

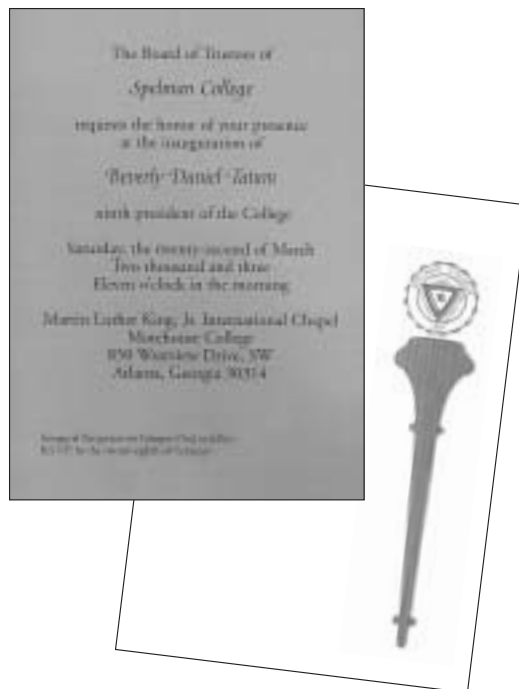
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The Inauguration of Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

On March 22, 2003, Spelman College will celebrate a new era with the inauguration of its ninth president, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum. Dr. Tatum is committed to continuing Spelman's historic legacy of academic excellence and is passionately dedicated to ensuring that Spelman College remains "Nothing Less Than the Best."

The inaugural festivities will begin on Friday, March 21st with the Inaugural Symposia, and will feature a celebratory weekend of activities, including a community forum and the Inaugural Ceremony and Reception. The festivities will close on Sunday, March 23rd with the Inaugural Worship Service and an Alumnae Tea. ●



Inaugural Schedule of Events

Inaugural Symposia

March 21, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center

Community Forum

March 21, Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Sisters Chapel

Inaugural Ceremony

March 22, Saturday
9:30 a.m. Registration and Robing of Delegates
Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Academic Center
10:15 a.m. Processional
11:00 a.m. Inauguration
Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel,
Morehouse College

Inaugural Reception

March 22, Saturday
Spelman College Campus Oval

Inaugural Worship Service

March 23, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Sisters Chapel

Alumnae Tea

March 23, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Spelman College Campus Oval

First Cosby Endowed Professor in the Social Sciences

Distinguished scholar and economist Dr. William A. Darity, Jr. has been named the first William and Camille Olivia Hanks Cosby Endowed Professor in the social sciences. He is the fourth Cosby Endowed Professor in all, joining Professor Ayoka Chenzira, Dr. Bernice Reagon and Dr. Sheila Walker.

This semester he is teaching the course, *Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality: A Cross-National Perspective*. "I've always been very impressed with Spelman," says Dr. Darity, whose course challenges students to explore the causes and consequences of racial and ethnic division from a comparative, cross-national perspective. It will culminate with a daylong symposium on April 10th devoted to the prospect of reparations for African Americans.

Dr. Darity's research and teaching interests include racial and ethnic economic inequality, North-South theories of develop-



Dr. William A. Darity, Jr.

ment and trade, the Atlantic slave trade and the Industrial Revolution as well as the social and psychological effects of exposure to unemployment. He is the Cary C. Boshamer Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, research professor of Public Policy Studies at Duke University and director of the Institute of African-American Research. He has published over 100 articles in professional journals and has authored and/or edited seven books. His most recent publication, co-authored with Samuel Myers, Jr., is *Persistent Disparity: Racial Economic Inequality in the United States Since 1945*.

Cyber stations will be available to Spelman guests during Inaugural Weekend. Guests will have access to e-mail and the ability to view inaugural photos taken throughout the weekend and to share memories with family, friends and alumnae. Cyber stations will be located in the Manley Student Center in the upper concourse training room and in the Science Center in room 140.

While at Spelman, Dr. Darity hopes to encourage students to pursue doctoral degrees. "This is an institution that has a lot of tradition in producing very talented scholars," says Dr. Darity. "I really would like to encourage as many of the students here as possible to consider careers in the academy." ●

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Editor's Note

Greetings! Please allow me to introduce myself; I am **Lorraine Robertson**, the new Assistant Director of Public Relations and Editor of *Inside Spelman*. I am thrilled to be a part of such a successful and prestigious institution, and I welcome your thoughts, information and suggestions for *Inside Spelman*. Please feel free to contact me at 404.215.7721 or via email lrobertson@spelman.edu.



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A DIALOGUE WITH DR. T.

"This place was built for me." There are not many places in America a black woman can say that, but Spelman College is one of them. For that reason, a lot of young black women want to be at Spelman College. Our acceptance rate of 43% compares very favorably with other women's colleges.

However, our applicant pool is a needy one – 87% are eligible for aid. Unlike other institutions that we compete against for students, we do not fully fund their need. In truth, we can't afford to.

We offer a small number of scholarships on the basis of merit – 30 Dean's Scholarships that cover full tuition, 45 Academic Scholarships that cover partial tuition and seven to 10 Presidential Scholarships that cover tuition, fees, room and board. In addition to these merit-based awards, this academic year we offered a total of \$715,877 in need-based aid to 483 students, representing only 28% of those students requesting financial aid. Note that the average award was \$2,000, which constitutes less than 10% of the total cost to attend Spelman, which is approximately \$20,000.

The fact that most of our aid is given out on a merit basis may come as a surprise. One of the main reasons is because we have been the recipient of restricted gifts, which specify that the money be given on the basis of merit (defined largely by GPA and SAT scores).

As the new president, I am concerned about this – for two reasons. I am concerned about an overemphasis on SATs as a determinant of merit. As a parent, I took pride in my son's SAT scores. He has always tested well, and his strong performance did not come as a surprise. However, I know that there is a strong correlation between family income and test performance, and if we rely on test performance as an indicator of merit and award financial support on that basis, we are offering further advantage to those who are *already* economically advantaged.

The following scenario also raises concern for me. Not long ago I was speaking with Rosa Kilpatrick, president of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, who shared with me the story of two families – one is a high income family that has one son at Harvard (where they pay the full tuition, approximately \$35,950) and a daughter at Spelman (where she is the recipient of a large merit-based scholarship). Another less affluent family from the same town has a daughter at Spelman and is borrowing heavily, struggling to pay for her to attend, with little assistance from Spelman. This does not seem fair to me. Parents who can afford to pay for their children's education should do so, and those with fewer resources should have access to more institutional, need-based support.

You may ask, well, if you feel that way, what are you going to do about it? I think we can look at what latitude we have for how we define merit (demonstrated leadership, community service, etc.) but certainly we want to increase the unrestricted funds available for financial support, so we can adopt a need-based strategy. And, if there is any doubt, donations are welcome!

In the merit-based auction, Spelman cannot compete with the well-endowed colleges that we compete against such as Smith College or Stanford University – our pockets are not deep enough. But we are fortunate that we are still able to offer *what no one else can offer* to a young black woman. Spelman offers an excellent liberal arts experience in an environment designed especially with her in mind, and an invitation to join the Spelman sisterhood, a worldwide network of talented, powerful women. Our alumnae and the clarity of our mission are among our greatest assets, and despite the financial aid challenges, I am tremendously optimistic about Spelman's future. ●



Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

College Names New Deans

Dr. Donna Akiba Harper (right), professor of English, and Dr. Desiree Pedescleaux, chair and associate professor of political science, have been appointed as dean of undergraduate studies and associate dean of undergraduate studies for sophomores and juniors, respectively. The two new deans recently visited Spelman's newly renovated snack bar in the lower level of the Manley Student Center.



Spelman's SGA President, Ehimwenma Joyce Iyamu

How long have you been the president of the Student Government Association (SGA) and what is your commitment to Spelman while you are in office?

I was elected Student Government Association President last spring. As president I am committed to creating a governing body that truly strives to represent the issues and concerns of Spelman women. I am also committed to fostering an environment that cultivates sisterhood, service and cooperation with the Spelman administration and the Atlanta community.

What is your major, and what are your plans after graduation?

I am a philosophy major and writing minor. After graduation, I will attend law school. Eventually, I hope to engage in legal scholarship and public service.

Where are you from, and what other organizations, activities or accomplishments would you like to share?

My parents moved to the United States from Nigeria in 1979 to find more educational opportunities. My family currently



resides in Missouri City, Texas, which is in the Houston metropolitan area. I have volunteered with a plethora of organizations

such as Girl Scouts of America, Junior Achievement, Clemente Adult Literacy Program and Hands On Atlanta.

I am also a contributing writer for the *Spelman Spotlight*, a member of the Spelman College Philosophy Club and a very active member of my sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I have also been honored with membership in the Ethel Waddell Githii Honors Program, Dean's List, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honour Society, Mortar Board Senior Honor Society and Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

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Dr. Marisela Mancía – Research Technician (Department of Biology)

Dr. Tatum's Fifth Anniversary Book Release

Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum is celebrating the release of the fifth anniversary edition of her critically acclaimed book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race*, featuring a new epilogue and a group discussion guide.

The book was released on January 15th by Basic Books and is available in stores now.



SPOTLIGHT ON TRUSTEES

Anne Roosevelt

Anne Roosevelt joined Spelman's Board of Trustees in 2002. Her dedication and commitment have made her an invaluable addition to the Spelman community.

Ms. Roosevelt is the Director of Community and Education Relations for Boeing World Headquarters and previously was the Executive Director of the Brain Research Foundation, an affiliate of the University of Chicago. She is the daughter of the late James Roosevelt, the eldest son of the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and his wife, Eleanor.

An active and highly regarded community leader, Ms. Roosevelt is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the Advisory Board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Advisory Board for the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Old Town School of Folk Music, and is a member of the Chicago Sister Cities Casablanca Committee. She serves as chairman of the board of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation, chair of the



Anne Roosevelt



Ray M. Robinson

advisory committee for the Center for New Deal Studies at Roosevelt University and co-chair of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in New York.

Ray M. Robinson
Ray M. Robinson has had a longstanding relationship with Spelman College. Based in Atlanta, he has made immeasurable contributions as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1996.

Mr. Robinson is the President of AT&T's Southern Region, which includes Florida, Geor-

gia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. He is responsible for marketing, sales and promotions of AT&T's Business and Consumer Services for the Southern Region. He has also held several key senior management roles in the Atlanta metropolitan area including president and CEO of AT&T Tridom, president of AT&T's Southern Region Consumer Services, vice president – operations for Business Customer Care, service vice president of AT&T Outbound Services and access vice president for the Southern/Southwestern Regions.

In addition to his commitment to Spelman College, Mr. Robinson serves on the Board of Directors for Avnet, Inc., Acuity Brands, Inc., Citizens Trust Bank and Mirant Corporation. He is also a valued board member of the Atlanta Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Commerce Club, the *Atlanta Tribune* Editorial Advisory Board, and the Woodruff Arts Center of Atlanta. He is a trustee of Meharry Medical College and the University of Denver Alumni Association. In addition, he is a member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the National Black MBA Association. ●

Spelman Salutes

Appointments

Alma Jean Billingslea Brown, associate professor of English, has been appointed by the College Board to its national committee to revise the SAT. She will also present a paper on the activist and educator Septima Clark at the Conference on Women in the Modern Civil Rights Movement to be held at Sarah Lawrence College in March.

Awards

Cosby Endowed Professor **Dr. Bernice Reagon** has received the ninth annual Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities. She is being recognized for advancing and preserving the African American experience of the 20th century.

Cosby Endowed Professor **Ayoka Chenzira** has won the Black Women Film Preservation Project Trailblazer Award in honor of her status as a pioneer independent filmmaker and the first black female film animator.

Published Works

Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, the Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies and English and the director of the Women's Research and Resource Center, published the book *Gender Talk: The Struggle for Women's Equality in African American Communities*, co-written by former Spelman president Dr. Johnnetta Cole (Oneworld/Ballantine Books, 2003). There is also an article in a January issue of *Black Issues in Higher Education* highlighting Dr. Guy-Sheftall and the Spelman HIV/AIDS conference to take place in Senegal, West Africa in June 2003.

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by **Christine King Farris**, associate professor of Education and director of the Learning Resource Center, was published by Simon & Schuster.

Bo Chen, Latanya Hammonds-Odie, Jeanette Perron, Brian A. Masters and John L. Bixby co-authored "SHP-2 Mediates Target-Regulated Axonal Termination and NGF-Dependent Neurite Outgrowth in Sympathetic Neurons," in the journal *Developmental Biology* 252: 170-187, 2002.

Excerpts from **Dr. Eddie Bradley, Jr.'s** play, *An Evening With Ira Aldridge*, will appear in the next issue of *Theatre Symposium*. The play is also referenced in the new edition of George McCalmon and Christian Moe's book, *Creating Historical Drama*, published by Southern Illinois University Press.

The Spelman Glee Club has released two new CDs: *Amaze and Inspire, 2002-2003 Spelman Glee Club*, Director Dr. Kevin Johnson, and *Spelman College Glee Club 1970*, Director Dr. Roland Allison. They also made their first trip to Italy in February 2003, during which they performed in Florence, Rome, Spoleto and Assisi.

10th Anniversary Corporate Partners Program Conference To Feature Owner of Atlanta Falcons and U.S. Secretary of Education

Spelman College's Corporate Partners Program, designed to build long-term, dynamic and productive relationships between Spelman and corporate America marks its 10th anniversary this year.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, March 20, 2003

9:30 – 2:00 pm

Corporate Partners' FEST: Knowing Your Partner

A campus-wide festival showcasing Spelman's corporate partners to the Spelman family. Booths will feature the companies' products.

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Keynote Luncheon

Recognition Awards

Speaker: **Mr. Arthur Blank**, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation; Owner, Atlanta Falcons

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Special Session: Moving Forward...

Looking Ahead

Dr. Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education

3:00 – 4:15 pm

Conference Breakout Sessions (concurrent)

A Time of Discovery: Participants will have an opportunity to engage in two of four panel discussions.

Faculty Panel –

The Real Real World: Liberal Arts Dances with Corporate America

Student Panel –

Why We Love the Companies that Care

Staff Panel –

Nontraditional Branding: Broadening the Scope While Strengthening the Linkages

Corporate Partners' Panel –

Sharing Best Practices: Spelman and the Company She Keeps

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Networking/Reception

Hosted by the Spelman College Museum of Fine Art

Exhibit: *Made From Scratch: One Planet Under a Groove: Contemporary Art and Hip Hop*

Friday, March 21, 2003

8:00 – 10:00 am

Breakfast of Champions

Recognition of Charter Corporate Partners

10:00 – 2:00 pm

Celebrity Golf Tournament

Charlie Yates Golf Course
East Lake Meadows

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Awards Luncheon

Speaker: **Mayor Shirley Franklin**, City of Atlanta



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