## IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

### Quarles salute

Hats off to Morris A. Soper Library staff at Morgan State University.

Hats off too, to the famed historian, author, scholar, **Dr. Benjamin Quarles.** The Soper Library has designated an Afro-American Studies Room to bear his name.

Dedication is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The public is invited.

What an excellent opportunity for teachers to give history students and other interested young people an opportunity to meet one of the nation's most distinguished writers and scholars.

Dr. Quarles, who was 85 on January 23, is emeritus professor of history at Morgan. He is respected and revered for his scholarly books on black Americans and their role in history. He has to his credit nine books, published since 1948. First was his extensive work on the abolitionist, Maryland-born Frederick Douglass.

His latest book, published in April 1988, is entitled, The Black Mosaic. It is a series of essays in black history and historiography - an excellent source for the general reading public.

### Wrote 9 books

Here are the nine books written by Dr. Quarles:

1. Frederick Douglass, 1948.
2. The Negro in The Civil War, 1953.
3. The Negro in The American Revolution 1961.
4. Lincoln and The Negro, 1962.
5. The Negro in The Making of America, 1964 (This book is for general readers is used as supplementary text in many black history courses).
6. Black Abolitionists, 1969.
7. Allies For Freedom: (Blacks and John Brown, 1974.
8. A revised and updated version of The Negro in The Making of America, 1987 (used as supplementary in black history, courses)
9. Black Mosaic; — Essays in Black History and Historiography, April 1988.

Plus, Dr. Quarles has the following books co-edited, to his credit co-edited The Black American: A Documentary, with Leslie H. Fishel. Jr. (1976). Book collaborated upon: Dorothy Sterling, Lift Every Voice (1965. Books edited: Narrative of The Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave (1960); Frederick Douglass in Great Lives Observed Series (1968); Blacks on John Brown (1972).

There is more:—(a) original chapters in books, 20; (b) articles, 23; (c) shorter pieces, 70; (d) articles and biographical sketches in encyclopedias, 26; (e) documentary source books edited, 5; (f) introductions to reprints of books, 12; (g) forewords to original books, 4; (h) forewords to federal government publications, 2; (i) foreword to microfilm collection, 1; (j) book reviews, 107.

### 17 doctorates

Dr. Quarles' distinguished works have earned him 17 doctorates — first in 1966 from Shaw University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1931; from U. of Wisconsin, where he received graduate degree and doctorate in 1933 and 1940.

His latest honorary was presented in 1988 from U. of Md. Baltimore County, (UMBC), was second from the Maryland school. College Park campus presented him with a similar honor in 1971.

Other honorary doctorates have come from Towson State College, Kenyon College, Howard University, Morgan State College, Colby College, Kent State University, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), Salisbury State College, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, Kean College of New Jersey, Bowie State College and University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Benjamin Quarles
Banhamin Quarloe

Special: — We were present at the UMBC June 1988 graduation where Dr. Benjamin Quarles was honored. Excerpt from the written citation for his doctorate for humane letters degree:

"No one has been more capable than he, for instance, in creating a constructive dualism, characteristic of all his works, through which he shows a profound concern for what blacks were doing and how they shaped of the course of events, and, at the same time, a deep understanding of the white actors in the shared drama. "Even empathy" and "even handedness" are the striking of all his writings . ."

### A tribute

Orchids to Dr. Quarles — a brilliant scholar-softspoken gentleman whom many admire for his contributions.

August M. Meier put it best in his introduction to Dr. Quarles' latest book, Black Mosaic. He said:

"He has served as a model to a whole generation of scholars in Afro-American, white and black alike.

"His syntheses of Civil War and abolition, his authoritative book and articles on the Renovation, his sensitive analysis of Lincoln, and the blacks are all works that remain unequalled or unsurpassed.

"Even his pioneering **Frederick Douglass** remains a solid and highly respected monograph. The present and the next generation of historians are, and will be, writing from a later perspective and addressing themselves to different questions, but Quarles's works not only plowed new ground; they will live as standard treatments of topics for years to come."

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Personal: Dr. Quarles and his family, long residents of the Morgan Park area in Baltimore, now reside in Millersville, Md. Family includes his wife, **Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles,** director-emeritus of counseling at Morgan State University.

Daughter, **Dr. Roberta Q. Knowles,** associate professor of English, University of Virgin Islands, St. Croix, is wife of **Conrad Knowles,** have son, **James Arthur,** age 8.

Daughter, **Dr. Pamela Ann Quarles,** is a practicing psychiatrist, Alexandria, Va. Husband is **Rastan Pourzal,** have son, **Jonathan,** 3 Years old.

Cuff note: Dr. Quarles dedicated his 1988 book, Black Mosaic, to his grandsons.

## This Week in Black America

**POLITICS:** GOP leaders have joined black politicians and activists in their outcry against the election of David Dukes to a seat in the Louisiana legislature. Dukes is a former high-ranking official in the Ku Klux Klan.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Gary Coleman, who once played the pint-sized child prodigy Arnold Willis for several years on the hit NBC sitcom "Different Strokes," has filed a lawsuit against his parents — charging that they took too much of his earnings during the heyday of the series.

**MUSIC:** A report published by The Star says that Grammy award-winning vocalist Anita Baker recently suffered a miscarriage. Baker, 30, who married Detroit marketing whiz Walter Bridgeforth in a private ceremony on Christmas Eve was due to deliver in July.

### THE FLAME

The black candle was lit
And the fire burned
It traveled over the countryside
And soon all had learned
That something fearless was about
Some resented
And tried to put it out
Others cheered and watched with awe
They believed in what they saw
And heard, for there was such a need
And here, indeed,
Was the dream they had sought
For which men had died
And men had fought

Black pride became contagious
Hope filled the air
Peace rose to power
And the light was still there
So many followed
That it grew into a flame
There was much rejoicing
And many called it by name
Then one day without a warning
The flame was snuffed out
And left us all in mourning
But we'll always remember that flame
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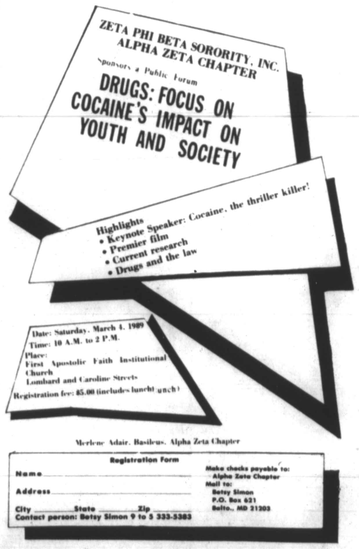




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# Police search Mandela home, confiscate bloody clothes

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — "Dozens of police confiscated bloody clothing in a raid on the home of activist Winnie Mandela and detained four of her bodyguards for questioning about alleged beatings and the slaying of a 14-year-old black boy.

Two other blacks have been arrested in the killing of popular township doctor Abubaker Asvat, who examined the boy's body and whose death might be linked to the case.

The two were scheduled for arraignment Monday, investigation chief Maj. Gen. Jaap Joubert said.

Police spokesman Col. Steve van Rooyen said police Sunday apprehended four members of the Mandela United Football Club, the soccer team whose members serve as Mrs. Mandela's security force, at the Mandela compound.

Joubert said the four were being questioned, but charges had yet to be filed against the men who protect the anti-apartheid activist wife of Nelson Mandela, jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

The chief investigator said the bloodied items, including clothes, shoes, and at least one knife, would be tested for comparison with blood of Stompie Moeketsi Seipie, the 14-year-old black activist allegedly abducted with three other youths Dec. 29 by the soccer team.

The youths were taken from the Methodist Church of the Rev. Paul Verryn, whom Mrs. Mandela alleged had been sexually abusing them. She has denied personal involvement in allegations they were beaten in a bid to extract information about their relationship with the white reverend.

The badly decomposed body of Seipie was found in Soweto Jan. 6, with his jugulars slashed, and was positively identified last week.

The state-run South African Broadcasting Corp. identified one of the four detained Sunday as team coach Jerry Richardson.

A week ago, Richardson admitted in an interview with the newspaper **City Press** he gave the youths "a few smacks to tell the truth," but he said Seipie escaped.

The police raid came a day after South African Council of Churches General Secretary Frank Chikane announced Mrs. Mandela, acting on orders of her husband, had agreed to disband the club and relocate the members.

As a bright moon shone over Mrs. Mandela's home in the Diepkloff Extension suburb of the black satellite city of Soweto, police surrounded the compound and began a methodic search, inspecting even the chimney and back rooms occupied by soccer team members.

Using lock picks, police opened sealed chests of clothing and the trunk of a car in the garage, sifted through stacks of shoes and talked quietly as dawn broke, pointing out apparent bloodstains on walls and lifting fingerprints, according to police film footage of the raid.

Even family photo albums were searched. One photograph showed a smiling Winnie and Nelson before his arrest in 1962 and subsequent sentence to life imprisonment in 1964 for plotting the overthrow of the minority white government.

Mrs. Mandela and her daughter, Zindzi, were home as were various unidentified children, some of whom slept as police moved through the rooms.

Wearing a white robe and a leopard pattern scarf, Mrs. Mandela appeared to be unruffled by the search but declined comment with reporters outside.

Joubert, the deputy chief of the Criminal Investigation Division, said six houses were searched Sunday, including Mrs. Mandela's office and the home of freelance cameraman Roger Harris.

SOWETO, South Africa — An armed policeman carries away a box of clothes from the home of Winnie Mandela after a dawn raid. South African police say the raid came about in the course of a murder investigation.

# Ex-Klan wizard elected in Louisiana

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Sunday the election of a former Ku Klux Klansman to the Louisiana legislature is a reflection of a widespread racial tension in the United States and called for a national commission to study the problem.

Jackson said former Klan Grand Wizard David Duke was elected Saturday "by people trapped in racism," but stressed Duke's election "must not be seen in isolated terms."

"It's a real challenge for us to ease racial tensions," Jackson said, calling for the appointment of a commission to study racism in the United States. "It is a problem the entire nation has to deal with."

Jackson said former President Ronald Reagan's years in office had been marked by racial insensitivities, such as Reagan's visit to a cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where Nazi SS officers were buried:

And his lack of support for divestiture of investments in South Africa.

"Reagan himself was openly endorsed by the Klan," Jackson said.

Reagan renounced a 1984 KKK endorsement, and, along with President Bush, urged Louisiana voters to elect Duke's opponent, John Treen. Both Duke and Treen ran as Republicans in the largely white district around Metairie, La.

Red-faced Republicans trying to figure out what to do about David Duke evidently have decided to lock the coop after an unwanted chicken came home and roosted in it.

A GOP Southern strategy successful for two decades backfired embarrassingly this weekend when white conservatives elected to the Louisiana Legislative the former Ku Klux Klan imperial wizard.

Duke's victory threatened to torpedo a new national Republican plan to attract blacks and other minority voters.

Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater, charged with implementing that plan, called Duke "a pretender, a charlatan."

President Bush and former President Ronald Reagan campaigned against Duke. He was denounced by prominent Jews and Catholics. He was disowned by political leaders of both parties in Louisiana.

But when the votes were counted late Saturday night Duke had enough of them to claim "the greatest political upset in Louisiana history."

The Republican National Committee will hold an executive meeting this week to condemn Duke and deny him any form of party aid—what one GOP leader called "the political equivalent of excommunication."

That hardly will ruffle the feathers of a man who got into the GOP coop by narrowly defeating conservative Republican John Treen in a special election to fill a House seat for a predominantly white district in Suburban New Orleans.

After all, a man who has cavorted publicly in bedsheets and storm-trooper drag is not easily embarrassed.

Duke, 39leads the National Association for the Advancement of White People, an outfit that has advocated resettling ethnic groups, such as Jews, in ghettos.

In his Nazi phase at Louisiana State University, he professed admiration for Adolf Hitler.

To win, Duke soft-pedaled his well-documented racism and tried to look and sound as much as possible as a conservative Republican.

He trained his guns on abortion, welfare and affirmative action, embracing a GOP Southern strategy that generally has been successful for two decades.

In 1968, Richard Nixon brought into Republican ranks droves of disaffected white Democrats from the South and Midwest.

Republican candidates in those troubled times learned they could pile up points by hitting hard on such emotional issues as busing, welfare, crime and gun control.

The Southern strategy still flourished in the 1980s under Ronald Reagan, who sought tax breaks for segregated schools and angered blacks by cutting social programs.

The campaign that elected President Bush drew charges of demagoguery for a television ad dealing with a black rapist.

For quarterbacking that successful campaign, Bush installed Atwater as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The confrontational South Carolinian charged with implementing the GOP's grandiose new strategy to attract minorities has his work cut out for him.

For starters, he must devise a way to get an unwanted chicken who came home to roost out of the Republican coop.

## In The News

NEW YORK — LaToya Jackson says she loves snakes, and poses with one in that talked-about nude 12-page pictorial in Playboy Magazine. She has really gotten attention as she moves to get out of the shadow of her famous brother, Michael.

NEW YORK — Bishop Desmond Tutu is hugged by Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins as the Bishop was honored at the Stephen Wise Synagogue. Dinkins has announced he will be running for mayor of N.Y., opposing Mayor Koch.

ATLANTA — Former mayor Maynard Jackson kisses a female supporter after he announced he will be running for mayor again. He was Atlanta mayor from 1974-82, and faces opposition from Fulton Co. Commissioner Michael Lane.


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