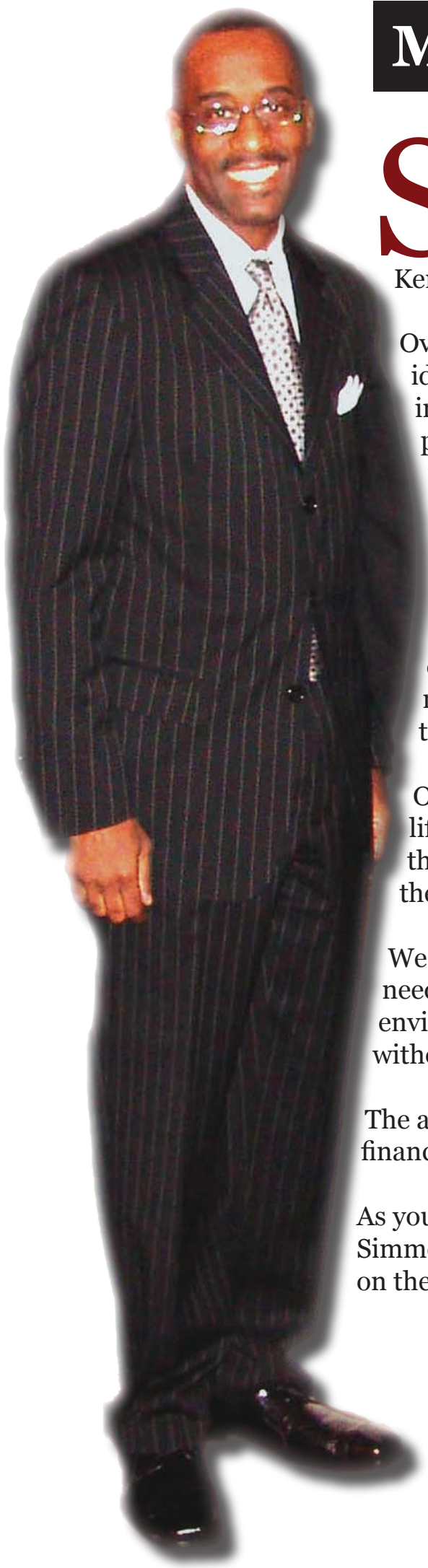


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Message from the President

Simmons College of Kentucky is one of only a few remaining historic African-American denominational schools in the nation. Established in 1879 by twelve black Baptist churches, we are the only black owned and operated and the oldest black college in the state of Kentucky.

Over the nearly 127 years of its life, Simmons has developed a distinctive identity of educational excellence. For the first half century after our inception, we trained most of the black teachers, ministers, lawyers, and physicians in the state. During the Great Depression of 1930 however, we were forced to close the school. But God allowed a remnant to remain, and our theological school (Simmons Bible College) reopened.

We began as a faith-based liberal arts college, and it is our current goal to return to a faith-based liberal arts college. As a private and independent college, Simmons has been free to provide its own mode of education and special quality of life for its students. Our historic relationship with the black Baptist church has marked our commitment to sound Judaeo-Christian values.

Our mission is to educate and equip individuals to fulfill their God-given life purpose. We plan to do this by preserving those aspects of Simmons that serve our students and society well, changing those that have lost their effectiveness.

We are in the process of altering our curriculum deliberately, in answer to needed changes dictated by the world today. As an organism adjusts to its environment without losing its identity, we are adjusting to our environment without losing our identity. The method will change but the message won't.

The aim of Simmons is to use education as a force to free people from financial and spiritual bondage.

As you read through this special edition, I hope you will capture the essence of Simmons College of Kentucky and consider partnering with us and building on the solid foundation that was laid over 127 years ago.

Kevin W. Cosby

Simmons College of Kentucky: Past and Present

by Lawrence H. Williams
Ph.D., Luther College



I am serving as a scholar-in-residence here at Simmons College of Kentucky, for the fall 2006 semester, as part of my sabbatical from Luther College in Iowa. I have taught for nearly 22 years at Luther College and in that period most of my research has been in relation to Simmons and its legacy. This has included two books, *Black Higher Education In Kentucky, 1879-1930: The History of Simmons University*

(1987) and *The Charles H. Parrish: Pioneers in African-American Religion and Education, 1880-1989* (2003), and several articles on African-American religion in general.

My premise is that little research has been done on all-Black independent colleges, like Simmons. Historically, these schools were different from those sponsored by white philanthropists and northern missionaries for blacks, such as Hampton and even Morehouse and Spelman. Consequently, schools (like Simmons) were started by blacks themselves to counteract the racial condescension and racism in white founded schools for African-Americans. In other words, initially blacks were not allowed to hold administrative positions or teach in white founded missionary schools. In their paternalism, white missionaries believed that it was too early for former slaves to be in charge of their own educational and cultural destiny. According to historian James McPherson, *The Abolitionist Legacy* (1975), and Miles Mark Fisher, *Short History of the Baptist Denomination* (1933), out of this tension developed schools like Simmons.

Simmons University was started as an independent African-American Baptist school in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1879 the school opened at 7th and Kentucky St., as the Kentucky Normal and Theological Institute, with Elijah P. Mars, a former slave, as president. A year later William J. Simmons, also a former slave, who held B.A. and M.A. degrees from Howard University, became president. Simmons was responsible for securing financial support from white Northern and Southern Baptists. In part, because of his influence, the National Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board (1895-1911) was located in Louisville and centered in the school that would later bear his name. Later a group of Louisville ministers headed the board, including Charles H. Parrish, Sr., a former Simmons pupil, who served as chairman.

In 1884 the school received university status and its name was changed to State University. After segregation of Berea College in 1904, State remained the only black Kentucky school offering a college degree, and claimed the distinction of being the only black owned institution in the nation providing college, medical and law degrees. In 1918 Charles H. Parrish, Sr. became president. In 1919, he led the movement to rename the school in honor of William J. Simmons, his mentor.

By 1922 there were 467 students in the college department, 33 theological students, property valued at \$750,000 and an endowment of \$54,000. But the economic crisis of the Depression caused Simmons' demise as a university. Parrish then helped to facilitate a merger between Simmons' undergraduate program and the University of Louisville, which brought into existence Louisville Colored Municipal College.

After August 1931 Simmons continued to function, but as a theological school (later as Simmons Bible College). The school moved to 18th and Dumesnil Street. The new president was Marshall Lanier, former dean, who developed a battery of students who adhered to what became known as "Simmons theology", based on Southern Baptist James R. Graves' "theology of Landmarkism".

In 1952, Dr. Marshall Lanier was replaced as president by Dr. W. L. Holmes, who held a M.Th. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Obviously, these were still difficult times for the school. In 1966, I taught a course at Simmons, replacing Emmanuel L. McCall, who became a director of interracial affairs for the SBC Home Mission Board. I also taught at Simmons, from 1968 to 1974, and served as assistant to President Holmes. I taught some of the first black history classes, in recent years (Professor Lester Mimms, a retired Earlington principal, said that black history had been taught earlier, during his student days, in the 1920's). Some of my students included Charles Mimms, Randal Hutchinson, Isaac Shoulders, and James L. Snardon, of whom became successful ministers. The Holmes administration may be characterized as holding its own. Several students matriculated at various seminaries in the area upon graduation, where they were quite successful.

Likewise, in 1985 my Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Iowa was on the history of old Simmons University. As a scholar-in-residence, I am teaching a course on black church history, and attempting to discern strategies of the new Simmons College of Kentucky in the present educational hierarchy.

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Our Partnerships

Campbellsville University, Simmons form partnership

By Peter Smith

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Simmons College of Kentucky and Campbellsville University agreed yesterday to a long-term partnership that will provide for faculty and student exchanges and other cooperative work.

The presidents of the two schools called the venture an effort to bridge past racial divisions.

Simmons is a historically black Bible college based in Louisville, affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Campbellsville is a historically white liberal arts college based in Taylor County; it is connected with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the state affiliate of the Southern Baptists.

“We think both institutions can be strengthened,” said Campbellsville President Michael Carter. “You take a rural, south-central Kentucky institution and an urban black institution, there’s a lot we can learn from one another.”

The Rev. Kevin Cosby, president of Simmons, said the agreement “makes a statement to the world about our faith.”

He said that while the Southern Baptist Convention officially renounced its history of racism in 1995, “many times the documents we sign become mere sentimentality, and they’re only substantive when we do substantive things like collaborating for the betterment of all people.”

The document marking the partnership envisions cooperation on worship and ministry activities. Simmons, on Dumesnil Street, has about 100 students. Campbellsville has an enrollment of 2,197 and also has a Louisville branch.

Simmons College and U of L form partnership

Business First of Louisville - August 4, 2005

Simmons College of Kentucky, formerly known as **Simmons Bible College**, and the **University of Louisville** have established a partnership to help broaden the college’s student and administrative offerings.

Simmons recently became a participant in U of L’s Signature Partnership Initiative, which focuses on reducing and eliminating disparities in the areas of education, health, economic development and human and social services in West Louisville, where Simmons is located.

The Louisville schools have agreed to explore a number of academic collaborations, according to a news release. These include beginning discussions to establish a pilot program that would allow Simmons students to gain admission to U of L upon completion of certain requirements and looking at opportunities for faculty exchanges between the schools.

“It is my firm belief that partnerships like this one make both schools stronger and allow Simmons and the University of Louisville to accomplish more than either school could do alone,” James R. Ramsey, U of L president, said in the release.



Simmons going back to school's roots

College to reclaim original campus, mission

By Peter Smith – psmith@courier-journal.com
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Seventy-six years ago, the Depression forced Louisville's only historically black college to sell its campus and shut down all but its religious classes.

Now, in a move filled with symbolism, Simmons College of Kentucky is reclaiming its original campus and mission.

Reacquiring the four-acre site at Seventh and Kentucky streets, where it was founded in 1879, is a modest step toward a big goal: to expand course offerings beyond Bible studies, eventually becoming a liberal arts college.

"It was never the vision of the founders of Simmons to be exclusively a Bible college," said the Rev. Kevin Cosby, who became its president last year and changed its name from Simmons Bible College to Simmons College of Kentucky.

"The vision of the fathers one generation removed from slavery was to equip African Americans to take advantage of free life," said Cosby, who is also pastor of St. Stephen Church. "There is still a need to equip our people to take advantage of opportunities."

Ron Sams, who has taught Old Testament at Simmons for several years, said the changes will bring new life to a school that "was just hanging on, waiting until its own funeral."

This fall, the college plans to launch the new Samuel Plato School of Technology Training, named for a prominent local architect and 1902 Simmons graduate. It will offer six- to eight-week classes in computers, health care and job-seeking skills, such as resume writing and public speaking.

'Exciting' plans

Cosby hopes for as many as 100 new students this fall. Besides the two buildings on the Seventh Street campus, Simmons plans to use a building at 18th and Dumesnil, where it has offered its Bible college courses in recent decades.

The school, which had 89 students in the academic year just completed, offers two bachelor's degrees, a diploma and a certificate. Hervict Jacobs of Capetown, South Africa, who is a junior at Simmons, called the plans "exciting."

"If you're not growing, you're dying," he said, saying he is inspired by Cosby's effort to recapture the ambitious spirit of the college's founders.

Simmons once operated as a full-fledged university, offering degrees in law, medicine, theology and other fields, Cosby said.

"If African Americans right out of slavery could build a major university with 10 departments, surely in the 21st century we could build an institution that's equipping our people to be productive," he said.

Simmons history

Financial problems in the early 1930s forced the school to sell its campus to the University of Louisville, which ran a segregated college for blacks there until the university was integrated in the 1950s.

Simmons, meanwhile, moved its surviving Bible college to 18th and Dumesnil.

The original Simmons campus later passed to Jefferson County Public Schools before Cosby's church acquired it in 1997 for \$150,000.

St. Stephen -- a Baptist church that has Kentucky's largest African-American congregation -- renovated the campus's two buildings for a community center. The church plans to turn the campus over to the school this summer.

Cosby said he hopes the church can recover the costs it put into the property, but "we're going to give it to them one way or the other."

Simmons has an annual budget of about \$600,000, about a third of which comes from churches in the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, a group of historically black churches.

Cosby said several business leaders have donated about \$1.5 million in the past two years. And he said that although Simmons has not received government assistance to date, officials are "exploring every avenue possible."

Tuition -- another funding source -- is \$125 per credit hour in the religious courses, but the school expects many of the new technical courses to be less expensive.

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Simmons breaks athletic hiatus after 76 years



by **Sherrolyn G. Duffy**
Simmons College of Kentucky

Simmons' new basketball team was introduced during Simmons' Night at the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky's 138th Joint Annual Session.

Since then however, there has been little to no mention of them. This may even be your first time hearing about a Simmons basketball team. So why the secrecy? Why no publicity until now? What's the deal, you ask? Well I wish you hadn't, because I must confess, it is for no other reason than I have just not gotten around to it. And please, don't any of you mail me a "round tuit"! I don't need any reminders of my human frailty.

If you've never heard of the Simmons Panthers, or you've heard a little bit about them and want to know more, just keep reading. Maybe I'll be able to redeem myself.



BASKET BALL

Top Row: Wood, Johnson, A. L., Wood, Candler.
Bottom Row: Jordan, Duncan, Hall (Capt.), Johnson, J. R., Kean.

1919 Men's Basketball Photo
(Simmons College of Kentucky Archives)

During the first ten years of the 20th century, most of the historically black colleges were just beginning to set up sports programs and in some cases athletic departments did not exist. Simmons University however, had a strong athletic department by the 1920's. Their extracurricular activities included intercollegiate football, basketball, baseball and track for men, and basketball for women.

C. H. Parrish, Jr., son of Simmons' seventh president, and the first black professor and department chair (1959) of the University of Louisville, coached the Simmons football team in the early 20's.

"Two of the greatest coaching legends in Kentucky and Tennessee started their careers at old Simmons, namely Henry Arthur Kean and Willie Lee Kean", states Dr. Lawrence H. Williams, author, historian, professor, and current scholar-in-residence at Simmons.



Henry Arthur Kean, pictured left, coached at Simmons University and later became the football coach at Kentucky State University from 1932-1943, leading them to four National Negro championships and 10 consecutive Midwestern Athletic Association championships. From 1944-1955, Kean served as head of the department of Health, Physical

Education and Recreation, the Director of Athletics, and head football coach at Tennessee State University. There he created five national championship teams and was one of the most highly respected and successful coaches in the country.

William L. Kean (1899-1958), Henry's brother, began coaching at Louisville Central High School in 1923 after leaving Simmons University as coach. He was football coach at Central for 33 years and basketball coach for 35 years. He led the football team to a 225-45-12 record and the basketball team to an 856-83 record. He still is the most winning high school basketball coach in Kentucky's history. In Kean's last year of coaching, 1958, he had a young man on the team with amazing reflexes, whom he believed had outstanding potential as a basketball player. Cassius Clay, Jr. however, was totally engrossed in boxing.

William Kean's daughter Alice, married the University of Louisville's first black assistant basketball coach, Allan Wade Houston, Sr., and their son, Allan W. Houston, Jr. became one of the best shooting guards in the National Basketball Association.

Simmons University's top-notch athletic program produced successful athletes right up until the school was forced to close during the Depression. It later reopened as a theological school, but without an athletics division.

For 76 years the undisputed excitement of intercollegiate athletic competition has been missing from the Simmons experience, but that's about to change.

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GED/Adult Education at Simmons

JCPS Adult Basic Education is excited to be a part of the renewal of Simmons College by offering Free GED and skill-building classes on-site. These free classes help students re-fresh their math, reading, and writing skills. By upgrading academic skills, students can better help their children with homework, earn a GED, and go on to college.

People who have a GED earn an average of \$7,827 more a year than those who do not have a high school credential or GED. That's a little more than \$650 extra per month. And not only is earning a GED important to an individual, but to our community as well. The more educated our workforce is, the more attractive Louisville will be to employers. This could result in not only more jobs, but better, higher-paying jobs for our community.

The partnership between Simmons and JCPS Adult Basic Education is off to a great start. The on-site GED program began in September, and there are already 40 students enrolled in the GED classes! The classes are open-entry which means that new students are welcome anytime during the semester. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon and in the evenings from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Instruction is delivered in a variety of ways: large group lessons, small group, and computer-assisted practice. We try hard to individualize instruction to meet the varying needs of our students.

It is never too late to enroll in the GED class at Simmons. Simply call 485-3400 or come to class and we can help you get started.

Jenny Forseth
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Simmons Basketball back after 76 years

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The Simmons Panthers will step onto the basketball court November 3, and officially pick up where our forefathers left off, as they play Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tennessee. The first home game of the season will be against Lindsey Wilson College on November 16.

“Reinstating the basketball program is a very significant part of the overall revitalization of Simmons,” President Kevin W. Cosby said. “Sports programs give a school life and provide a much needed balance between work and play. Also, the team members become ambassadors for Simmons in the community and project positive images to our young people.”

Since James Naismith invented basketball in 1891 to keep young men in the Young Men’s Christian Association occupied during the long New England winters, it has become an international pastime. It is now played by more than 250 million people worldwide in an organized fashion, not to mention the countless others who play in “pick-up” games, and who are simply spectators.

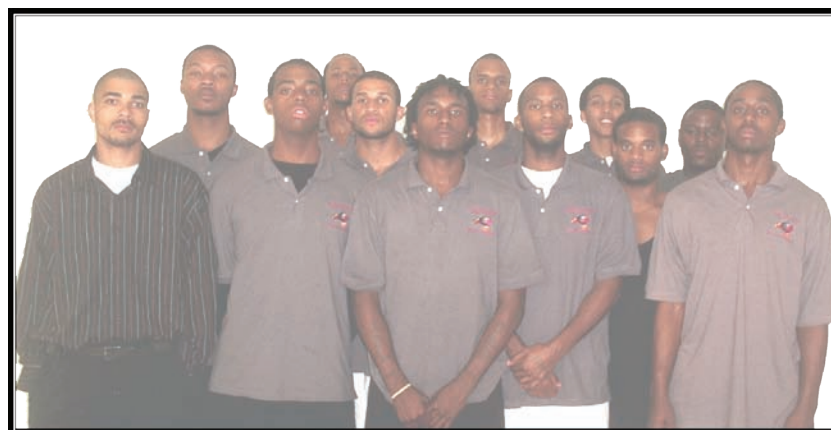
“I’m one of the best ball players around,” President Cosby touts. “There aren’t too many that can touch my game. But I have to admit, a few of the Panthers come awful close.”

Whether President Cosby has “got game” or not, there is no mistake, the Simmons Panthers do. They are definitely “ballers”. They’re at the top of their game and are ready to “represent”!

In 1942 an anonymous poet wrote about the stimulation of basketball.

The gym lights gleam like a beacon beam
And a million motors hum
In a good will flight on a Friday night;
For basketball beckons, “Come!”
A sharp-shooting mite is king tonight.
The madness of March is running.
The winged feet fly, the balls sail high
And field goal hunters are gunning.

I beckon you to “Come!” catch the excitement of the flying winged feet of the Simmons Panthers. Come see and support this fine team of players not only in the madness of March, but throughout the entire season. Be a part of the reinstatement of this historical black school’s athletic program.



2006-2007 Simmons College of Kentucky Panthers

First Row: Chester Murphy, Stephon Gazaway, Deshawn Pendleton, Alfonzo Brown, Kelvin Wilson, Mario Jones

Second Row: Ceedrick Ware, Jordan Newby, Mike LaPradd, Dominic Flynn, Alex Newby, Coach Stan Hughes

2006-2007 Men’s Roster & Schedule

Deshawn Pendleton	Pleasure Ridge Park High School (2003)
Mario Jones	Fairdale High School (2004)
Michael LaPradd	Fairdale High School (2004)
Ceedrick Ware	Jeffersontown High School (2006) – 2006 Kentucky State H. S. Championship Most Valuable Player
Alex Newby	Ballard High School (2006)
Alfonzo Brown II	Fairdale High School (2002)
Dominic Flynn	Fairdale High School (2006)
Kelvin Wilson Jr.	Seneca High School (2004)
Jordan Newby	Ballard High School (2004)
Brandon Johnson	Fairdale High School (2006)
Chester Murphy	Central High School (2002)
Harry Osterhoudt	Montgomery High School (2002)
Vic Bartley	Atherton High School (2005)
Shamon Meux	Fairdale High School (2004)
Stephon Gazaway	Waggener High School (2006)

November 3 - 4	Senators Classic Tournament at Walters State vs. Chattanooga State vs. Walters State - 3 p.m.
November 6	Chipola Community College (FL) at Motlow State
November 7	at Volunteer State
November 9	at Asbury College
November 11	at Mid-Continent - 4 p.m.
November 16	Lindsey Wilson
November 21	at Jackson State
November 24 - 25	Barton County Kansas Tournament at Barton, Kansas vs. Barton County vs. Cloud Community College - 6 p.m.
November 27	Asbury College
November 30	at Lincoln Memorial (IN)
December 1 - 2	Wabash Valley College Tournament at Wabash, Indiana vs. Mineral Area CC - 5:30 p.m. vs. Olive-Harvey CC - 5:30 p.m.
December 4	Campbellsville University
December 5	at Mt. St. Joseph (Ohio)
December 7	at Cumberland College
December 11	at LWC
December 16	Chattanooga State
December 22	at Columbus State (Ohio)
January 4	at Rend Lake (Illinois)
January 8	at Pikeville College
January 10	Lindsey Wilson
January 12 - 13	Jackson State Tournament at Jackson, Tennessee vs. TBA vs. TBA
January 15	Cumberland College
January 16	Oakland City (IN)
January 18	at Cleveland State
January 20	at Roane - 4 p.m.
January 22	at Campbellsville
January 29	at Chattanooga State
February 6	Transylvania
February 8	at Union College
February 10	at Oakland City (Indiana) - 3 p.m.
February 12	at Transylvania
February 14	Mid-Continent
February 19	Pikeville College
February 24	at Tiffin University

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made toward accreditation and a co-operative program has been developed between Simmons and Campbellsville University, a Kentucky Baptist school. The old Simmons campus at 7th and Kentucky St. is soon to be repurchased and renovated, and a cooperative program is in the making with the University of Louisville and the city of Louisville, former owners of the old campus.

Greater than this, President Cosby has cast a wide net in his attempt to raise Simmons to the level of a liberal arts college, and to make the college appeal to the interest of the community in general. Actually, the old Simmons University had similar appeal, in that it was the only college offering a liberal arts education to blacks between 1904 and 1931. Kentucky State did not become a liberal arts college until the demise of Simmons as a university.

Essentially, President Cosby is enacting a program that is comparable to the one initiated by William J. Simmons. Under Simmons' leadership the school became a bona fide university with educational, theological, law, and medical departments. In order to enact such a program, Simmons' initiative had to move beyond religious sectarianism, embracing all religious affiliations. President Cosby is to be applauded for enacting similar plans and ideas.

President Cosby has other new plans and initiatives as well. There are tuition grants, the Campbellsville University transferable credit agreement, GED classes, and the Samuel Plato School of Workforce Development, which will open soon. There also is a new Simmons basketball team that is playing in a junior college league. Likewise, two of the greatest coaching legends in Kentucky and Tennessee started their careers at old Simmons, namely Henry Arthur Kean and Willie Lee Kean.

From all indications the new Simmons College of Kentucky is on the rise. If the school and president succeed in any degree in their efforts to remedy the problems of inner city blight, especially in relation to youth, the new Simmons College of Kentucky will be a success. As to date, the enrollment is 132, twice as many students as last year.

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Cooperative efforts

Cosby also plans to develop an educational partnership with Campbellsville University, a Baptist liberal arts college based in Taylor County with a Louisville branch.

He said he hopes to learn from Campbellsville's experience in starting a work-force training center in the 1990s that helped Taylor County rebound from job losses.

Campbellsville President Michael Carter agreed that the colleges share a "history of working through difficult economics and difficult social situations."

Under a new agreement, Simmons students wanting to get a degree from Campbellsville can transfer certain core credits in such areas as English, psychology, sociology and mathematics, which are already part of Simmons' Bible school curriculum.

President Mary Evans Sias of Kentucky State University in Frankfort, the state's historically black university, also hopes to start cooperative programs with Simmons.

"It would be a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with them," she said. "We don't necessarily see it as competition."

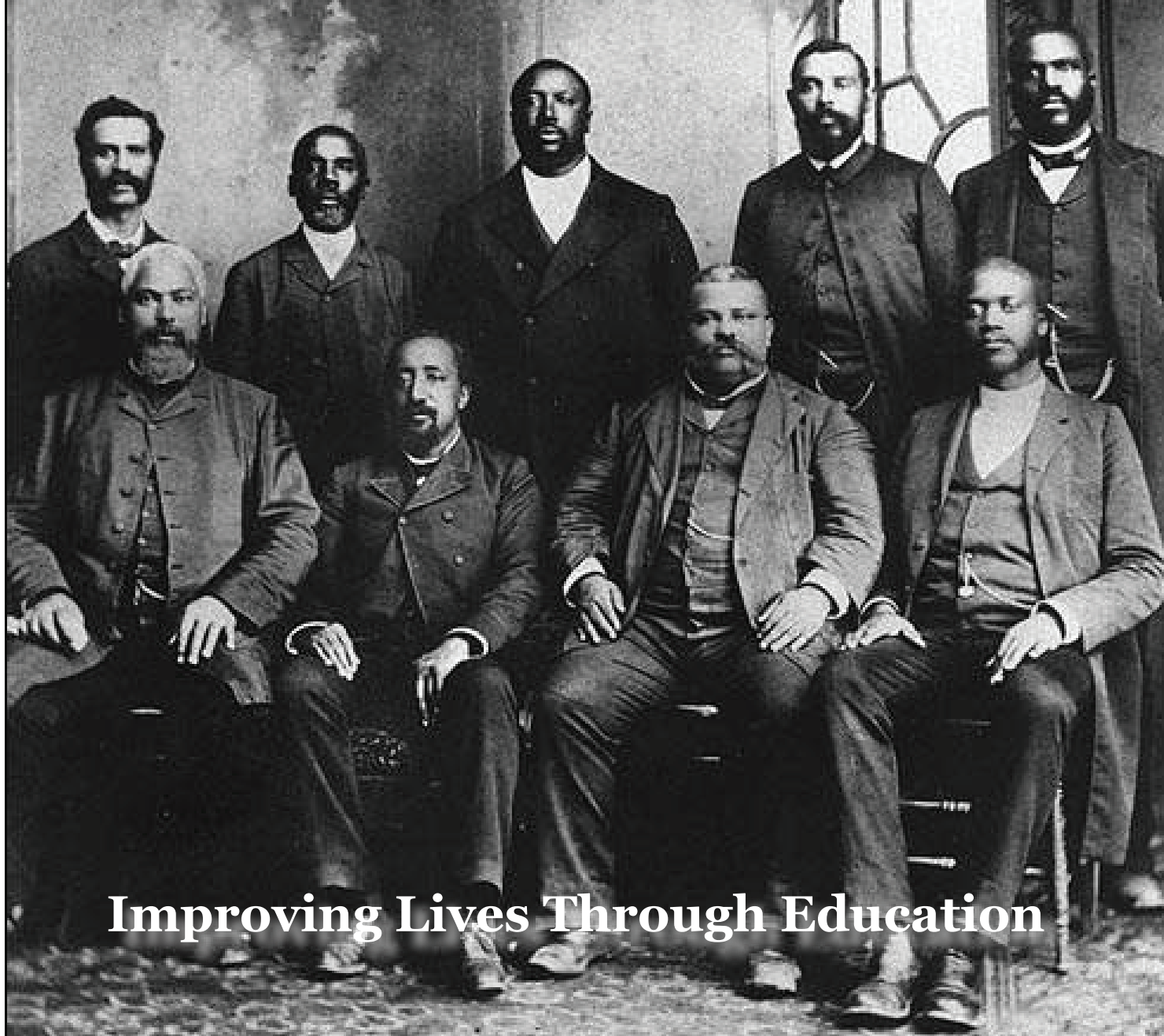
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