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## Spelman Welcomes Its First Black Woman President

By Athena Williams

This year is an exciting year for all returning Spelmanites and incoming Spelmanites as we welcome our new President of our wonderful institution. We are now under the new leadership of a dynamic individual and I'm sure that Dr. Cole will remain an inspiration to us all.

**A.W.**—Many people believe that Spelman College breeds apathy among the student body, and the faculty. How do you intend to address this issue?

**Dr. J.C.**—Alone I will not be able to solve any problems. And I say that not to sound like a cautious administrator. On the contrary, I say that with the challenge, both to myself and to the Spelman students. I would like to stimulate the Spelman student body socially and intellectually to want to be involved in her own education. I assure you I do not have in my side pocket the answers, nor the magical solution. But what I do have is a willingness. One to seriously work with student government, two to be accessible to more than leaders on this campus and three to understand that the notion of student involvement is an issue which faculty and staff and even the larger Atlanta community must also be involved with. So, we have got to figure it out. My approach to almost any problem is to first of all familiarize myself with the issue, so that before I make any suggestions, before I begin to cooperate with



**Dr. Johnetta Cole**

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## Editor's Note

Dear Spelman Sisters:

A new era is upon us. The changing of the guard has commenced. The new leadership that is taking over many AUC schools is setting up house, and we the inhabitants are soon to discover the new rules. Now is the time for optimism and change, not fear of the unknown.

Embark on this year with a new spirit of adventure; accept and meet challenges with the skill borne of the knowledge that here at Spelman is the support system that will help you through. Seize every opportunity afforded you—your time is NOW!

The opportunity we at the Spotlight offer you is a chance for your voice to be heard. Your thoughts and opinions are an integral part of the spectrum that make up our unique atmosphere. In your hands is "the Voice of Black Womanhood." Speak to us and be heard.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Tait  
Editor

## "The Spelman Spotlight" Commends Sydney Stinson

By Kori Scurlock

It has been very rare that many of us are aware of other Spelmanites who have earned the honor and opportunity to visit other institutions as exchange students. We have had several students spend a semester or summer observing and learning about different cultural environments and learning atmospheres. We want to recognize and commend these students and hopefully encourage others to become involved in a valuable life experience.

Sydney Stinson, a senior economics major from Chicago, returns to Spelman after spending last semester on exchange at Vassar in Poughkeepsie, New York. She had a very successful

semester and confesses that the key to her success at Vassar was approaching the experience with an open mind.

The most difficult adjustment, Sydney recalls, was getting comfortable with the predominately White environment. Vassar has one hundred and twenty Black students out of an approximate population of one thousand six hundred. Sydney says many of the Black students felt that they had to conform to the values and standards of the White students in order to be accepted by them.

Sydney was most disappointed by the indifferent attitude of some of the Black professors at Vassar. She

remembers how many of the Black professors did not support the Black students in their effort to be recognized on the campus.

When asked if Vassar was more academically challenging than Spelman, Sydney replies, "No, I devoted the same amount of time to my studies at Vassar as I do at Spelman and I did extremely well."

Sydney recommends the exchange program for Spelman students because it removes them from a limited environment and gives them a chance to interact academically and socially with students of different nationalities.

## Spelman Strengthens The Sisterhood

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Dear Fellow Spelmanites,

As I look back on my first two years of college life, I have noticed a remarkable change in my character. I have learned the importance of discipline, gained spiritual growth, and a much stronger confidence in myself. The

education that Spelman has provided me has allowed me to recognize the importance of all these attributes. Unfortunately, I realized the importance of these during the toughest of times. Times when I felt like crying and quitting because of countless efforts to do well on tests and

still failing. Times in classes where I gave my all struggling through and received a good grade while others who did not commit themselves received better grades.

During these frustrating times, I did learn that grades are not the most important reason that I am here. Some of you may disagree but I have learned that sometimes professors will give unfair grades. What can you do about an unfair grade? Most of the time nothing. I also learned that the best is sometimes not good enough. You may put forth everything that you have inside of you and still get disappointed. So what do you do? You bounce back, keep praying, and do not give up. I believe that once I leave the gates of Spelman, the learning that I have gained here will not be reflected on my transcript with all A's but it will reflect in my character, and my thinking process.

While experiencing some difficult times during my first two years of school, I also realized the importance of the Spelman sisterhood. I have established many bonds with other females who are

also striving so I know that my attempts are not in vain. My fellow Spelmanites have helped me pull through really low moments during the past two years and I know that I would have given up totally had they not been there to offer me support, understanding, and time. One beautiful aspect of our sisterhood is that it is a reciprocating relationship. There has never been a moment where I have felt that I have taken and not given and I have never felt that someone has taken and not given.

We need to realize that we are all a group of Black women striving and struggling through probably, four of the most difficult years of our lives. We all need to

support each other and give a helping hand when needed. Let us be concerned about each other and not just ourselves. We should understand that we are our children's leaders and role models. We are the difference.

As I embark on yet another year at Spelman, I continue to thank God for giving me the opportunity to attend school and I thank Him for allowing me to be a part of a sisterhood that will make a difference in my life. Best of luck to all this school year and we all can make it, together.

Sincerely,

Julie Alexander

### Spelman College Student Government Association

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## Freshman Week



Photograph by Kirsten Ray

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anyone, I would like to hear from students. What is the issue? And I hope that by holding open office hours beginning the first week of class, I will know directly from those who are involved because it is the involved students that are going to walk in here. What is happening? But I will not be content with that. My approach will be to hear those who walk in, but I also want to hear from those who for whatever reason fail to walk into this office.

**A.W.**—During the 1986-87 school year, there were rumors around campus concerning a change in entrance requirements. Many students were told that the minimum G.P.A. and S.A.T. scores were going to be raised. Does the raising of the requirements conflict with the basic principle of a Black college? The principle of allowing a Black student the chance to come to a Black Institution, become inspired and succeed in spite of his or her mediocre high school G.P.A.?

**Dr. J.C.**—We will have with the class of 1991 the highest combined S.A.T. scores of any class before it. That is impressive. However, if there has ever been a moment in Spelman's history, and I say although it is a strong statement to make, I am prepared to say it: I do not believe there will ever be a moment in Spelman's history when only

a single basis is used for entrance. Spelman has always looked at what is the history of academic and scholarly life; what does the high school teacher say about this student, what does the student say about herself. All of that creates a profile. It creates a sense of who this person is. It will continue to be a complex procedure and I hope always to be improved process of admissions.

**A.W.**—The test scores on the GMAT, LSAT, GRE, and MCAT of Spelman Students are considerably lower than the averages for those same exams at other institutions. What does the administration of Spelman plan to do in reference to this problem?

**Dr. J.C.**—I need to understand why students and faculty see those scores as low. What I can say to you immediately is: That situation has to be improved. There is no way that the President, the faculty, and the students would want anywhere short of the best that can be done. Give me and others some time to address that problem. What I do want to say is: That is not a problem that the President can solve. That is a problem that is going to require of Spelman students and if this sounds like a challenge, please note that it is. It is going to require Spelman students to reach the decision that they are prepared to do outstanding academic work.

**A.W.**—With the number of Black women instructors decreasing, and the number of White professors increasing drastically, many students are in an uproar over the loss of the Black experience. Are we going to continue to see more and more of our classrooms filled with White instructors, or will the administration address this problem?

**Dr. J.C.**—I would like to suggest that you have something to do about this and so do I. When I was on campus during that very exciting and of course, intense period, presidential search, one of the questions that was asked of me was this very question. I remember that moment, and I remember intuitively, by the way I think there is something called intuition. I remember intuitively responding, before I answer let us go around the room and ask each Spelman sister what she is majoring in and what her career goals are. Do you realize Athena Williams that no one student said: "I am majoring in Biology, I am going to be a P.H.D. and teach at Spelman College. So, I put the challenge to Spelman sisters where are the teachers of Spelman College. As you all go off to do what is exciting and necessary, would somebody please decide to be a professor. My part is to do the necessary fund-raising to compete with other institutions for those Black instructors.

**A.W.**—As students become more and more aware of the adverse effects of meats, sugar, and other foods low in nutrients, they are beginning to notice the slim selection of foods in the cafeteria. No juices are offered during meals excluding breakfast, and often times fried meat is the only main course available. Will Spelman students begin to see a change in the future?

**Dr. J.C.**—I applaud it, and at the same time I recognize that my generation has got a lot to learn from yours on the question of physical fitness, and on the question of food. Let me say that I think we all need to have some patience as we work this through. That I need to be very sensitive not only to the complaints that are raised about the dining hall food. I also need to be sensitive to what the staff operates with as a set of constraints. Once I can hear both of those and participate in the cafeteria meals, then we ought to slowly begin to institute a greater sensitivity to questions not only of a balanced meal, but of a particularly nutritious and health conscious meal.

**A.W.**—When dealing with workers in various departments in the administration, i.e., Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, students accounts, and security many students feel they are faced with a barrier. Instead of

working with the members of these offices, more often than not we are working against these workers.

**Dr. J.C.**—Respect breeds respect. I am convinced that on a given day a student does not realize what that worker is going through and poses questions in a disrespectful manner. To my fellow sisters of Spelman try to respect. I will also say that no staff member at Spelman College ever has the right to be disrespectful to a student, to a fellow staff person, or to a faculty member. There is no place for disrespectfulness at Spelman.

**A.W.**—What is your message to the Freshman Class of 1991?

**Dr. J.C.**—The individual Black women of Spelman College succeeded in what they came here to do; to get a strong liberal Arts Education, and have taken that into the world of work. Where they have then succeeded or continued to succeed. But we want to do more and more and more of that. I remember as a kid an expression, "you give some folk an inch and they want a mile." An inch is not enough. We want miles. More and more and more Black women in that position and black men in that position. But, if we are able only individual success by Spelman women, then we will have failed.

## Atlanta At A Glance

By Dawn M. Lewis

Having spent the better part of three years in Atlanta by no means makes me an expert on the city. I do, however, feel qualified to shed some light on its attributes.

You may ask: "What makes Spelman students' needs differ from any other person's that would warrant a newspaper article devoted to the subject?" There are many answers. As a group, Spelman women want to put their best foot forward; we expect quality for our money and we are eager to live up to our greatest potential. In a nutshell, we try hard, so we deserve the best.

The purpose of this article, therefore, is two-fold. First, I hope to offer both new and returning students a few

suggestions for places to eat, shop, and patronize. Second, I hope to help smooth what can be a rock acculturation into Atlanta University Center Life.

**EATING PLACES:** I will start with this category because I hold it so close to my heart. Atlanta is blessed with a wealth of eating spots in every price range. Unfortunately, those new to city do not find out about the more obscure ones until they have suffered through several mediocre meals.

**Best Hors d'oeuvres:**  
Vickery's Bar & Grill  
1106 Crescent Ave. N.E.

**Best Free Buffet:**  
Brass Key Restaurant  
2355 Peachtree Rd. N.E.

**Best Place for a Cheap Date:**  
Frijoleros  
1031 Peachtree St. N.E.

**Best Pizza:**  
Fellini's  
2813 Peachtree Rd. N.E.  
or  
422 Seminole Ave. N.E.

**Best Cheap Breakfast:**  
Juniors Grill  
124 North Ave. N.W.  
(across from GA Tech)

**PLACES TO SHOP:** An all-important category to true Spelmanites is S-H-O-P-P-I-N-G!!!! No sense denying it, girls. I have yet to see it proven otherwise. Why else would time be allotted for this pastime on the itinerary each Father/Daughter or Mother/Daughter Weekend? My conclusion is this—when

choosing between a pair of Via Spiga shoes for 50% off and eating for a week, Spelman woman will pick the shoes. Good choice.

**Best off-price stores:**  
Cohoes  
Fashion Square Mall  
Burlington Coat Factory  
Outlet Square Mall

**Best Vintage Clothing Stores:**  
Stefan's Vintage Clothes  
1160 Euclid Ave. N.E.

**Easiest place to spend \$1,000 on one outfit:**  
Snooty Hooty  
Phipps Plaza

**Where to find Fiorucci Italian Wear:**  
The Times  
250 East Paces Ferry Rd.

**PLACES THAT AID IN**

### THE EDUCATION PROCESS:

**Best (New) Book Store:**  
Oxford Book Store  
2345 Peachtree Rd. N.E.  
Peachtree Battle Shopping Center

**Best (Used) Book Store:**  
Oxford Two Books  
2395 Peachtree Rd. N.E.

**Best Place to Study on Weekdays:**  
before 6 p.m.—AU Library  
Robert W. Woodruff Library  
James P. Brawley Dr. S.W.  
522-8980

**Best Place to Study Late Nights:**  
LLC Study Lounges

# New Student Government President Promotes New Attitudes and Perspectives

By Jaye M. Johnson

Recently I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Spelman's new Student Government Association president, Angela Glaude. In talking with her I found her to be a very warm, conscientious, and outgoing young woman. Angela feels that this is a very important time for herself as well as for Spelman. A time of recollection, remembrance, but most importantly a time for growth.

Growing up in Moss Point, Mississippi, Angela was not seriously thinking about what college she wanted to attend. She did know that she wanted to go into the medical or some science related field. During the seventh grade Angela met and began talking with a Spelman alumna. These conversations made a big impression on Angela as a teenager. After a visit to the

campus, Angela felt that she was destined to attend Spelman College. Faith, combined with a feeling that she had a purpose, made it possible for Angela to fulfill her dream of coming to Spelman.

At the time Angela enrolled in Spelman she did not know what her purpose was, but today she defines her purpose. As SGA president she feels that she can make changes in the old attitudes and bring in a new perspective. One of her main concerns is in the message Spelman teaches. This Black institution teaches and stress "sisterhood." Along with preaching this principle, Angela feels that more action needs to be taken. More students should show their support for each other and unite. During Freshman Week Angela feels that upperclassmen should stay away from being "dogmatic

or condescending" to freshman. The motto of Spelman College is "Our Whole School for Christ." Each student should note and remember what our school stands for, and the foundation on which it was built. Sisterhood is the principle on which our school stands. Angela feels that a new attitude towards sisterhood can be reached if we all work together.

During the 1987-88 school year, Angela hopes that big changes will be made in the progression of the school. The first project Angela is working on is a Club and Organizations Drive. This activity will be similar to Career day in that individual booths will be setup for each club and organization. These booths will have representatives that will be able to talk to students and let them know other objectives and goals. A student can then see

which club or organization she would like to join. Angela feels that a Clubs and Organizations Drive will allow various clubs to be recognized as an integral part of Spelman. It is her hope that each club and student will take an active role with the SGA. In her opinion it is essential that everybody work together in order to achieve certain goals and aspirations.

Angela is also working on the resurrection of the Atlanta University Council. The purpose of this organization is to promote unity among the schools and students in the Atlanta University Center. Each student government association wants to develop a correspondence that enables the schools to use each other's resources. A relationship like this one would allow the schools to branch out into business ventures and

possible expand the AUC. The council is presently planning the events pertaining to Black College day which will occur later this month. Angela encourages all students to come out and support the Black institutions during this celebration. In conjunction with this event are plans for inviting other Black colleges to come and participate. Angela feels very good about the unity being developed and strengthened in the Atlanta university Center.

Another plan in development is increased participation and emphasis during Black History Month. Angela thinks Black students should be aware of their heritage. Since Spelman College is an all Black women's college, more focus should be on the history of Black women. Angela proposes that each of the clubs and organizations participate in Black History Month by providing posters, visual displays, or some other kind of material containing historical information. With a greater awareness of our past we can then proceed to advance in the future.

During the interview, Angela stressed the point that every student is a member of the Student Government Association. As members, each student has the right to attend SGA meetings and voice opinions verbally or by simply writing them down and placing them in the Suggestion Box, which will be located outside of the SGA office. Angela stated, "In order for us to deal with our problems, we must first identify them." Students will receive monthly reports in "The Spotlight" or in their mailboxes of the progressions made in the school.

I thoroughly enjoyed talking with Angela Glaude, and I am convinced that this will be a very successful year. Along with an efficient SGA president, and our first Black woman president, Dr. Johnetta Cole, I feel that we are moving towards a new decade of higher education; one that includes more active roles from the student body. I, along with Angela Glaude, encourage each student to participate and become involved in making this the best Black women's college.

## September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Transfer, International and Exchange Students Reception Place: Snack Shop in Manley or Guest House Time: 6:00-9:00	3 Student Body Meeting Place: Howe Hall Time: 6:00-8:00	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Picnic Time: 12:00-3:00 AUC Afternoon of Fun Time: 3:30	8	9 Movie Place: Howe Hall Time: 7:00	10	11 Lawn Party Time: 4:00-6:00	12
13	14 Club and Organization Drive Place: Manley Center (Upper Concourse) Time: 11:00-2:00	15	16	17 SGA Rap Sessions Place: Giles Old Library, Giles Ground Floor Time: 6:00-10:00 Topics: 1. The Active Spelmanite 2. Roommate Relationships 3. Study Habits 4. Personal Goals	18 Reception for Blue and White Court Time: 7:00-9:00	19
20 Visitation of Minister, reception for Minister and choir following Place: President's Dining Hall	21 PACE is at Spelman Place: Read Hall Time: 4:00-9:00 swimming, volleyball, bowling area, weight room	22	23	24	25 Pep Rally for Black College Day Place: Sisters Chapel Time: 5:00-7:00	26
27	28 Black College Day March	29	30 Movie Place: Howe Hall Time: 6:00-9:00			