunger in Ethiopia, threats of a nuclear holocaust," stated Richardson. "There's famine in the nation: The government is ignoring the middle and low classes."

"With a dwindling middle class", he stated, "the chance for black colleges to survive is slim."

"Family famines exist: Women head 50 percent of the households; teenage pregnancy is three times greater in black communities than in white communities, and a bulk of the social programs are being cut out," he continued.

He added that by knowing and understanding history you can overcome this famine swallowing the land. "It is not the first time we've been in a famine."

By drinking from the wells of our forefathers", he continued, "we will be sustained."

What wells did they drink from? Faith was the first well: Returning to God as manifested in the black church. Knowledge was the next well: They found water in the pursuit of knowledge in historical-black colleges. Economic self-reliance was the third well: Blacks must

learn to keep money in the black community," Richardson added.

He stated that Black Americans stop one another from drinking from the well. "Black people are dying because we are more interested in knowing who drinks first, and who will preside over the well."

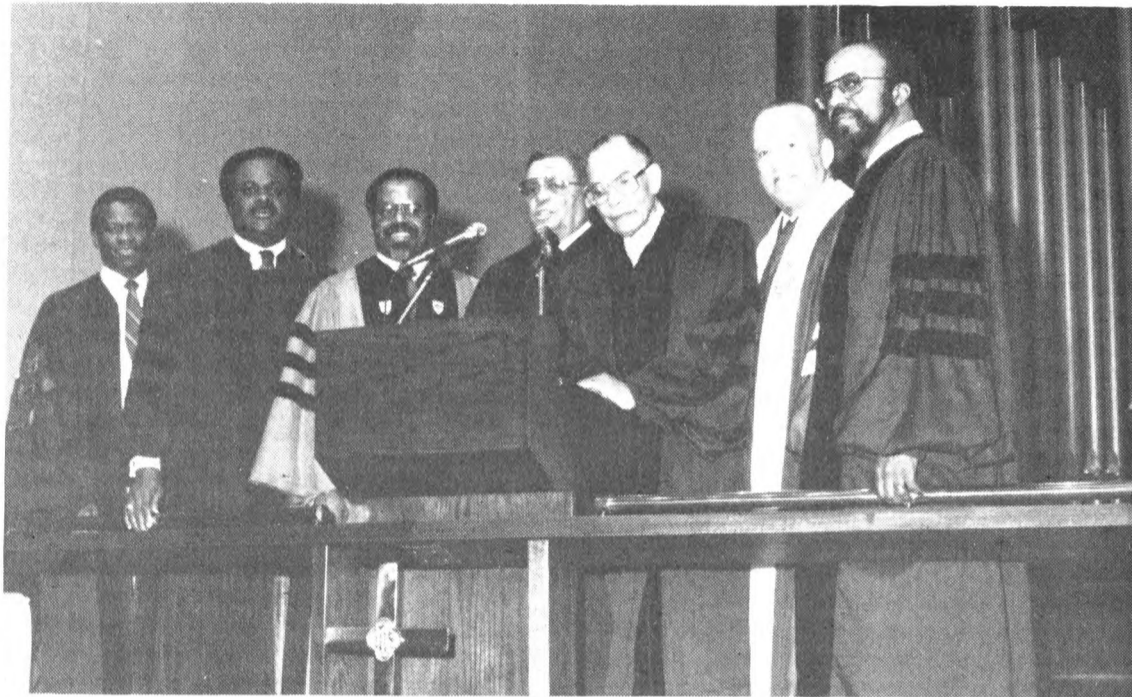
Also during the program a \$75,000 pulpit was named in honor of Cornell Everette Talley.

Talley attended Morehouse College, where he preached his first sermon. As a preacher, singer, and choir director, he served the Wheat Street Baptist Church until he graduated in 1932. Assistant minister to his father Reverend Marshall A. Talley settled at the New Light Baptist Church and began putting in practice his gifts as an orator, leader and a scholar.

A dedicated public servant, Talley was appointed on the Commission on Higher Education and on the Board of the Park Community Hospital. A 32nd degree Mason; member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; on the National Board of the Progressive Baptist Church, and on the National Board of the West Side Citizens for the retarded, Talley was a national political figure, dedicated to the service of the people.

Also during the program three ministers were inducted into the Martin Luther King Board of Preachers: Dr. Charles G. Adams, Dr. Cornell E. Talley, and Dr. James E. Wilborn.

The 75th anniversary which coincided with the annual Religious Emphasis Week was coordinated by Kenneth Long of the Class of '86.



(Left to Right) Dean Lawrence Carter, Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Dr. Charles G. Adams, Dr. G. A. Wilborn, Dr. Cornell Everette Talley, Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, Rev. Joseph L. Roberts

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# The Man Behind The Voice

By Gregory Powell  
News Editor

You are familiar with the voice of the sportscaster at the Tiger football and basketball games this year. The person behind the voice is who we will introduce to you.

A native of Miami, Florida, Robert Holland is a junior who majors in political science at Morehouse College.

Holland earned the position last season when he asked to be the announcer for the band's halftime show.

First working with Channel 5's Jim Heath, Holland more than proved himself as an announcer, and Heath later asked him to cover the rest of the games last season.

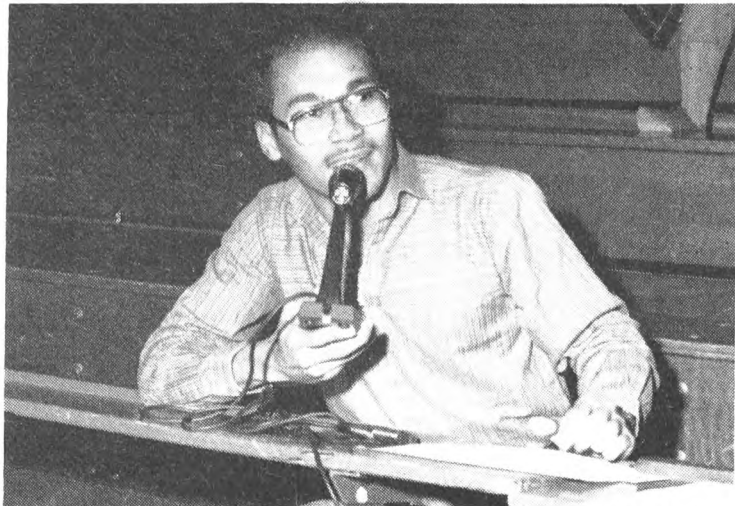
After covering the SIAC Tournament last session, Coach Arthur McAfee asked Holland to cover the 1984-85 Tiger football and basketball sessions.

"I try to add excitement to the sport," said Holland, "put a smile on everybody's face."

He plans to study law at Harvard, and return to Miami to give special legal advice to poverty stricken blacks. In citing a second reason for returning to Miami, Holland said he intends to fight the racial prejudice in Miami politics.

"Knowing the system, I feel I could be of great service to my people," he said.

With a handle on Miami's political system, Holland hopes his announcing experience at Morehouse will one day lead to a



Holland: The black woman serves as the backbone of the race.

talk show. Citing Ted Koppel and Phil Donahue as examples, "too often political talk shows are hosted by white elites," he commented. The aim of Holland's show would be to interview diplomats, majors, cabinet members, and a host of political figures for an intensive question and answer session before a live audience.

Dealing with the state of the black male, Holland stated that the thing he despises most is a "sorry-weak black man."

"The black man is being held down not singly by the legal system," Holland stated, "but by the economic, historical, and social system in America as a whole."

Quoting his mentor Medgar Evers, "if a man has nothing to die for, then he has no reason for living. For my race and family I'll die. That's my reason for living."

A product of a single-female headed household, Holland said the black woman serves as the backbone of the race.

"Our black leaders are hand picked by white men. And the leader selected pretends to be on our side," backed Holland, who cited Atlanta's Mayor Andrew Young as a puppet leader chosen by white men.

He said that black leaders in America concentrate too much on the problems of foreign countries. "Once you have taken care of home, you have a unified force. Then you reach out to help others."

Nourishing the idea that a full scale economic plan is the only solution to the problems presently holding blacks down Holland continued, "POWER IS BASED ON MONEY. Politics is based on money."



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## Guest Editorial

by Roderick Earl Edmond

"None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

I'm not a black muslim, not a leftist, nor a revolutionary;

however, I have a conviction that is drastically contrary to the thinking of a number of "orthodox Negroes."

Black people, we must stop submerging ourselves, particularly our talents, in existing establishments that we do not

own. This is not to suggest that we should not work for and in white owned establishments, but in doing so, we must work with a specific purpose. If we enter into predominately white occupational or academic environments, we should par-

ticipate with the intent of acquiring knowledge and experience that can ultimately be redirected toward the establishment of our own institutions. The end result of this endeavor will be that our descendants will, unlike ourselves, be occupationally and educationally independent of white America. Our descendants will be able to acquire the best education, best work experience, and best service from black owned and black operated institutions. They will be self-sufficient.

Since we don't own our own institutions, we are at the mercy of white America, and its ambivalence toward the cause of black America is clearly reflected in its abuse of its position of power. Black children are being systematically maimed and subjected to "induced" mental retardation via inadequate health care and substandard education. Black people own few banks; therefore, white owned banks wield our money, loaning it to practically everyone but us. Black people own few businesses, own few apartment complexes. Consequently,

almost every dime that we spend on food, appliances, clothing and rent winds up back in the hands of, should I say wallets of white people.

While these deplorable conditions exist, young black men and women foolishly continue to aspire to be pawns in white America's "success game of power." Young black physicians foolishly aspire to cater to middle-class and more affluent clients, who for the most part will be black. Young business students continue to foolishly nurture their "pipe dream," which is to enter and escalate in the white dominated corporate business world. And foolishly, banking and finance students continue to strive to be the "black mask" in black communities and the T.N.'s (token Negroes) in white communities for national banking corporations.

You may be wondering how it is that a young, "green," graduate student, only two years out of undergraduate school, could have such deeply entrenched ideas about the

## Martin By Lamar Alford To Play In Boston

The Performance Ministry Company of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel has been invited to perform "Martin," the musical about MLK Jr., at the Union United Methodist Church in Boston, Mass. on April 10 and 11, 1985. This trip is being sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, New England Region, the NAACP, the Governor's Office, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Boston, U.S. Department of

Justice, Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Black Ecumenical Commission, New England Chapter NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. The show will also be performed at high schools in the Boston area and will also be televised on Channel 5 TV, Boston, Mass. If you have relatives or friends in the Boston area, please have them call 536-

0872 or 542-4977 or 262-3370 for further information about the performances.

There will also be a special performance of "Martin" in King Chapel on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a part of the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Weekend. The admission is free and it is open to the public.

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# Gayles Pays Tribute To The Black Father

By Johnny Crawford  
Associate Editor

When a unified assembly is being held at Morehouse, two things are sure to happen. They include a speaker talking longer than his or her appointed time and students walking out on that long winded speaker.

However, when Dr. Gloria Gayles spoke on the 40th Annual Family Institute Program, the students remained seated despite the fact that she was a little long winded.

Dr. Gayles, a professor of English at Spelman College, urged the students to grow up to be strong black fathers as well as strong black men. Moreover, because the theme of the institute was "The Black Family Through Literature: Focus on Fathering," she told the crowd of approximately 1,700 fathers in American literature.

"We rarely hear about positive images of black fathers in American literature, but they do

exist," said Dr. Gayles.

"Gordon Parks' *The Learning Tree* and James Balwin's *Go Tell It On The Mountain* are excellent examples" she stated.

She also revealed that although there are positive images of black fathers in literature, their numbers are small compared to the number of negative ones.

Dr. Gayles stated that the negative aspects of black fathers in literature are reinforced by stereotypes that are attributed to black men in society.

"Black men are thought to be by many as irresponsible and non caring, types of fathers who do not assist in the rearing of their children", said Gayles.

Moreover, she revealed that because television is in the process of painting these images of black fathers, the situation is getting worse.

"Shows such as 'That's my Mama', 'What's Happening', and 'Good Times' gave America a

bad view of black fathers," said Dr. Gayles.

She also pointed out that new shows such as "Webster" and "Different Strokes" are not only systematically removing black fathers, but are cleverly removing black mothers as well.

"Thank God for the Bill Cosby Show", said Dr. Gayles.

She emphasized that although the Cosby Show is giving America a positive image of black families, the show has a lot of upstream swimming to do in order to counteract the absence of black fathers or negative images of black families in literature and songs.

Lastly, she urged the students to help bring into existence positive images of black fathers so that future black families will be able to shake off the bad images.

Dr. Gayles is the author of *No Crystal Stair*, which is on sale at local bookstores.



Dr. Gayles: "Thank God for The Bill Cosby Show."



Mrs. Walter Chivers gives a big kiss to an unidentified person. Dr. Walter Chivers was the founder of Family Institute.



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## The Maroon Tiger End of Year Award Finalists

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## COOK NAMED ASSISTANT DEAN

Alvin J. Cook (right) has been named assistant dean at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. A 1980 graduate of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Cook is on loan to the King Chapel from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and served as a missionary Intern for the World Council of Churches teaching at the SOS Children's (Orphanage) Village and coordinating youth workshops for the United Methodist Church in Liberia.



Cook had comprehensive experience in safety, social/technical instruction, supervision, organization, education and young adult

health and welfare needs in West Germany where he served as Battalion S-2/Security Officer for seven months in Aschaffensburg.

# Archaeological Treasures From Israel On Display

In celebration of Israel's International Expo '85 to be held in Atlanta on March 23-31, 1985, the High Museum of Art will host a major traveling exhibition entitled **Crossroads of the Ancient World: Israel's Archaeological Heritage**. This exhibition includes 200 archaeological treasures which are the result of recent excavations on land and in the waters off the coast of Haifa. The Museum's exhibition will open to the public on March 24 and remain on view through May 26, 1985. Another exhibition entitled **Cult Objects From the Israel Museum** will also be on view at the High Museum. This exhibition includes 14 objects connected with Israelite, Canaanite and Philistine practices. These pieces will be seen for the first time outside of Israel.

In the past 20 years, the floor of the Mediterranean Sea has provided abundant evidence of maritime activity extending back for more than 2,000 years. The exhibition discusses ancient Israel's strategic location as a "crossroads" in the complex maritime trade network

between the peoples of the Eastern Mediterranean, Africa and Asia. A major part of the exhibition is devoted to seafaring in antiquity, the Israelite's involvement in maritime trade and the establishment of naval tradition. The science of underwater archaeology, as it has developed and grown in Israel, is also explored. Many of the treasures featured in this show were retrieved by marine archaeologists from watery graves aboard ships wrecked in ancient times off the Israeli coast.

CROSSROADS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD also focuses on the finds made by archaeologists on land near Haifa, at the ancient settlement of Shikmona where Mount Carmel and the Mediterranean meet. The artifacts unearthed attest to a mixture of cultures, a degree of prosperity, and at times, high artistic achievement. These objects are displayed within a chronological sequence that spans a period of 2,500 years from the Biblical "Age of the Patriarchs" (ca. 1800 BC) to the Moslem conquest in 640 AD. The

exhibition also presents an excellent review of other innumerable periods of occupation by invaders such as the Phoenicians, Hyksos, Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans and Byzantines.

Some of the outstanding finds brought up from the sea include an enormous bronze three-pronged warship ram (the only one ever found), barnacle-encrusted jars, a Roman sailor's lead cooking furnace, an ancient hand grenade, tin and copper ingots, mass-produced goddess figures and ancient coins.

From the land excavations, highlights include funerary objects from an 18th century BC Hyksos warrior's tomb (which was an important recent discovery in a cave), Greek sculptures, Roman statues and glass, Egyptian ivory carvings and scarab seals, oil lamps and beautiful mosaic floors.

Dr. Oded Borowski, assistant professor of Modern Languages (Hebrew) at Emory University, is serving as guest curator for both exhibitions while in Atlanta.



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DO WE BLAST  
THE DOORS OFF'N  
THE MAIL  
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THE WHOLE  
DANG TRAIN!

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**Excerpts of a speech in Atlanta by Leonard Zakim, Executive Director of the New England Regional Office of the anti-Defamation League.**

....In America, Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney, two Jews and a Black were murdered for fighting for civil rights in the south. Evers and King were killed for their fight for equality and dignity; and great laws were passed and progress was made, but the walls of bigotry, unlike the walls of Jericho, did not tumble down ..."

"Martin Luther King, in his book "Strive Towards Freedom," tells a story of an elderly grandmother who, in joining in the Montgomery bus boycott, was asked by one of the black drivers of the car pool to get into his car instead of walking. She declined his invitation saying, "I'm not walking for me, I'm walking for my children and grandchildren."

There is an old Jewish saying that we paid tribute to when each of the members of the trip planted trees in the Martin Luther King forest in Israel. It is similar to the story of the elderly grandmother and that is that we plant these trees for generations to come and for faces we will never see.

And finally, a dream that starts off knowing how far we've come but how far we've got to go — How hard it will be but how we've no choice — how much we know and how much we've got to learn — it's not too late. If we're not busy being born we're

busy dying; it is never a time to stop moving forward — we can't stop.

No one can extinguish our dream. Even as the world watches our struggle, we will dream. It is our dream, it was Martin Luther King's Dream. It is the dream of our fathers and our mothers — it is our dream and we can make it happen because it is right.

Let us get to the mountain together. Let's do it because we should and because we must. Let's do it because it's right. No one can take our dream away. No one can take it or our dignity away. And yet we must help our dream along — we must deliver ourselves and with God's help, we can do it — we can move forward — our dreams can come true.

Ain't no mountain high enough

Ain't no river wide enough

Ain't no valley low enough

To keep us from our dream."

**CORRECTION: We incorrectly identified Dr. Addie Mitchell's reading class as Dr. Delores Stephens' english class. The error is greatly regretted.**

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## MEXICO

Applications are still being accepted for the Morehouse College Summer Program to Mexico, this summer. Dates: May 13 - June 10, 1985. See Dr. Joseph A. Agee, Department of Modern Foreign Languages

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prospective direction of the black community. How did this revelation present itself to one so young and inexperienced. Well, it is simple. I did not have to seek it out. I did not have to spend hours on end arduously searching for an elusive flash of insight. Hell, it jumped up, sneered at me, then kicked me in the face!

The truth of our situation appeared in the form of a black mother and her fragile, underweight, undernourished, six week old, black baby boy, who happened to be a patient of mine during one of my first hospital experiences. The child was born in the county hospital two weeks prematurely and weighed six and one half pounds. When I examined him at the age of six weeks, he weighed only seven pounds. With the exception of the baby's inability to gain weight, there was nothing else apparently abnormal about the baby's physical examination. The baby's mother was a moderately obese woman, who was wearing a "skull" cap and had deep bags under her eyes, obviously due to lack of sleep. The woman was not older than myself (23 years); however, she appeared to be well into her 30's. The woman was obviously not formally educated, but she clearly communicated the intense motherly concern and worry that she had for her baby. As the mother emotionally conveyed, the baby was born in the county hospital, recounting that the pregnancy was complicated with only a mild case of maternal hypertension. While still in the hospital the baby did not tolerate his feedings well, and everytime he

drank his formula, he would regurgitate and entire quantity. The doctors assumed that the baby was being fed too much formula; therefore, they decreased the volume of each feeding. However, the baby continued to throw-up all of his food. Without resolving the child's gastro-intestinal problems and to the disapproval of the mother, the physicians discharged the baby on his third day of life. Three days later (day six of life), the mother routinely fed the child his formula. Two hours later, the baby began sputtering and spewing up formula through his mouth and nose, and he began turning blue. The child was not breathing. The mother swiftly phoned the ambulance service at the same county hospital and commenced to try to restore the child's breathing. While in the ambulance the paramedics administered oxygen to the child, and his breathing was normalized. At the hospital the child was examined, found to have normal respiration and was subsequently discharged. No laboratory work was done; no x-rays were taken, and the mother was told that it was normal for babies to throw-up. The physicians totally ignored the mother's claim that the child had stopped breathing-probably viewing her claim as just ignorant babbling from an uneducated black mother. Two days later, the same type of attack occurred, and this time, when the mother took the child to the county hospital, the physicians commenced to berate her, saying that she was paranoid and overreacting. They accused her of not burping her baby properly, then they discharged the child. Consequent-

ly, the mother was sent home with two misconceptions: (1) that she was an inept mother, incapable of properly feeding her child; and (2) that it was normal for babies to throw-up, stop breathing, and turn blue after a meal. For the next 5 weeks, the attacks continued, and the mother, for fear of ridicule by the physicians, did not take the child back to the county hospital.

Fortune would have it that when the mother brought her two other children to a private hospital's pediatric clinic for routine check-ups, the baby, in the mother's arm at the time, spewed-up formula, began choking, the stopped breathing. The pediatrician turned his attention away from the other children and hurriedly rendered emergency respiratory therapy to restore the baby's breathing. The pediatrician in an amazed state inquired, "Maam, how long has your baby been doing this?" The woman responded, "Ever since he was born, and the doctors told me it was normal." The baby was immediately admitted to the hospital's pediatric inpatient ward.

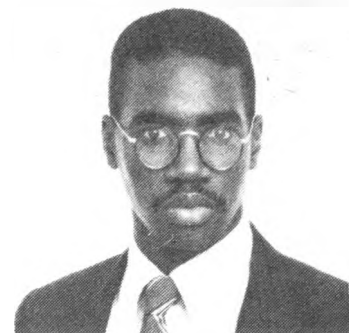
This child actually had a classic case of severe gastro-esophageal reflux and secondary aspiration with intermittent asphixia, which is just "doctor talk" for an immature muscle at the end of the esophagus that allows food to be thrown-up from the stomach and inhaled into the wind pipes, thus choking the victim. This child's failure to gain weight was simply due to all of his food and nutrition being thrown-up. This diagnosis could have been easily made by the administering of a simple test and/or a specific x-ray

procedure. However, as a result of the negligence of the physicians at the county hospital, this innocent black infant, who is already destined to have problems in life simply due to his race, has been subjected to oxygen deprivation to his brain — for periods of three minutes, two to three times per week, for the first six weeks of his life — and probable brain damage.

What does this experience of mine have to do with self-sufficiency of the Black race? It is my contention that if a self-sufficient black owned and black operated hospital with black physicians, who cater predominantly to black patients had initially seen this baby: (1) the physicians would probably have had more genuine concern for the baby's well-being; and (2) the physicians would probably have had more genuine concern for the baby's well-being; and (3) white people would not have had the opportunity to subject this black baby to their negligence.

Black professionals have a responsibility to establish institutions that can serve as the economical and educational foundation of our community. We must move away from the "Great White Father" mentality which keeps us dependent solely upon the whims of white America. Think about it! It is utterly ridiculous to expect white people to have as much concern for or to bear the burden of responsibility of rendering service to black people. And, it is even more ridiculous, yes, even shameful, that black professionals have reservations about assuming responsibility for their own.

Black students and



Edmond: "I am not a black muslim . . ."

professionals, whatever your field of endeavor, sit back at this moment and reflect upon your career goals, realizing that if you aspire to invest all of your time and talents into a system that has worked against you since its establishment, not only is this action dumb, but your children will be in the same dismal state as yourself, being forced to work for wages, for white people. On the contrary, if you strive for independence, i.e. owning your own business, establishing black-owned health care facilities, teaching at black-owned educational institutions, defending black citizens in this biased judicial system, etc., then you will be serving as a benchmark in history for future generations of black people. You will be able to pass on to your descendants more than mere illusory works of wisdom and inspiration. You will empower them with a tangible, negotiable commodity, and a sense of pride that accompanies the ability to be SELF-SUFFICIENT.

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# Class of 1985 - Senior Calendar

- Tuesday, April 9 Last day for removing 'I' grades for First Semester, 1984)85 Academic Year
- Wednesday, April 17 Last day for paying graduation fee (\$50.00) and all college bills. Graduation fee includes cost for cap and gown, hood, diploma and other expenses related to graduation.
- Tuesday, April 23 Begin picking up requests for 'Clearance for Graduation' form. Forms are available for pick-up in the Registrar's Office.
- Thursday, April 25 Senior Day
- Friday, April 26 Last day for filing application for graduation for work to be complete in May, 1985
- Thursday, May 2- Friday, May 3 Final Examinations for Seniors
- Monday, May 13 Pick up cap and gown from the Registrar's Office. **NO CAPS AND GOWNS WILL BE ISSUED ON SATURDAY, MAY 18.**
- Thursday, May 16 Last day for processing request for 'Clearance for Graduation' form
- Saturday, May 18 Baccalaureate Exercises
- Sunday, May 19 Commencement Exercises

**Note:**

Near the end of April, 1985, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will issue a memorandum to graduating seniors outlining the schedule for baccalaureate and commencement activities.

# Tigers Finish Season, Record Not Impressive

By Johnny Crawford  
Associate Editor

Savannah State's Charlie Askew scored 31 points to lead his team to an 83 to 76 win over Morehouse College on February 21.

Savannah, starting the game slow during the first two periods went into the locker room down 31 to 40.

However, with 10 minutes left in the game, Askew stole the ball from Morehouse and scored a basket to give Savannah the lead in the game.

With six minutes left in the game, Morehouse battled back with a steal and a slam dunk by Brian Russell.

Now with a score of 62 to 61 Savannah, the capacity crowd in Morehouse's Archer Hall began to cheer as the Tigers of Morehouse went on to score two unanswered points to give them a one point lead.

"Fire it up Morehouse fire it up," shouted the crowd as a miniature version of a wave began inside the gym.

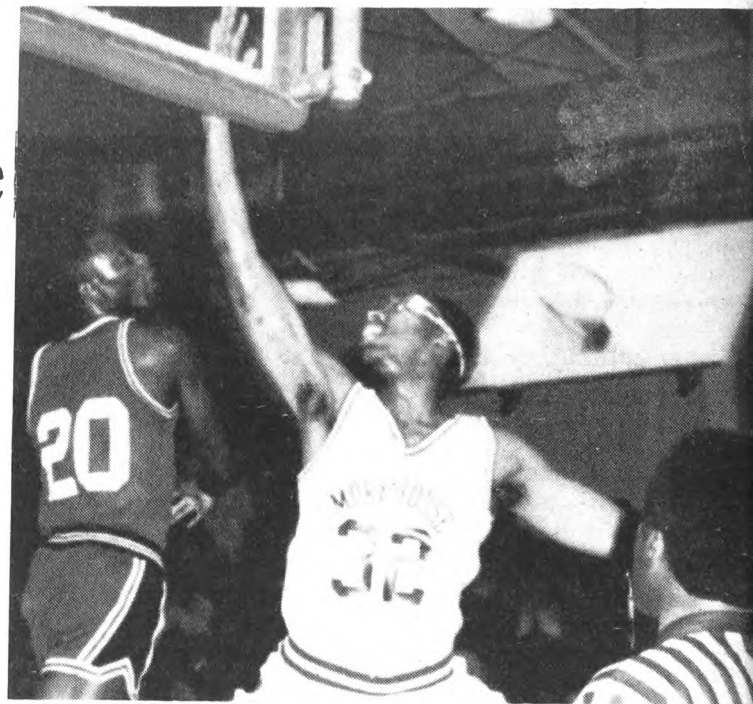
However, the lead of

Morehouse proved to be short lived as Askew went on a scoring rage and pumped in four unanswered points.

Morehouse stunned by the sudden turn of luck never recovered as Savannah froze the ball for one minute and ultimately won the game.

The high scorer for Morehouse was Marcus Lee with 18 points.

Morehouse finished the season with seven wins and nine losses, and Savannah finished the season with eleven wins and five losses.



## Tennis Team Makes Progress

By Johnny Crawford  
Associate Editor

Despite the lack of student support and limited funds, the Morehouse tennis team still seems to be the dominant force in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).

The Morehouse Tigers, who are coached by Dr. James Haines, have won the Conference title for the past two years. The Tigers also have been the only Morehouse sports team to give other schools in the Atlanta University Center a constant challenge.

Now, they have one of their best teams ever thanks to players such as Lino Michael and Michael Currie. Michael, who is ranked number one in the SIAC men's division and number 11 in the state of Georgia stated that although they will be playing one of the toughest schedules

ever, they should not have any problem delivering a winning season.

"We will definitely control the SIAC," stated Michael.

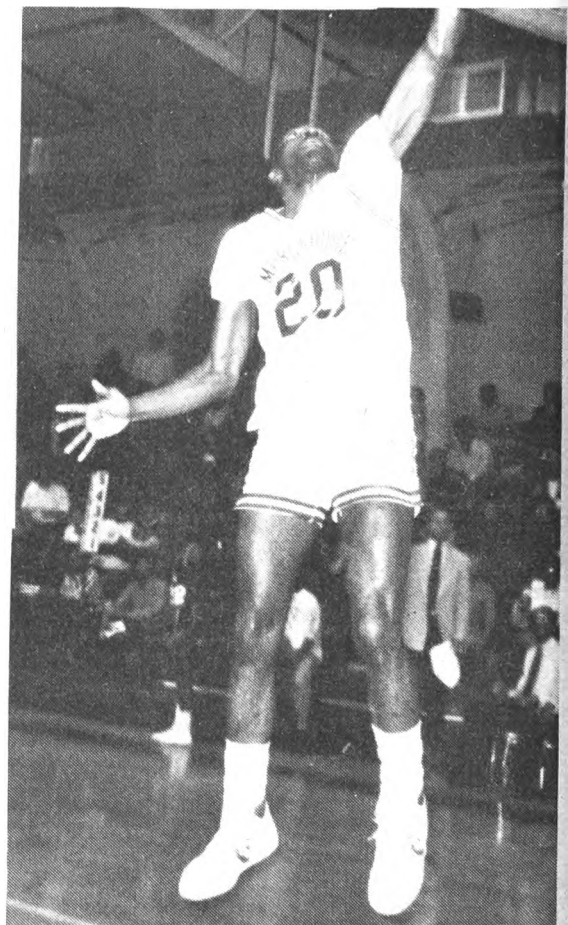
Coach Haines added that their toughest competition will come from outside their conference.

Currie, the other ace for the team, is ranked number two on the team and is presently enjoying a seven game winning streak. He is also the American Tennis Associations National Champion in the 18 years and under category. When both Currie and Michael are paired, they pose a serious threat and most often serve as Morehouse's ace in the hole.

So far, the Tigers have began the season on a winning note by defeating Clark and Morris Brown Colleges. The Tigers have also won the Florida A&M Tennis Tournament.



Assistant Coach Nix



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