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"Spelman, thy name we praise," Standards and honor raise . . . "

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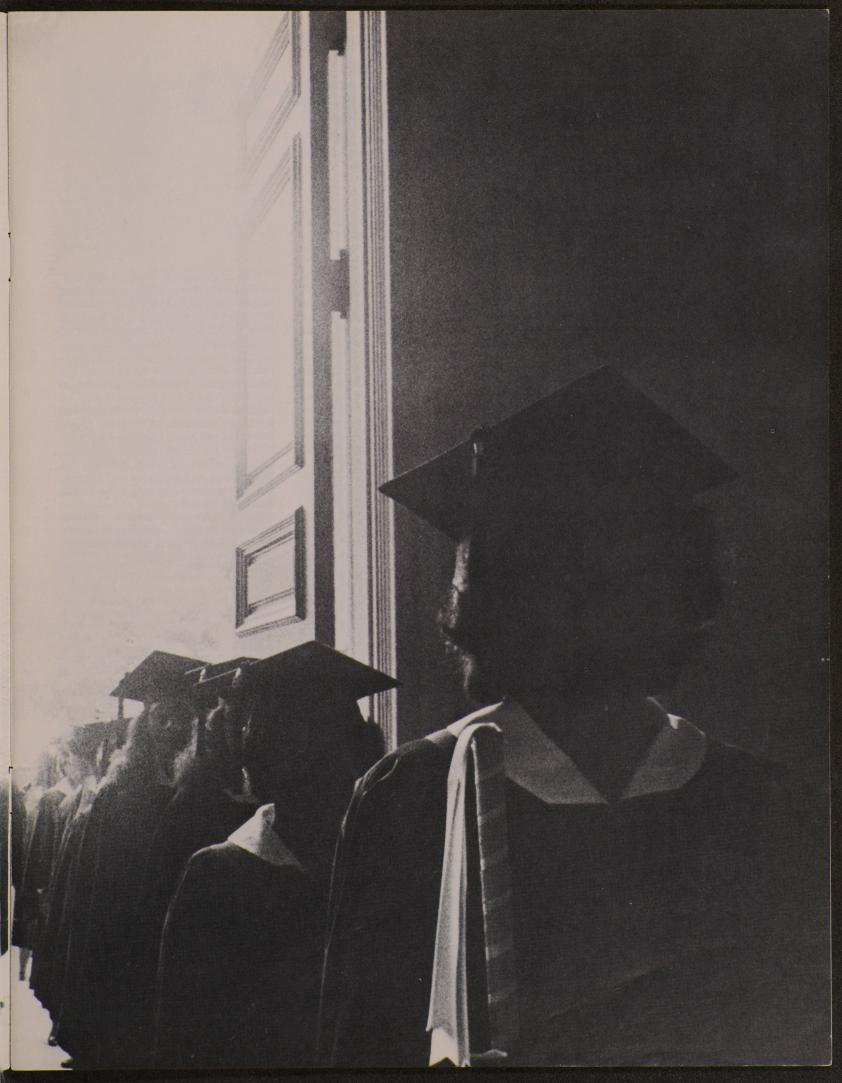
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Baccalaureate:

A Time To Honor A Compassionate God

The Centennial Class of Spelman College held Baccalaureate Services on May 10th in Sisters Chapel. Dr. Samuel D. Proctor addressed Spelman's Centennial graduating class of 250 students. His sermon title was The Rediscovery of Human Compassion. "We need the compassion of Jesus," Dr. Proctor told Spelman's Baccalaureate audience. "We are in trouble, in the streets and in the White House," he said. He pointed out that all suffering no doubt has some cause, and every condition has some antecedents. "We should be about looking for causes and reasons," he continued, "but the issue of compassion has to do with how much you care about people in their present situation. And we have grown too stone-hearted to care."

However, Dr. Proctor concluded that "We have no ideology to which we are sworn, just faith in the God of our salvation. And no one has traveled this road before us, so, let us be a people of com-

passion and keep our heads and God's unfailing hand and who knows?" He added, "We may be the remnant to save this land of ours . . . And, a thousand years from now, when unborn generations ask, what happened to those 20 slaves who landed at Jamestown in 1619? They will answer that they are those who have overcome; whose garments are washed in the blood of the Lamb; they came through fiery trails, and by faith they so journed in the land of promise, as in a strange land. But they never ceased to look for a city with foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.'

Dr. Proctor, a native Virginian, holds the position of Professor of Education in the Graduate School of Education (MLK Memorial Chair) at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey as well as serving as senior minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City.

He is an alumnus of Virginia Union University (1942), Crozer Seminary (1945), and Boston University (1950), earning a doctorate from the latter in ethics. He has done other graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, and Harvard Institute for University Administration. Dr. Proctor is also the author of *The Young Negro in America 1960-80* (Association Press, 1966).

Married with four sons, Dr. Proctor has served as President of Virginia Union University and North Carolina A&T State University. He has held administrative positions in various capacities including the Peace Corps in Washington and Nigeria, and has traveled extensively in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Proctor's list of achievements and awards are numerous, including Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Atlanta University and fourteen other colleges.



Prior to giving Spelman seniors his Baccalaureate sermon, Dr. Samuel Dewitt Proctor (left) visits with Mrs. Coretta Scott King and President Donald M. Stewart on the porch of Reynolds Cottage.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE			
SPELMAN COLLEGE SISTERS CHAPEL			
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1981			
THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON			
Dr. Donald Mitchell Stewart, <i>President</i> Presiding			
Processional—Trumpet Tune	G. Teleman		
Prelude—Cantabile			
The Occasion	President Donald Mitchell Stewart		
Hymn—God of Our Fathers	Warren		
God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies.	From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence. Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase,		
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.	Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.		
Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by thee our lot is cast; Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay. Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.	Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud and praise be ever thine.		
way.			
Scripture Reading President, Se	mior Class Miss Cynthia Jackson		
Prayer			
Music—Sanctus, From Saint Cecelia Mass The Spelman College Glee Club Miss Princess M. Wright, Student Conductor Laura English-Robinson, '69, Soloist			
Introduction of Speaker	President Donald Mitchell Stewart		
Sermon Dr. Samuel Dewitt Proctor Senior Minister, The Abyssinian Baptist Church New York City			
Music—The Omnipotence Franz Schubert The Spelman College Glee Club			
Benediction			
Recessional—Marche deFéte			

Ivy Oration

Tanya Maria Trippett Valedictorian 1981

"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me."

John 15:1,4 Today's English Version

At such a time as this — the Centennial Birthday of Spelman College - we, the class of 1981 occupy a position of honor and distinction as a graduating class. It is a unique position in that the Centennial class represents the link between the rich past and the hopeful future of Spelman College. We stand on the threshold between a first century of achievement and a second century of progress. It is a position that carries with it a great responsibility. We have lived for the past four years on the achievements of the past; now we must prepare the way for a new century to thrive and grow. In order to contribute to the future, I deem it only fitting and proper that we examine our lives to determine from whence we have come, where we are, and where we are going. I can find no better illustration of our life than the climbing ivy vine. The ivy has long been respected as the symbol for academic pursuit.

We, the Centennial class, developed from the seeds of a strong vine. This vine was made up of many branches of black women's lives, who valued an education and used it to achieve. The origin of this vine initially appears to be hard to find, for the vine has fluorished to inundate a century of history. If you ask alumnae from the past century, they will tell you that the origin or true vine of this historical plant was from an eternal source — the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God has served as the mainstay and strength in the lives of many black women. As a result of abiding in God, they were able to scale to new heights of achievement and intellectual growth. The labors of these women have not been in vain. For through their triumphs, trials and tribulations, these women have cultivated an environment conducive for other generations to grow. In a nature characteristic to ivy when it drops its seeds in the soil where it is growing, we, their fruits, have been placed where we are today.

In our years at Spelman, we have experienced the process of new growth from an old vine. This process, not unlike the growth cycle of ivy, consisted of three phases — sleeping, creeping, and leaping. The success and value of what we have learned and retained through this process will determine the survivability of our vine.

As we entered Spelman, we entered the first and most critical stage of development — dormancy. Progress at this time seemed slow and painstaking. Those who observed us may have thought we were sleeping. To many of us, when results were not readily seen in beginning courses such as Freshman English, General Biology, and Pre-Calculus, we wondered if our growth had been stunted. We were not sleeping, nor was our growth impeded. As new growth, we have used this period to its fullest by drawing upon the knowledge and tradition of a century of achievement in order to build a stable foundation upon which to grow. Nourished by the essential qualities of direction, perserverance, and en-

durance, we progressed to the stage of creeping.

Through the path of countless women who have paved the way, we have been guided in a predetermined direction. Though our path has sometimes appeared as aimless as the ivy plant, our course has exhibited direction — one direction — upward. Through our various areas of specialization, we have grown to newer realizations and higher plateaus of knowledge.

Perseverance has been the means by which we have been able to follow this upward path. Clinging as ivy does to smooth surfaces with its many rootlets, we have clung to the hopes and dreams of greatness. With our course and direction set, we have developed an attitude of determination and steadfastness.

The road upward has never been the easy one.

the areas of medicine, law, education, science and technology, and in many other disciplines. Many of us have ideas and dreams about what the future will entail, but no one can accurately predict where each member of the class of 1981 will be ten years from now. Many of us have notions of the level of achievement we may attain, but no one can envision the hardships, the sacrifices, and the defeats required for the accomplishment of greatness. We only know that we are journeying higher.

Graduation is a joyous time as well as a difficult time for all of us. For amid the festivities, the uncertainty of the future and our contribution to it raises doubts and fears of how or whether we will even reach our destination. My advice to my sisters in the class of 1981 is do not



Tanya Trippett (right), the fifth generation of her family to graduate from Spelman College, proudly holds the book Spelman: A Centennial Celebration. The book features Tanya's great grandmother Frankie Quarles on the cover. Miss Trippett brought her family honor by becoming the valedictorian of the Centennial Class of 1981. Sharing the happy moment are her mother (left), Gertrude Yvonne Ketchum Trippett (C'52) and her grandmother Gertrude Emily Foster (center) (C'25).

Through endurance, we have gained the stamina to continue to grow undaunted. In the face of obstacles, we have learned like ivy to grow around them. Despite what appeared to be insurmountable obstacles, whether academic, financial, or personal, we, the members of the Centennial class, have overcome them. We have closed the first Century of achievement by black women by achieving. We have left our marks on Spelman College in the classroom, the student government association, the community, and the world

The results of our successes have enabled us to emerge into our final and perhaps longest phase of growth — leaping. Graduation denotes the transition into this phase. Beyond graduation, each of us will grow to the achievement of higher heights than ever before conceived of in

fear or worry. The way has already been revealed to us by history. For we have but to recall the strength and mainstay of the generations from which we have come to reach the point where we are today. Time has not changed the true vine. The true vine is still the Spirit of God. To survive the storms of time and to flourish, we must each seek to abide in God, the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Then and only then can we determine where we are going, and scale to the highest height.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."

> John 15:5 Today's English Version

Congresswoman Cardiss Collins:

"...AND TIMES WERE BAD!"

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from the Centennial Commencement Address by Congresswoman Cardiss Collins, presented to Spelman College on May 17, 1981.

President Stewart, members of the faculty, graduates and their families, ladies and gentlemen:

Please allow me to express my appreciation for the very deep honor that you have conferred upon me.

I am proud as a Black American to come here to Spelman — this majestic institution with its long standing tradition of providing education of the highest quality for black women — and to share the joy of the Class of 1981.

You, the Class of 1981, are special. You are graduates of Spelman's Centennial Class. You have the right to be proud of yourselves — of what you have academically accomplished. . . .

Now whether I look it or not, I'm not *quite* as old as Mrs. Annie Alexander! But, I have come down life's road a fairly long way.

I know where some of the rough spots are. I've seen a lot of wrecks, and I've passed by many who were wiser travelers.

Now you are beginning your trip, and I have come here from our Nation's Capitol to tell you where some of the potholes have been. I want you to be on the lookout for them because I care about you, and I want you to take a detour around danger, to build bridges over troubled waters.

I want you to remember the things we talk about today because they have and will affect the quality of your lives — and because you, our new leaders, will certainly affect mine

One hundred years! That's a long time. It's a century . . . five score . . . four generations . . . ten decades! Yesterday while enroute here I tried to define what a century really is. What does a century feel like? How can we grasp its magnitude . . . its essence in time and space?

Perhaps we can best do so by envisioning America as it was when Spelman was first established. By leafing through the Sears Catalog of 1905-1910, I learned that a four-burner gas stove — a real luxury — cost less than \$37 . . . ladies 14-carat gold necklaces were only \$14.88, and dresses were sold by the bolt.

The May 7, 1881, Atlanta newspaper, *Daily Constitu*tion, carried stories on the front page about the work that had begun on *The Great Cotton Exposition* and news from London.

An interesting article in a Louisville, Kentucky, newspaper of September 26, 1881, read:

"There is a place in Georgia where there are four white schools and one colored school. The school fund will only pay seventy cents per scholar per month. The whites are only using the seventy cents, but the colored people have gone down into their pockets and made up money enough to pay one dollar per scholar per month. Don't say that the colored people do not appreciate education."

I couldn't help but wonder whether that place wasn't Atlanta, and whether that school wasn't Spelman.

Mrs. Alexander gave us *first-hand* information last December when she said that 100 years ago, when Spelman became the reality of a dream, blacks "were just 20 years away from slavery, just turned loose without help from anywhere."

TIMES WERE BAD!

Those 20 years must have been unbelievably difficult. The world must have seemed complex and frightening. But during that brief interval from Emancipation until 1881, we again proved our ability to overcome almost insurmountable obstacles.

History tells us that by 1881, with God's help, things were looking up. Some Negroes had become educated, some had land and were prospering. Some had attained real stature among both blacks and whites.

And of more importance, Negroes could vote, could hold public office . . . could help determine their own destiny.

About 20 had been or were serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, and two — Hiram Revels and B.K. Bruce — had served in the Senate.

And we had hope . . . and optimism.

In a real sense, we were building bridges from illiteracy to education, from poverty to plenty, from dependency to independence.

Then along came the Confederate Democrats, the brave men who hid themselves in white hoods and long dresses, the passage of Jim Crow Laws in state legislatures, the withdrawal of Federal Troops, and the resultant segregation of the black man.

Negroes were reenslaved. Dehumanized. Prevented from earning a decent living, prevented from entering public facilities, prevented from properly educating their children, and prevented from voting.

TIMES WERE BAD!

To quote G. James Fleming, "By 1902, there was not a single Negro in a state legislature and not a single Negro in the national congress. In addition, the southern states adopted numerous devices to prevent Negroes from voting: intimidation . . . poll tax requirements, the famous grandfather clause . . . and the Lily-White primary. These political measures were followed by resegregation of those institutions (including state universities and other facilities) which had been desegregated after slavery.

Clearly reconstruction had died.

During the following period in our history, we suffered the indignities of discrimination, the verbal insults of racists, and the physical abuse of Klansmen and others wherever and whenever they decided to satisfy their sadistic desire for violence.

And we found ourselves again a people in disarray. Our bridges had been burned. There was no unity of purpose, little communication and even less understanding as to the magnitude of the battle that was before us. We were in fact like a lost race wandering from the South to the North, trying to find our place in a country that for 300 years had oppressed us and was sending messages that we no longer mattered.

Worse still, our self-image changed. We moved away from hope to despair . . . from action to passivity.

We began to accept the notion that we had no place in this country. We almost accepted the lies of our inferiority. When white people told us that all we could do was sing, dance, run fast, and jump high, we began to believe that was the extent of our talents.

And just when it seemed we were about to self-destruct, along came Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has taken another struggle (Dr. King's Civil Rights Movement) and nearly another century (90 years),



The 1981 Centennial Class of Spelman College held Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 17th in the Atlanta Civic Center. The ceremony shown here was highlighted by the awarding of honorary doctoral degrees to keynote speaker, Congresswoman Cardiss Collins, Spelman alumnae Effie O'Neal Ellis, M.D. and Mary O. Brookins Ross, and President Emeritus of Spelman College, Dr. Albert E. Manley.



Centennial Presidents — Past (Dr. Albert Manley) and Present (Dr. Donald M. Stewart) listen to the challenging words of Congresswoman Cardiss Collins.

countless decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, the passage of four Civil Rights Acts (1957, 1960, 1964, 1965) as well as the 1963 Anti-Poll Tax Amendment to bring about a semblance of our equal treatment under the law.

Many of us looked upon those years as the Second Reconstruction. We thought we had for the last time suffered that greatest injustice of all: that of being punished and victimized when our only crime was having been born black.

The new legislation gave us the promise of opportunity.

Malcolm had revolutionized our thinking. Dr. King had freed our minds from the past and proved that our future was in our own hands.

Stokely Carmichael had made us aware of our Black Power and Jesse Jackson had made us realize that black is beautiful.

By the mid-seventies, things were again looking up. The Great Society programs were paying off. We got better educated in desegregated schools, we got a few good jobs, we ran off in the summer to vacation in Europe. We pushed white folk out of their old neighborhoods and moved in.

We learned to eat steak — medium rare — instead of grits, gravy, and greens.

We became more politically astute and took great pride in reading off statistics chronicling our achievements . . . 13 or 14 members of the House, *one* in the Senate . . . several black mayors, and a whole host of city and state elected officials.

We had been transformed from slaves . . . to Negroes . . . to Coloreds . . . to Blacks. And we began to believe — truly believe in the Declaration of Independence. We wanted the world to know that we, too,

"Hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

We had, we felt, built everlasting bridges. Bridges to help us over the pitfalls of poverty, bridges leading to social status, bridges over prejudice, bridges over race hatred.

So we basked in the sun.

And the Second Reconstruction died!

How did its demise come about?

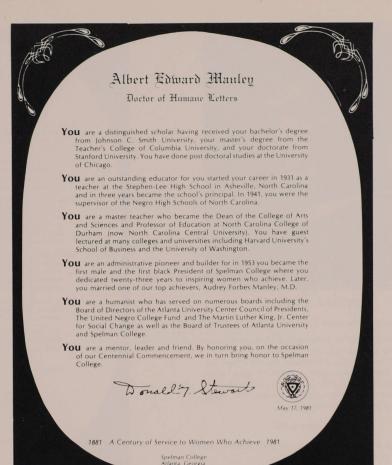
It began with myths perpetrated by sociologists and politicians who were fond of citing statistics alleging that gaps between black and white incomes were closing.

—It began when we failed to cast our ballots.

-It began with slogans like "reverse discrimination."

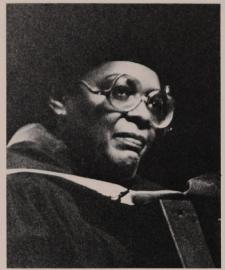
—It began when blacks forgot how they got over; forgot that it was the struggle of thousands of our people that enabled them to ride in a Mercedes, to send their children to private schools, to have swimming pools in their back yards.

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Centennial jubilation is witnessed by the Commencement audience as the class of 1981 graduates.



Cardiss Collins

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—It began when we permitted ourselves to roll in the inertia of complacency.

Death came swiftly. It happened just a few days ago when I, like Mrs. Alexander, saw history again repeat itself. For on May 7, 1981, the House passed a budget resolution which, as sure as I am standing here, could return us to economic enslavement.

TIMES ARE BAD!

Today we find ourselves on the threshold of a new period of suffering.

The mood of the country is just as nasty as it was at the end of the First Reconstruction. And again America is reneging on its promises to us — sending messages that we no longer matter.

Now you may be saying to yourselves, "Cardiss, that's a bit extreme." But I say that it's not! Just look at the similarities!

In the 1880's, whites reexamined and eliminated our voting rights. Today, Strom Thurmond is reexamining the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In the 1880's, Jim Crow was passed by Confederate Democrats; today the Reagan Budget has been passed by Conservative Democrats.

The purpose of those laws of the 1880's was to prevent Blacks from becoming full-fledged citizens, from enjoying the fruits of their labors, from experiencing

quality life in America, to put us back in our places. The purpose of the Reagan *buzzsaw* is to prevent Blacks from becoming full-fledged citizens, from enjoying the fruits of their labors, from experiencing a quality of life in America, to put us back in our places.

By cutting out jobs and training programs . . . by snatching school lunch programs out of the mouths of our children . . . by cutting BEOG and eliminating other student assistance programs . . . by telling our aged that they're just going to have to suffer more pain because Medicaid and SSI will be cut . . . by cutting out the Community Services Administration which, is the only federal agency whose mission is to be an advocate for the poor . . . but cutting out the Legal Services Corporation so that the poor will have no legal recourse . . . by cutting babies off AFDC . . . by slashing the money for low-income housing . . . by returning to States Rights, America today is reenslaving us!

TIMES ARE BAD!

We are on a treadmill running backward — at *high* speed.

Therefore, you, the Class of 1981 — who are beginning your life's journey today, have a most important responsibility. You must now pick up the Civil Rights struggle from where we laid it down. Because this time we must not succumb to these pressures. We must not take this economic beating cowering, whimpering, submitting to our self-destruction.

We must fight back and you must be the foot soldiers

Cardiss Cullius

You are a woman of the people who as a Committeewoman in Chicago's 24th Ward's Regular Democratic Organization, were deeply involved in the successful campaigns of your late husband, Congressman George Collins.

You are a woman of Congress who served as Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus having been elected to fill the position of U.S. Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois left vacant by Mr. Collin's death in 1973.

You are a woman of fulfillment who has established your own distinguished record of providing service to your constituency as the first woman and first black to chair the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing. In 1975, you were appointed the Democratic Party's Whip-At-Large and again you became the first black and first woman ever to hold that position.

You are a woman who as a member of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Africa, as well as its subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs has earned the reputation of being a Member who "does her homework". You are a graduate of Detroit's High School of Commerce and you attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

You are listed in Who's Who, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Black Americans, Who's Who Among Women, and Who's Who in Government.

And now you have made the Who's Who of Spelman College for by allowing us to honor you on the occasion of our Centennial Commencement, you in turn honor Spelman.

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who take us on to economic democracy.

Your parents, your grandparents, and their forebearers have run their distance, have overcome many hurdles in our foot race to obtain total freedom and dignity of the black man. Now you must take the baton and lead us closer to the finish line.

You must play the role that Black Americans hope, need, and expect from you. You must know how to employ those lessons you have learned about economics and history and diplomacy; and I hope you have learned those lessons well.

You must also know everything you can about political power, and you must understand its limits.

You must think far beyond the official curriculum and be prepared to play a constructive role in the development of a national policy that does not diminish opportunities for Blacks, a policy that protects our interests.

You must keep on building our social, educational, and economic bridges.

And all while you're traveling along your life's journey, remember one of my favorite poems, which goes like this:

An old man travelling a lone highway Came at the evening cold and gray To a chasm vast and deep and wide

The old man crossed in the twilight dim The sullen stream had no fears for him, But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow traveller near
"You are wasting your time with building here.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide
Why build a bridge at even tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the way I have come," he said,
"There follows after me today.
A youth whose feet must pass this way."

"This stream which has been as naught to me To that fair-headed youth might a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim, Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."



Mary Olivia Brookins Ross

If you do this, you will be building the hopes of Black America. How well you do — your presence, your posture and your performance — will be recorded in journals lauding *The Rise of Blacks in America*.

If you do your work well, you will cause America to live up to the words of Thomas Wolfe:

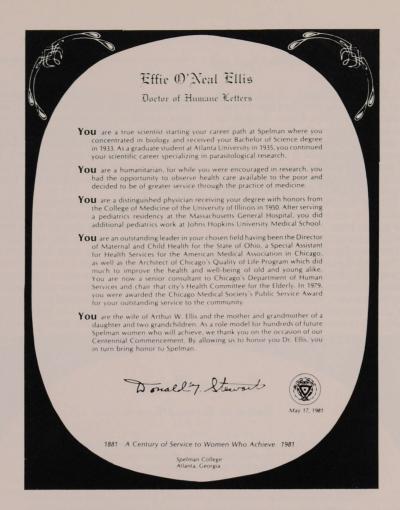
"To every person his chance, to every person, regardless of birth, their shining opportunity; to every person the right to live, to work, to be themselves; to become whatever their ambition and decisions combined to make them—that is the promise of America."

And that my friends, I pray, is the promise of the Class of 1981.

Congratulations, and God bless you.



Effie D'Neal Ellis





SALUTE TO DR. MARY O. ROSS

Editor's Note: The following speech was given in Detroit, Michigan on September 9, 1981 by President Donald M. Stewart in honor of Dr. Mary O. Ross.

Enlightment, involvement, the essential ingredients of leadership in all walks of life, for all of God's children, as they set about the task of doing God's work regardless of its form, time or place.

What a wonderful theme for the 80th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., for indeed, the Lord is the way, the light, the path, our open door. For this dedicated and distinguished organization, leadership in the name of our dear Jesus has been the by word for 81 proud and eventful years.

Following in the great tradition of her predecessors, Mrs. S. Willie Layten and Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, your President today, Dr. Mary O. Ross, epitomizes this spirit and personifies the real meaning of leadership in Christian terms. How proud we are to be able to call her sister. How proud I am that she is an alumna of Spelman College. It is an honor and privilege for me to pay tribute to Dr. Ross this evening in the fair city of Detroit along with her hundreds of friends, admirers and colleagues.

At a time in our country when enlightened, involved and committed leadership, particularly black leadership, is so important for our very survival, how fortunate we are to have Dr. Ross. So many of the giants have fallen, King, Bethune, Randolph and, most recently, Roy continued next page

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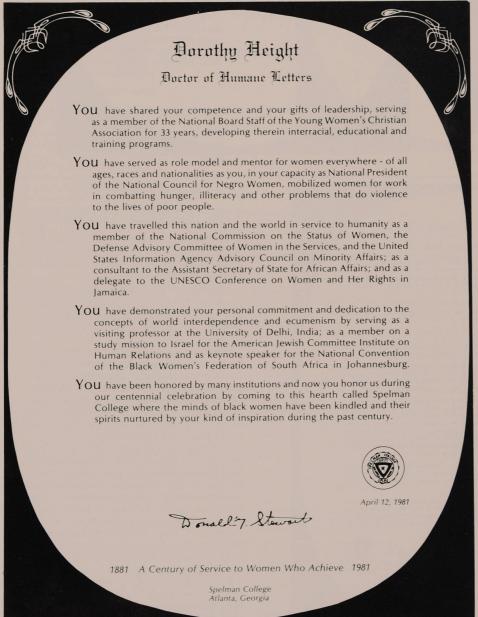
Wilkins. It is on the Mary O. Ross's and the powerful organizations they lead that we must now pin our hopes for the future. With divine guidance and inspiration, Dr. Ross is more than able to meet the challenge.

We must take some credit at Spelman for the kind of person she is and the success she has so deservedly earned. Indeed, since its founding in 1881, under the aegis of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Spelman College has been dedicated to the preparation and development of strong black female leaders like Dr. Ross. Having started in the basement of Atlanta's Friendship Baptist Church, as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, later renamed for Mrs. Laura Spelman Rockefeller, Spelman College for one hundred years has sought to produce outstanding black women leaders imbued with the spirit of service and dedicated to Christian values and ideals such as those embraced by Dr. Ross.

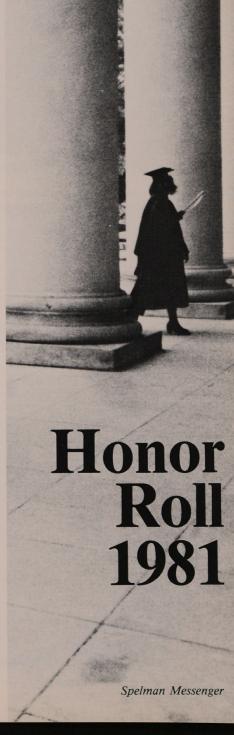
Today, as a strong liberal arts college graduating well-educated black women who achieve, we continue to build on our fine Baptist roots. We are producing the enlightened, committed, involved black leaders of tomorrow that our society and our own community so desperately need. These young women will walk in the footsteps and the long shadow of Dr. Ross. May they learn her lessons well.

In paying special tribute to Dr. Ross this evening, I could think of no better expression of our love, respect and admiration for her at Spelman than the citation which she received from Spelman this past May when she was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at our centennial commencement exercises.

So Dr. Ross, on behalf of your *alma mater*, Spelman College, I salute and congratulate you again this evening on this very special occasion. God bless you and thank you for being you.



The above citation was presented to **Dorothy I. Height** on the occasion of the Centennial Vesper Service held on Sunday, April 12, 1981. During the ceremony, Miss Height received an honorary degree from the college.



From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Dr. Donald M. Stewart
President

November 19, 1981

Dear Alumnae and Friends:

Our 1981 centennial year has come to an end. We look back on that year with joy and pride, but also with a wistful sadness because it passed so very quickly. The year was filled with dozens of special programs involving almost all segments of the Spelman community and featuring many visitors of national and international repute. The Centennial activities reached a crescendo in collective exaltation during our celebration in Sisters Chapel on April 11th. This outpouring of celebratory enthusiasm was matched by your generous giving to the College.

Coinciding with the successful completion of our \$10.2 million Centennial Capital Campaign, the results of our 1980-81 centennial alumnae giving program were equally impressive. In 1980, alumnae gave \$58,131 to the College. Alumnae Giving to Spelman increased to an unprecedented \$127,885 in 1981! What an impressive record of improvement this is, and the College is deeply grateful.

Spelman's second-century challenge is to move on from strength to strength. We must continue to increase alumnae participation in our annual giving program. Joining with our many individual, corporate, and foundation friends who support us, Spelman alumnae can and do make the difference. We are grateful to all who have given to the College in the past and who are now willing to invest in our promising future. Spelman for one hundred proud years has educated black women who achieve. We will continue this tradition in our second century. With your support we will succeed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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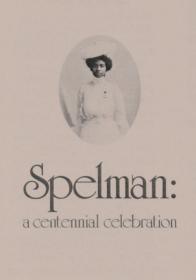
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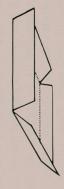
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Dr. Lois Moreland, chair of the Department of Political Science, beams with pride for her students Tonie Washington and Odrie Chapman who were both nominated for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship and who received nominee certificates. Later Ms. Chapman received word that she had been awarded a scholarship. The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress as the official federal memorial to honor the thirty-third President of the United States. It is a permanent educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding students to prepare for careers in government.



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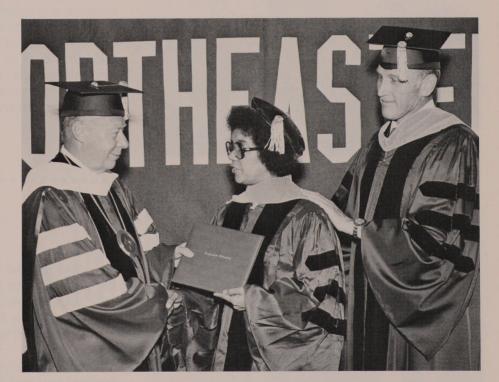
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Senior Bench Restored — The Class of 1941 restored the Senior Bench tradition in time for the Centennial Class Day Celebration. Having started the tradition, some of the classmates returned for the ceremony. Seated is Mrs. Sadie Allen, (Associate Dean for Life Planning Programs). Behind Mrs. Allen (left to right) are: Mrs. Rosa Hill Brown, Mrs. Evelyn Sease Quivers, Dr. Penelope Bullock, Mrs. Edith Arnold Hambrick, and Mrs. Verta Carter Owens. The original Senior Bench was first dedicated on Class Day 1941 and is traditionally dedicated to the incoming senior class annually on Founders Day. The Bench was made of lumber from the original Civil War Quarters on Spelman's campus site.





Marian Wright Edelman of Washington, D.C., founder and director of the Children's Defense Fund, public interest lawyer, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Spelman College, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at Northwestern University's 80th commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 21, in the Boston Garden.

Northeastern University President Kenneth G. Ryder (left) presented Mrs. Edelman with the honorary degree citation which read in part, "Since 1973 as founder and director of the Children's Defense Fund, you have brought your talent and your energy to focus on advocating and assuring our civil rights and the rights of our children. In representing the interests of the young in the courts and to government officials, and by informing the public, you have defended and expanded the rights of children.

Mrs. Edelman was one of 12 leaders in business, politics, and education to be honored by Northeastern in two separate ceremonies

Norman Rosenblatt, right, dean of Northeastern's College of Criminal Justice, served as Mrs. Edelman's escort and adjusted her honorary hood.



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