



# Rappin' with a real Guru

Faraji Whalen  
 A&E Editor

Here at Morehouse, we are constantly indoctrinated with the legacy of successful Black men that have passed through these hallowed halls. Names like King, Mays, Spike Lee, and David Satcher are seemingly on an administrator's lips twenty-four hours a day.

Even less establishment-type alumni, like Samuel L. Jackson, who according to various versions of the same story, staged a sit-in, incited schoolwide riots, and kidnapped the Lindbergh baby, are mentioned with reverence.

However, it is a little-known fact that the mouthpiece of one of hip-hop's most prolific and important groups also attended Morehouse. I refer, of course, to Guru, one-half of Gang Starr. Recently, I got a chance to talk to Guru, on the road touring with Rage against the Machine. It went a little something like this:

**Maroon Tiger:** I'm aware that you went to Morehouse. Why'd you leave?

**Guru:** Man, I graduated. Let's clear that one up. That's Premier that's still got a year left. You know, he went to Fort Valley State.

**MT:** I see. Did you read the *Maroon Tiger* while you were here?

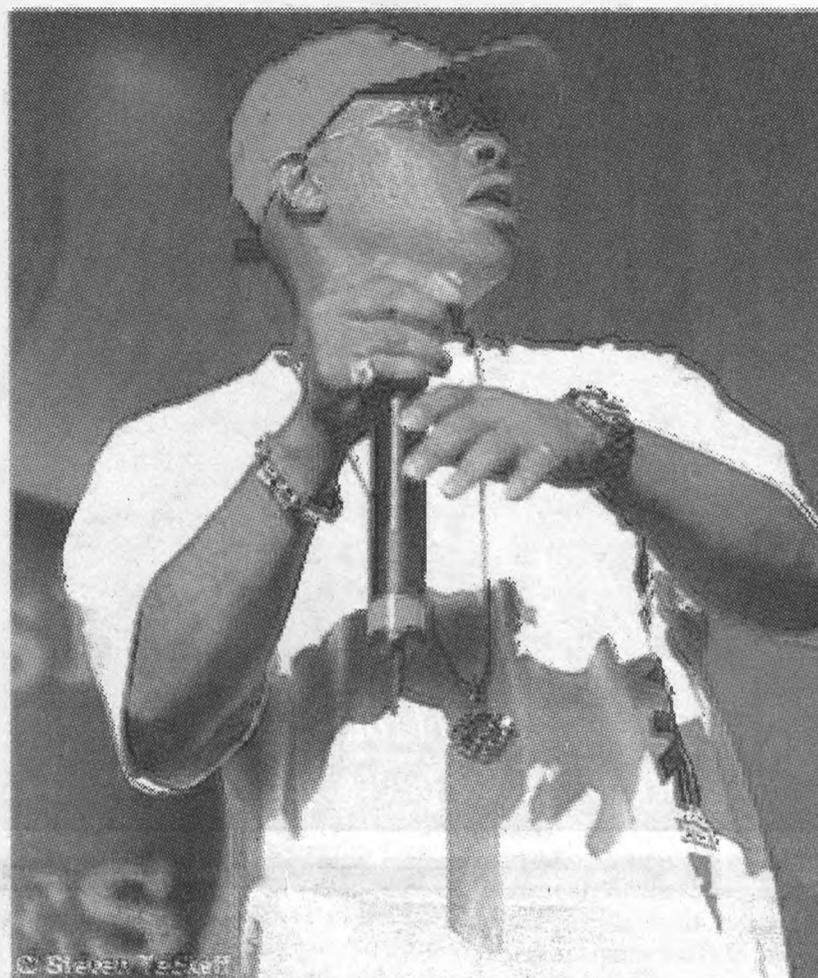
**Guru:** Oh, Yeah. No doubt.

**MT:** There are a lot of cats here trying to rap or get in the music biz. Coming from the perspective of someone who has been very successful, what advice would you give them?

**Guru:** First off, everybody wants to be a rapper. The market right now is oversaturated. And cats need to understand it's not easy. When we first started out doing it, we was broke. Even when we got a deal, it wasn't like it is now with everybody getting... signing checks and these huge deals. Back then, and this was like '88, '89, you was taking what the label gave you. But, as for people doing it right now, just practice your craft. And know that not everybody's gonna like your stuff. You will get rejected by somebody. Also, cats need to get their stage show tight.

**MT:** A lot of people, especially those who have been around for a while, are saying that rap has changed for the worse. What's your feeling on the state of rap right now?

**Guru:** Well, I don't think the game has necessarily changed for



The monotonic master on the mic

the worst. But it's gonna change. That's the nature of any business. I mean, it is different. You know, with the money we were talking about when I got in the game, you had to do it for the love, pretty much. But these days, cats really

are getting paid. And a lot of people are becoming entrepreneurs, which wasn't the case when I was coming up. Now, you got the Jay-Z's, the Cash Money's, and you've got artists really controlling

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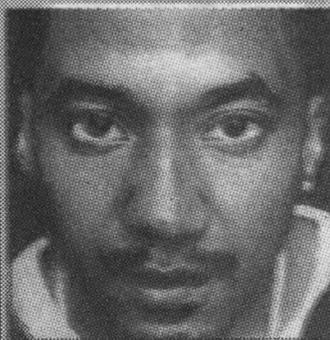
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## Academic Profile Testing

Michael Harrison  
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A recent Freshman Orientation was unlike any other this semester. Approximately 424 randomly selected students from this year's freshman class took the Academic Profile, a test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The test administered to freshmen focused on various subject matter including effective communication skills, knowledge of the natural world, critical thinking/problem-solving, and understanding social institutions and processes. Most of these failed to impress the participants.

"I felt it was a waste of time because most of the material on the test was basic stuff we covered in junior high," said freshman Niles Gray. "I don't understand why we even had to take it."

Public opinion notwithstanding, the Academic Profile is one means of Morehouse's on-going process to assess its progress as to whether or not it is fulfilling the goals of its general studies program. In fact, this same group of freshmen will have to retake the Academic Profile their senior year for a comparative study analysis. Thus the results from this test will become a valuable

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### 1st Annual Spiritual Leadership Conference

Minister Cathy-Wilkins Moffitt, mother of junior class president, Jonathan Wilkins, delivers a word from the Lord at the first annual Spiritual Leadership Conference sponsored by the junior class of 2001.

*No, no...don't complain. It's a lot of empty space, right? Well, you could have filled it. Think about the adualtion of your peers. If only you had come down to Archer 115. Oh well, there's always next year.*

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# Is Morehouse Y2K ready???

Elliot McDaniel  
Contributing Writer

We have all heard the horrifying forewarnings of the new millenium's effect on our lives — entire states' power failure; the failing of water-purifying systems; the malfunctioning of transportation; the coming to a halt of food distribution. The possibilities are frightening. But one thing is for sure: Morehouse College will be prepared, well, at least according to Dr. John Foster.

Dr. John Foster is the Vice Provost for the office of Information Technologies, and serves as the chairman for the Morehouse College Y2K Task Force. The organization is made up of approximately 20 members, who cover ten different fields, all pertaining to areas on which the Y2K bug may have an impact.

The areas are 1) networking infrastructure (internet, hardware and software systems); 2) office computing (more hardware and software); 3) administrative computing (banner hardware and software); 4) banking and investment (investment interface with banner); 5) insurance and retirement firms; 6) foundations and government agencies (Dept. of Education, financial aid, fund disburseals); 7) physical plant (electricity, telephone, gas, water); 8) academic laboratory systems (date sensitive computing equipment); 9) embedded systems (automated systems, elevators, lighting, sprinklers); and 10) external vendors (purchasing, accounts receivable, goods and services).

Each of these areas has undergone seven stages of readiness. All assessments, tests, overviews, and documentations have been completed for each specific area.

One committee, called the contingency committee, was comprised of very prestigious officials. The prestige of the individuals helped to take care of the "hard-to-reach" areas involving Y2K preparation.

"We have done an outstanding job for everything mission critical (anything vital to us in terms of academics and everyday living) for January ", boasted Dr. Foster. He also said that there is a webpage that shows all schools that are cur-

rently Y2K ready, and that Morehouse is in fact listed.

What will the task force do on the first of January while we're all at home? A strike force committee will check all areas previously tested. Dr. Foster will report on the results of the January 1st tests on January 3rd, and students will be able to check the web for an update. The status of campus electricity, water systems, and heat will also be available on the Morehouse website. When asked if the net will stay up once the clock strikes midnight, Dr. Foster replied, "yes, for the most part." He says that he and his committees will stay away from the internet for about 10 to 12 hours to avoid anticipated pranksters who may try to scare people with falsehoods.

If you're wondering about what students can do for Y2K readiness at Morehouse, Dr. Foster has a suggestion.

To help the efforts of academic affairs, the best thing for students to do is to make physical copies of their academic history and financial aid records before the winter break. The worst case scenario, according to Foster, is that student information will not be lost, but not easy to find. Student information has been copied, and if a student has copies of his own, it will be held as temporary information until found and confirmed, in the event of a discrepancy.

Dr. Foster doubts that the new millenium will be disastrous to Morehouse, and thinks it will have a big impact on only a few areas. He compared the Y2K bug to a tornado, with some places will get hit harder than others.

The coming of the new millenium "will affect old systems, such as old, un-updated elevators, or monitors with sys-

tems from the seventies," said Foster. From a national perspective, Foster claims that the Y2K bug will hit hardest on old country-like counties with old technology and little money. Globally, it will affect third world countries without money, and communist countries such as South Korea that lack the economic base for such preparation. Although Dr. Foster is con-

fident that the coming of the new millenium will not be disastrous, some people think otherwise. There are many ways to prepare for 2000 just in case, for as the saying goes, "it's better to have and not need than to need and not have."

Be careful, safe, and aware. And oh yeah, have a happy new year.



Here are some items you may need for Y2k:

**WIND UP RADIO AND FLASHLIGHT:** Radios and flashlights that are "crank-up," and don't require battery change (solar).

**GENERATOR:** Power generator with 4500-5000 watts is minimum for most households and would supply about half of the power normally used. Diesels are the best for continuous running, but gasoline powered are the least expensive.

**LANTERNS:** Common \$10 kerosene lantern that puts out 3-10 watts of light and burns lamp oil. For those with "stronger pockets," multi-fuel lanterns are available for about \$130. They put out over 400 watts of light and will burn gasoline, kersene, lamp oil, and more.

**FOOD STORAGE:** Plastic 5-gallon "O" -ring buckets, great for long term storage of food; also, plastic stackable 5-gallon containers for water storage.

**PROPANE STOVE:** Small, two-burner, portable camping stoves can be found for as little as \$12-\$14. Small 16-ounce liquid propane bottles can be used (about \$2)

It would also be wise to stock up on daily neccesities at the grocery store such as toilet paper, bars of soap, and deodorant.

SOURCE: [www.y2ksource.net](http://www.y2ksource.net)

# Morehouse to beef up security over break

Improvements to include more personnel and new security measures

Michael D. Harrison  
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Earlier this semester in a Crown Forum, Morehouse S.G.A. President Shaun King posed several questions to President of the College, Dr. Walter Massey, regarding student concerns. One of the questions dealt with the "inadequacy of our Campus Security force. I meet regularly with Vice President Hall and, as needed, with Chief Worthy to make sure we have adequate security coverage," responded Massey. As a result of these meetings, Morehouse plans to increase Campus Security staff by next semester.

"We will have a requirement for six additional security officers at the beginning of next semester," said Morehouse College Vice President for Campus Operations, James R. Hall.

These new officers will help the current eighteen-member force continue to provide the campus with security coverage twenty-four

hours a day, seven days a week.

serve as a template to enable Morehouse to make future

decisions concerning campus security-related issues.

the necessary precautions, such as keeping dorm rooms locked and reporting unauthorized people...on campus," added Hall. "The student body needs to be more alert, safeguarding valuables, from now until the Christmas break and especially at the end of the year. It is during these periods that we always have an increase in incidents."

**In other security measures, Morehouse also plans to implement a card-access key system in the West End Dormitory over the Christmas break. This system will serve as a template to enable Morehouse to make future decisions concerning campus security-related issues.**

"I think it's great. We'd definitely love to have them because it will help us keep a higher level of visibility on campus," commented Lt. "what's his name" McCrary. McCrary has worked as a Morehouse Campus Security officer for the past eleven years. In his time here he has dealt with numerous incident reports, ranging from theft and burglary to students accidentally locking themselves out of their rooms.

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## Campus Security Addendum

Recently, APBnews.com, a news-oriented website covering crime, justice, and safety, along with CAO (Crimes Against Persons) Index, Inc. has released the first national study ever to assess and rank over 1300 of the nation's four-year colleges by campus neighborhood crime risk, using a uniform national measure. In this report, Morehouse College ranked fifth in having the highest crime-risk campus neighborhood with Morris Brown, Spelman, Clark-Atlanta in first, third and fourth, respectively.

However, APBnews.com admits that their crime-risk assessments "do not account for se-

curity practices on any campus...(nor) weigh the numbers of police or security guards at each college or how much colleges spend on lighting, walls or fencing." In addition, these assessments focus on the total environment, including the surrounding communities as well as the campus.

The Top 10 Highest Risk College Campus Neighborhoods:

- 1) Morris Brown College, Atlanta.
- 2) Lemoyn-Owen College, Memphis.
- 3) Spelman College, Atlanta.
- 4) Clark-Atlanta University,

Atlanta.

- 5) Morehouse College, Atlanta
- 6) Vandercook College of Music, Chicago.
- 7) CUNY/ City College, New York
- 8) Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL
- 9) Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 10) Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago

For further information, go to the website: [APBnews.com/safetycenter/childrens\\_safety/campus/01main.html](http://APBnews.com/safetycenter/childrens_safety/campus/01main.html)



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### Christmas at the Davidson House

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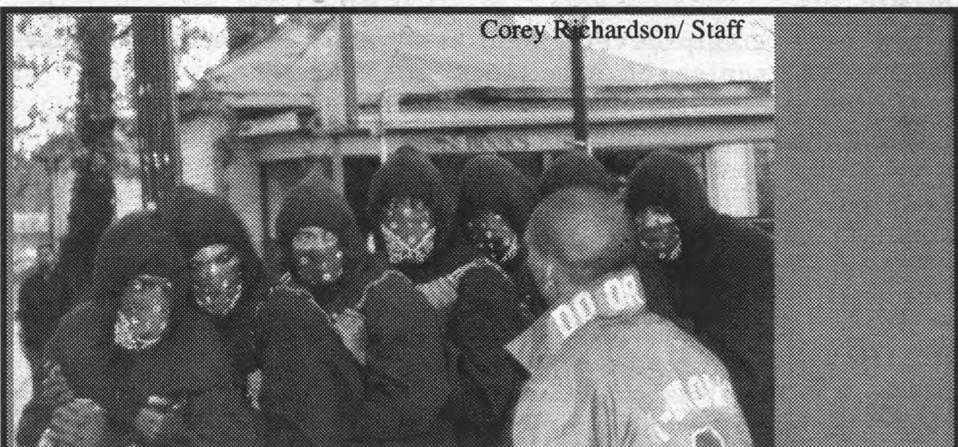
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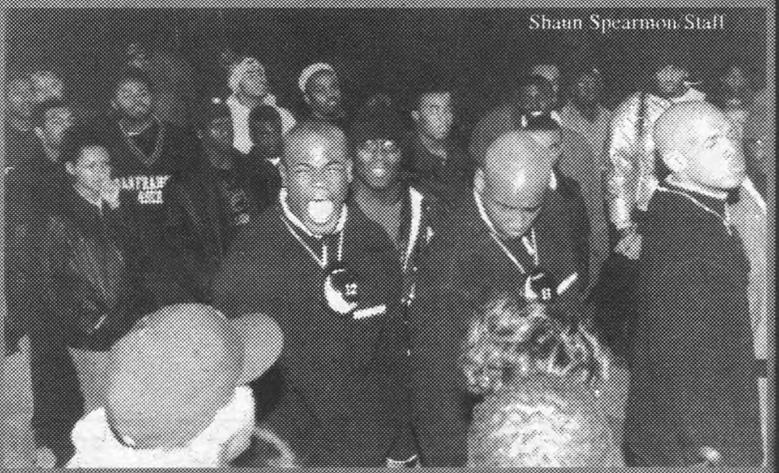


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## Student Constitution

Joe Carlos  
Sports Editor

Have you ever read the Morehouse SGA Constitution? Chances are you haven't. In it, the system of government is outlined and defined, and a lot of jargon that is otherwise boring and not very exciting is spread out over about thirty pages.

Most people think the SGA is just the guys who have business cards and conduct business in suite 112 of Archer Hall.

The SGA is broken up in three parts, the judicial, legislative and executive. Now you're probably saying, *that sounds familiar.* And you're right, because it does. Much like the U.S. Government, the different branches of the SGA have different defined powers with which to conduct business and work like a government.

Every Wednesday night at 7, the Morehouse Student Senate convenes. The Senate is made up of representatives from each of the 66 chartered clubs and organizations. Chances are, whatever club or

organization you are a member of (whether it be the PreLaw Society or Mays Hall), you have senators who represent them.

The Senate is run by a number of committees: General Laws, chaired by Senator Caishe Falls, Jr. of the Collegiate 100 and Campus Activities Board; Student Welfare and Concern, chaired by Senator Roger Corey Richardson of the Virginia Club; Appropriations, chaired by Senator Kasi David of the Junior Class; and Ethics, chaired by myself, Senator Joseph S. Carlos of The Texas Club.

These committees help to coordinate the business of the Senate and the Executive board. When clubs and organizations request funds to put on programs or parties they write up a proposal to the Appropriations committee. Senator David and his committee review it, make a recommendation and present their findings to the Senate body for the final decision. When students are fed up with the way things are in the dorm or in the caf', they go to Senator Richardson and his committee, who in turn, speak to General Hall, the

College's Vice President of Campus Operations. When rules and regulations need to be defined, invented or made more clear, Senator Falls and his committee convene and write new legislation that affects the student body.

SGA Vice President JC Love, III is the president of the Senate. Under his leadership, amendments have been written, new sub-committees formed, and the serious nature of the Senate has been brought back. Working closely with the Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Senator Farai Mtetwa (Computer Science Club), Vice President Love has shown zero tolerance for truancy in the Senate. He has also passed visionary legislation with Resolution 001, which is an example of fighting for students rights by ensuring SGA's for years to come have a substantial amount of money to operate.

When there are questions of how the constitution is perceived, those questions are answered by the Peer Review Council of the Honor and Conduct Review

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source of information as the college prepares for reaccreditation approximately ten years from now.

Last year, Morehouse's accreditation was reaffirmed successfully by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. As a result, to serve the purpose of accreditation and that of college self-improvement, Morehouse administration and faculty members worked on defining twelve goals for the college in which a sub-committee was assigned to each goal. These learning outcomes included the aforementioned subject matter and also an understanding of the African-American experience, leadership skills, aesthetic intelligence, value judgements, citizenship skills, and an appreciation for the interdependence of nations

Within each sub-committee, members worked for two days to devise criteria for their particular goal. Then the chairs of each sub-committee met during the Spring, Summer and Fall to identify two criteria per goal. This way, Morehouse would be able to start assessing how much students have learned. During these meetings, committee

chairs began to notice the overlapping of two goals. As a result, Problem Solving and Critical Thinking combined to form one goal.

With eleven tentative goals, the committee chairs are now working on adding new criteria. This is done with the hopes of creating or finding methods of assessment by May in order to test next year's freshman class on all eleven categories.

When asked how the Academic Profile testing could be improved, freshman John Jordan responded, "I think the group should be divided up, with one half taking it one day and the other half another day because there were too many distractions.

"I think administration should have explained in greater detail the importance of this test, because I noticed a lot of brothers just filling in whatever, like 'abra cadabra,'" Jordan added.

This group of freshmen, however, will not be the only ones to take this test. By next semester, Morehouse plans to administer the Academic Profile to graduating seniors for further comparative study analysis.

# Philanthropy prepares Morehouse for 21st century

## Recent contributions to college promote entrepreneurship

Howard Franklin  
Campus News Editor

The recent exhibitions of philanthropy are giving Morehouse College a head start on preparing its students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The enormous popularity of American entrepreneurship has not gone unnoticed, and the school has developed plans to capitalize on the opportunity for students.

Herman J. Russell Sr., chairman of H.J. Russell & Company, civic leader and Atlanta native announced his million dollar pledge to Morehouse College to expand programs in entrepreneurship. The contribution also included donating another million dollars each to Clark Atlanta University, Tuskegee University, and Georgia State University.

The pledge made national history as the largest financial gift given by an African American. Morehouse

College and each of the other institutions will match the donation amount as part of the agreement, bringing the total endowment to \$8

million. All four schools have also agreed to collaborate for the launch of annual lecture series that will carry Russell's name.

house the new entrepreneurship curriculum. Morehouse College president Dr. Walter Massey said "Both the entrepreneur-

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ships between the colleges in the area of entrepreneurship." The foundation, a charitable division of the United Parcel Service also contributed \$25,000 to fund 10 scholarships for the community service program. The UPS Foundation, founded in 1951, supports education and human welfare issues, focusing on two major initiatives including adult literacy and prepared and perishable food distribution. "We take pride in being a good neighbor and in being active in improving the quality of the surrounding community," said Massey. "Our community service program is an important part of that process, so we are very appreciative and extremely pleased to receive this gift from the UPS foundation, which will help us continue education bright minds for the future."

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### Constitution from page 5

Board. The Council is made up of students representing each class. The head of the Council is the Chief Justice. This year's Chief Justice is C.J. Graves. Graves was recommended by President Shaun King and confirmed by the Ethics committee. Graves and the other justices also try cases when students are in violation of the Honor Code.

Every Wednesday at 3 p.m., Freshman Justice Anton Jones, Sophomore Justice Richard Hamilton, Junior Justice Justin Letts and Senior Justice Joseph Carlos along with Graves, Court clerk Charles King and advisor Mr. Michael Southern meet to adjudicate and decide what action should be taken on a variety of Honor Code violations. From wearing caps in the caf', to use or possession of a controlled substance, the 'Student Court' as it is normally called is the final word in what happens.

When a student is called to appear before the Peer Review Council, chances are it is a very serious offense. It should be taken seriously. The fact that a report was com-

pleted and the fact that the student met when the court convened will go on their permanent disciplinary record for their time at the College.

The Peer Review Council is a viable and very integral part of Morehouse's Student Government. In conjunction with the Senate Ethics committee, the Council interprets and answers questions of constitutional definition. They also work together in the censure or removal of members of the Senate or the Executive Board.

Hopefully after reading this article, students will gain a better understanding of exactly how it is the government does work, and hopefully you've gotten a primer as to how things work. So, the next time you say 'I don't know anything about the SGA', now you know you can get involved in the other branches of government as well as the Executive.

Know your SGA, know the rules, and contribute. Many of the people who are high ranking Senate officials are seniors, meaning that they'll be leaving soon. Someone has to replace them. That someone could be you.

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# Rotaract Club plays Santa Claus

## Morehouse Rotaract Club gives gifts to disadvantaged youth

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Assistant Campus News Editor

With Christmas only two weeks away, the Morehouse Rotaract Club could not simply wait to celebrate the holiday. Recently, in the Kilgore Hall Lounge,

nity service initiative since 1993. This year, they began raising funds as early as the week before Thanksgiving. As a result, gifts and financial donations totaled over \$2500.

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straight line to the front of the room, eyes closed and facing forward, while Rotaract members quietly placed gifts behind them. After all of the gifts were distributed, the students were told to open

their eyes, and to their surprise, they received various gifts ranging from books, Pokemon figurines and walkie-talkies to Polaroid cameras, remote control cars and Barbie paint-sets.

"It was a lot of fun. I got a Clueless Diary," said King Middle School sixth grader Jamisa Alford.

Rotaract members were not the only ones spreading their Christmas spirit, however. The children also gave of themselves by sharing their perceptions of the true meaning of Christmas.

"I think the true meaning of Christmas is not about having stockings, putting up a tree, or receiving gifts. It's about giving thanks to our savior Jesus Christ on his day of birth," said Trenay



Students await their gifts.

Shaun Spearmon/Staff



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**Rotaract president Albert Sanders loves the kids.**

Morehouse Rotaract members concluded their Angel tree Project with a dinner and Christmas gift presentations for over eighty students from the Study Hall at Emmaus House program, an after-school program for disadvantaged youth in grades K-6.

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# Golden Key returns to Morehouse

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Contributing Writer

Virtually non-existent at Morehouse last year, The Golden Key National Honor Society returned to the campus this semester. The honor society inducted 139 new members into its ranks during a ceremony in Sale Hall held December 1.

Known for the scholarships, conferences and other opportunities it offers its members, the Golden Key National Honor Society is a premier organization. Founded in 1977 at Georgia State University, Golden Key has since blossomed into an international organization with chapters in Puerto Rico and even New Zealand.

Recognizing academic excellence is one of society's primary concerns. Its members must be juniors or se-

nior in the top 15 percent of their class. Once inducted, members enjoy many benefits including several

graduate scholarships and lifetime services such as computer discounts and an online career center.

However, this society does not function only as an aid to outstanding students. Keita Harper, the Morehouse Chapter Presi-

**"We don't just get inducted," said Harper, "we get involved in the community. Everyone is challenged to become a leader in their community and school."**

dent, described the organization as more than a resume-builder.

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duced," said Harper, "we get involved in the community. Everyone is challenged to become a leader in their community and school." While the society recognizes academic excellence, it does expect its members to use their skills to help others."

Harper, now a graduating senior, saw the organization through a troublesome time last year. In order to induct new members, every school must submit a class ranking to the Golden Key National headquarters. Because of the conversion to the Banner system, the Morehouse registrar's office was unable to submit a list, so the ceremony never occurred. Harper, inducted as a sophomore, remained a solitary member because most of the potential inductees last year could not be identified.

This year's ceremony was a success. In addition to the 137 students, five honorary members were inducted including Richard Winstead, the Morehouse Registrar, and Benjamin

McLaurin, the director of Career Counseling and Placement.

Another honorary member, Admissions and Records Dean Sterling Hudson III gave the keynote address which the academic situation of the entire nation.

Customary to the induction ceremony, one outstanding student is awarded a scholarship. The senior award was granted to Sidney Robbins, and Ronal Newman received the junior award. After the ceremony, a pleasant reception was held in Mays Lounge where inductees celebrated National Golden Key Honor Society's return to Morehouse.

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## IN SHORTS

**In case you've been wondering about it, Mumia Abu-Jamal**, whose death sentence for the slaying of a Philadelphia police officer has triggered protests from capital punishment opponents, was granted a stay of execution on October 27. The stay, granted by U.S. District Judge William Yohn Jr., comes 13 days after Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge signed a second death warrant for Abu-Jamal. The former Black Panther and radio journalist, convicted of first-degree murder in the 1981 shooting death of Officer Daniel Faulkner, had been scheduled to die December 2. Abu-Jamal's case has prompted international protests by those who believe he was wrongly convicted. His supporters have repeatedly pressed for a new trial. Abu-Jamal's legal team filed a habeas corpus petition October 15, alleging 29 violations of Abu-Jamal's constitutional rights and asking for a new trial. The appeal argues the prosecution manipulated witnesses to falsely identify Abu-Jamal as the shooter and accuses prosecutors of suppressing and destroying critical evidence.

**Three students were shot and wounded on Monday, November 29**, when a fellow-student opened fire with a gun outside a small-town middle school in Fort Gibson, eastern Oklahoma, police said. The suspected shooter, who began firing randomly as students gathered outside Fort Gibson Middle School for the start of classes at about 7:45 a.m. (8:45 a.m. EST), has been taken into custody by police. Officials said the wounded students included two boys and a girl, aged 12 or 13. Oklahoma City TV station KWTW reported that one boy was shot in the leg, the other was hit in the forearm and the girl was shot in the cheek. Other television reports said the girl's injuries were more severe and she was flown by helicopter to a Tulsa hospital, 50 miles away. The two boys were taken by ambulance to a hospital in Muskogee, about 10 miles away. "The students were gathered outside. Another student just walked up and fired on them," Fort Gibson Public Schools superintendent Steve Wilmoth said on KWTW. "From what I know at this time, it seems to be a random thing," he said. "It's a very close-knit community," Wilmoth said. Monday's shooting was the latest in a series of school gun attacks in the United States.

**Two tiny probes that rode aboard Mars Polar Lander** but separated before entry appear to be lost forever as efforts to contact the larger spacecraft also continued without success. Mission controllers, looking increasingly gloomy and exhausted after failing for three days to detect signs of life from any of the spacecraft, admitted late Sunday it is growing more likely that contact may never be made. If no signals are heard, it would be total loss for the entire, \$330 million Mars '98 project, including the the Climate Orbiter, which burned up over the Red Planet in September. The softball-sized microprobes were supposed to slam into the surface at 400 mph to test a new descent technique that did not use expensive parachutes or rockets to break the fall from space. The \$29.6 million probes were to have emitted their first signals on arrival Friday, like Polar Lander. Every two hours, the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor tried to detect any transmissions from the microprobes to no success. The probes also had been programmed to transmit automatically once every five minutes if they did not receive commands from Global Surveyor after 29 and 32 hours. No signals were picked up during those opportunities as well. Estimates of their trajectory based on the last data from the lander indicated over the weekend that they might have fallen into a crater, near a region of sand dunes. Both scenarios are potentially fatal. The probes' batteries, which could barely power a Christmas tree light, also could have frozen in temperatures reaching minus 185 degrees Fahrenheit. Meanwhile, the \$165 million Polar Lander controllers attempted to find a signal for the third straight day Sunday.

## Protests linger as WTO winds down

Allan Dowd  
Reuters

SEATTLE - Hundreds marched here on Friday to protest the World Trade Organization for a fifth day as police watched calmly without using the teargas and rubber bullets that marred previous demonstrations.

Just after nightfall, a determined band of 200 protesters began marching toward King County jail in downtown Seattle to demand the release of more than 500 people arrested on Tuesday and Wednesday, some of whom accused police and jail officials of abusing their rights.

City officials locked down the jail and a nearby public safety building, preventing anyone from entering or exiting. The protesters, from a variety of political causes, say the WTO hurts the environment, workers and the poor.

After surrounding the marchers when they neared a 24-hour "no protest" zone near the WTO site, police negotiated an alternate route to the jail and escorted them as they marched.

Another 150 or so protesters blocked the entrance to the Westin hotel, which had housed President Clinton and many WTO delegates this week, and demanded the release of all anti-WTO demonstrators in custody.

Police offered to reunite 12 detainees now in solitary confinement with their colleagues in other cells, which the crowd rejected as inadequate.

A column of about 30 riot police stood half a block away in front of an armored vehicle, many leaning on their truncheons with their helmet visors up.

Inside the tightly controlled convention center activists hung two separate banners on Friday, one protesting forest destruction and one the killing of sea turtles.

Security officers quickly tore down the banners and detained a total of eight people. That included a freelance cameraman working for a Canadian television production firm, a co-

conference, however, missed its finishing deadline as trade ministers struggled into the evening hours to reach agreement on contentious issues.

Earlier in the week, small bands of hooligans smashed storefronts, painted graffiti and set fire to trash bins earlier in the week on the fringes of peaceful demonstrations.

"There is no room for anarchy that believes that broken windows is the solution for broken hearts," said Rev. Robert Jeffrey, a Baptist minister from Seattle.

Stamper and Schell have praised the police response, with a few exceptions that they promised to investigate.

Criminals infiltrating the peaceful protest group had used large sticks, gas masks, smoke grenades, Super Soaker squirt guns, paint, slingshots, Molotov

cocktails and rakes to assault police earlier this week, Stamper told a news conference.

"They have also not been shy about chucking rocks and bottles at our police officers," Stamper said.

The Direct Action Network, one of the groups that organized the protests, complained Friday of police brutality in a news conference with three protesters who were arrested earlier in the week.

The protesters, who like many of those detained would identify themselves only as "John WTO" or "Jane WTO," said they were arrested for protesting peacefully and denied proper access to legal help once in jail.

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The relaxed police response differed dramatically from the booming teargas volleys and repeated charges into crowds that lasted into the wee hours of Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper and Mayor Paul Schell, criticized for being both too lenient and too harsh with protesters, said on Friday a state of emergency would remain in place until midnight, hours after the WTO conference was originally scheduled to end. The

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# What's Right With Morehouse

Corey Richardson  
Features Editor

Over my three and some odd years here at dear ol' Mo'house, I've been privy to some of the most complainingest Negroes on the planet. I too have been known to search for the ap-

opinions of this institution of higher education. Not that I am without guilt. Why, just the other day I was sitting in my office when my servant, Jasper, brought me a cup of café au lait that was three degrees too cold (needless to say, he was promptly beaten with a rake) and that drew my ire.

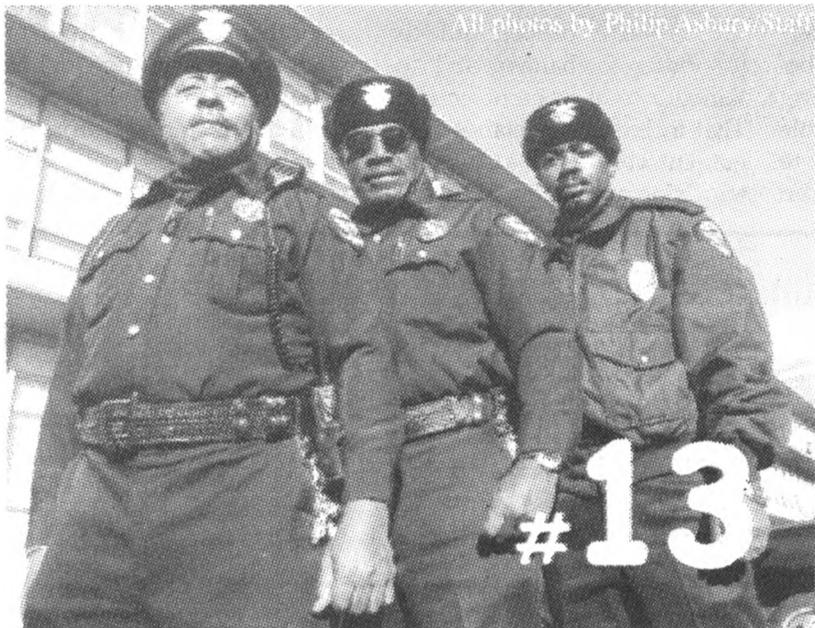
here at the House. No one told you it was going to be perfect, nothing ever is, and sure, we could devote an entire issue talking about what's wrong here at Morehouse.

But why?

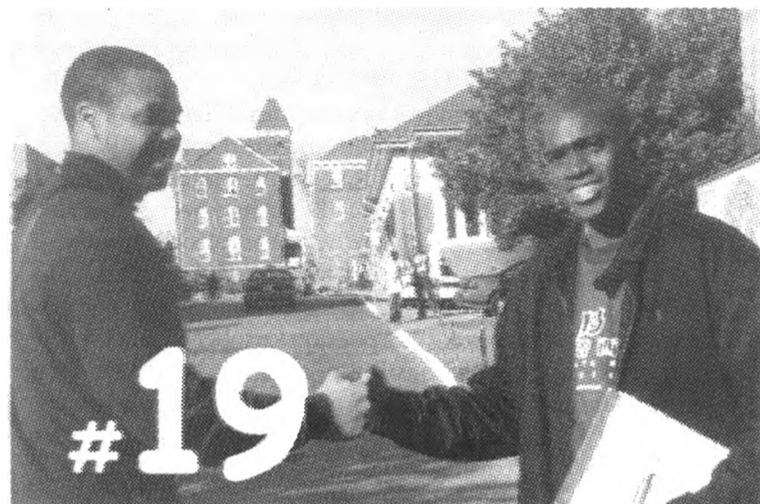
With the Christmas break fast approaching and a chance for you to spend time with your friends from other schools, wouldn't it feel good to talk about what's good about your school? I've decided that I'm going to look on the bright side. I'll point out what's right with Morehouse; the simple pleasures that make this home in the SWATS that much more livable and those things, as a senior, I'm going to miss when I'm gone. Take a moment, cop a squat and let's examine what makes Morehouse okay.

flyer, would you know about the New World Order seminar happening behind Stegalls, or the next time the Second Youth Gospel Resurrection Tabernacle Ministries Spades Tournament for Jesus was going down? Flyers: the way to distribute information that no one

haircuts (and sometimes they're mothers). Why does this make Morehouse special? Because even in the face of a 87 to 3 defeat, we have the cajones to chant, "That's alright, that's okay, y'all gonna work for us one day!"... Can your friends at Hampton say the same?



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propriate cheese to go with my whines.

Let's face it people, we bitch about everything here. We can be as fickle as a Falcons fan when it comes down to our ever-swaying

You've probably been in your dorm room, or the caf', complaining about this or that, or maybe on the phone whining to your mommy and daddy about something else that went wrong

whatever the weekend's happening may be. Sure, most of them go unread and the practice of canvassing the yard with them has lead to the senseless killings of countless trees. But without the

cares about.

2.) **The first three rows at any sporting event:** You know we're gonna lose, they know they're gonna lose, but for a little while, the folks in the front section of B.T. Harvey or Frank L. Forbes make it seem like our athletic department is worth the \$46.73 budget they get a year. All while pointing out the shortcomings of the opposition from their shoes to their

3.) **Professor Anderson, the art guy:** He teaches when he feels like it, his class is laden with the most nubile females in the AUC, and he wears a Kangol. No other pipe toting, wallabee rocking professor does so little to inspire so many. His class is closed on the first 5 minutes of any registration period and the thought of his re-

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**#14 -Professor Haydel: Need I say more?**

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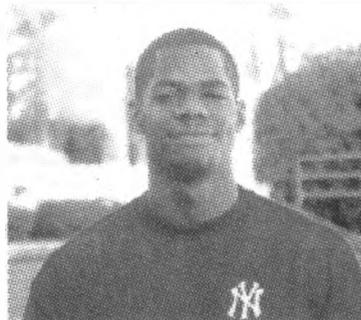
*This week's Street Beat question:*

*"What do you feel is GOOD about Morehouse?"*



Garren Washington  
Sophomore  
Psychology  
New York, NY

"The dedication of the teachers and small classes."



Omoruyi Eubuoma  
Junior  
Biology  
Lagos, Nigeria

"The recreational facilities."



Hamish Mohammed  
Senior  
Biology  
Trinidad

"If you can survive here, you can survive almost anywhere."



Jeff Brown  
Sophomore  
Biology  
Baltimore, MD

"The science programs."



Rashaud Haines  
Freshman  
Business Administration  
Ohio

"It has a great atmosphere."

#22 -Dorm Rivalries: "I hate you because you were randomly assigned to the building adjacent to mine."  
#9 -Promotional Tapes: Only at Morehouse would someone risk life and limb to catch the latest Jugga Tha Bully sampler snippet tape...

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tiring sends shudders down our collective spines. He's Dr. Anderson, he's a role model, he's damn near 90, and he still pulls more women than you.

4.) **Oratorical Contests:** Only at a black college would they give an award for speaking correct english.

5.) **The Tennis Team:** 22 SIAC Championships, in a row, yet no one knows who they are. The tennis team wins, a lot, in fact they are the winningest program in SIAC history, and yet another reason for white folks to worry about Hockey and NASCAR.

6.) **The Cheerleaders:** Where else can you find 16 women to stand in front of 2000 men and gyrate then refuse an interview in my bedroom for fear that it may be degrading or in some way damage their image?

7.) **Mahogany In Motion:** Where else can you find nine women to stand in front of 2000 men and gyrate to music? Johnetta Cole would be proud.

8.) **The Wheeler Hall Cigarette Exchange:** If you were to stand on the corner with a box of cookies, I'd wager to say that no one would ask you for one. But why is it that if I stand in front of Wheeler with a fresh pack of Newports, I'd get at least four people asking for a square? Some call it being a bum, I call it brotherhood.

9.) **Promotional Tapes:** Only at Morehouse would someone risk life and limb to catch the latest Jugga Tha Bully sampler snippet tape as it is tossed, blindly, into a dark crowd of people equally as eager to catch something they do not need. (see also: free T-Shirts)

10.) **The Track Team:** Wins just about as much as the tennis team, yeah, they're good. Only difference is, piss them off and they might kick your ass.

11.) **Titles:** Everyone seems to have one, and if they don't have one, they want one. Whether your the Vice Provost of Academic something or other, or the Secre-

tary to the Chief of Staff of the Assistant to the Chairman of the West End Dorm Council, everybody here has a title just to make us feel better.



12.) **Miss Joyce Smith:** When your mother dropped you here at Morehouse, she wanted to make sure you were going to be in good hands she wants to know you're eating. Miss Smith is the woman in the caf' that keeps us

make them, the sandwiches just don't seem right. My boy Mikal said it best, "Yo, she puts the tuna on, then slaps on some cheese, and then, she be puttin' love up in them

sandwiches, for real." Miss Joyce Smith, you can't deny that's something right with Morehouse.

13.) **The Morehouse Police:** You hate them, but you gotta hand it to them. They're only six or seven cops patrolling all eight acres of campus, and they still got enough time and energy to boot your car, bust your boy, arrest as SWATian or two, and light your Black & Mild, and they don't do it for the money. Next time you shape your lips to complain about the fuzz on campus, ask yourself when the last time was that you worked a 14 hour shift for six days in a row in one of the roughest neighborhoods in America. Hug a cop, it'll lessen the risk of them shooting you.

14.) **Professor Haydel:** Need I say more?

15.) **Free T-Shirts:** You'll dive into a flaming vat of molten cooking oil or knock out a pregnant girl in a wheelchair for one. Free clothing just

all fed, she makes the sandwiches. She's always got a good word for us, always stocked with onion rolls and Swiss cheese, and always keeping us supplied with a portable meal. Maybe it's just me, but when Miss Smith isn't there to

does something to black folk, what it is, I don't really know. But there's just some kind of magic attached to the free T-Shirt. The magic that will make you sign your soul to a credit card company, stand in line, or even join a

church... all for a free shirt.

16.) **The Maroon Tiger:** Yes, this is a senseless plug for my employer, and yes, it is published by a bunch of chemically dependent, underexposed, egomaniacal misogynists. But you have to admit, it's pretty good, so good, in fact, that you read other papers just to see what they have to say about us. C'mon if you didn't like it, you wouldn't be reading it right now.

17.) **Bobby from the Physical Plant:** Because he's just so damn cool.

18.) **Underground Live:** Once a month, anyone can be the poet or emcee of

their Love Jonesing- hip-hop fantasy. Where else can you see the

Afrocentrism of the headwrap set and pseudo-ballers rock the same mic on the same night... and it's free.

19.) **Dap:** The international negro handshake. We all pass I around like we didn't just see the same fool we're dapping up 50 minutes ago before class. It sums up an entire conversation in a grip, "Sup dawg?." "Chillin' dawg, you?" And it's so rampant, there are rumors that there may be a "No Dap Tuesday" rule imposed by administration. You dap up your friends, your enemies, and if you're as bold as I am, you may even dap up Dr. Massey. Without dap, we'd waste too much time shaking hands.

20.) **Market Friday:** Okay, so it's not at Morehouse. But damn, where else you gonna be able to see 1000 fine-ass black women in one place at one time wandering aimlessly. Women who you might have a chance at spitting at?

21.) **We're Ballin':** And not in the gold toothed, 20-inch rim

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# 20 Questions

By E.U. Payme

1. Guess who's back in the house? 2. And how many of y'all seniors will be repeating that exact phrase come August? 3. Isn't "Who wants to be a millionaire?" your favorite game show? 4. And since there are never any brothers on, shouldn't BET make "Who wants to be a Baller" in which contestants play for a set of Twinkies, a Coogi Sweater, and a woodgrain steering wheel? 5. Speaking of derivative, aren't Swizz Beats songs becoming as redundant as Maroon Tiger jokes? 6. And since some people want to make pussycat analogies, how come theirs is so dry and offensive smelling? 7. Am I the only one who feels the uncontrollable urge to yell "lee, lee, baby" every time the white boy scores? 8. How many of y'all have resigned yourself to the fact that you won't be getting ass until the next century? 9. Does Puffy really think that sorry-ass gospel song he did with the Harlem World Boys' choir is really going to save his soul? 10. And does he really think Jesus is gonna save his monkey ass from all those Mexicans who are mad he's got Jennifer Lopez sowed up? 11. Speaking of Jenny, how 'bout a hand for the girls with the big boobies? 12. With all them fights, a drunk-ass go-go band, and everybody stinking of weed and beer, didn't the D.C. met-Tri-state party make y'all miss home? 13. Doesn't it feel great to have a chance to start over? 14. Shouldn't y'all just be happy you're not getting slapped in the mouth? 15. Now that the Feds have raided the Gold Club, and hit up Microsoft, shouldn't Stegall's be watching its ass? 16. And aren't there a whole lot of unemployed strippers just now figuring out what Jay-Z meant by "Hit with the RICO, they Repo your vehicle?" 17. Looking at the patterns of scantily clad, attractive women in Q-Tip's videos, aren't Rhife Dawg and Ali Shaheed kicking the hell out of themselves about now? 18. Does anybody know when the Pi Chapter is REALLY coming back to DA' HOUSE? 19. Aren't you just sick and tired of people putting 2000 at the end of everything? 20. Shouldn't you tell your family you love them just in case the world does end?

sittin', platinum chain wearing way. You probably didn't know, but Morehouse's investment portfolio is the one of the strongest out of the institutions of higher education in the country. Now you know how Massey can afford to live in the only \$2million crib in the SWATS.

22.) **Dorm Rivalries:** "I hate you because you were randomly assigned to the building adjacent to mine." A blood feud of this caliber can only be settled on the flag football field or at the spades table. But don't let no one from Clark try and get involved; we keep our hate in house.

23.) **Visitation Rules:** The best joke at Morehouse since phone registration... If you didn't make 'em, we wouldn't break 'em.

24.) **Club Shuttles:** It's 11:00pm, and about 36 degrees outside, and you're waiting for a bus. Insert your own joke here.

25.) **The Psychic Friends**

**Network:** Some other schools call it cheating, we call it brotherhood.



Philip Asbury/Staff

erhood.

26.) **Miss Ellice Hawkins:** Because she threatened to cut our funding if we didn't men-

tion her.

27.) **Trinidadian Stu-**

**dents:** You think they talk funny and always kick around that damn soccer ball. But truth be told, they have the best

work ethic and the highest GPA's on campus. They are the

students your parents wish you were.

28.) **Pseudophilosophical Debates:** DuBois

Hall, 3:00am, and you're arguing over who the greatest NFL trainer of all time is. Across the way, your boys are trying to define the nature of the black man. All the while, life is passing you by; not unlike your Physical Science homework.

29.) **Spelman Sisters:** Only at Morehouse do they give you a ready-made date when you walk in the door.

30.) **Alumnus Nostalgia:** Yeah, we have a lot of great alumni, but we got the same number of CEOs as we do crackheads walking the streets of America today. Dr. King or Leroy King, they both got the same degree. Where you go, the choice is yours.

31.) **Initial Services:** Next time you're about to toss that snot rag on the ground, thank the folks in the blue shirts for keeping the place tidy.

32.) **The College Hymn:** For two minutes and eight seconds, every man is bound in brotherhood, JOB Mosely had it right.

Dear Editors of the Maroon Tiger

It disheartens me to have to write this letter, but it disheartens me even more to have to read the re-made Maroon Tiger, replete with its offensive language and frivolous articles.

This year's Maroon Tiger is a mockery of journalism and, ultimately, Morehouse College. In the last months, the paper has become very offensive. From degrading people (former Miss Maroon & White), and fellow ABC papers (Spelman Spotlight), the paper has consistently been crude and inappropriate this semester. I am not sure which is more offensive, the attempt to pawn the paper off as real news, or the amount of times I have to read the "n" word (with or without asterisks) in the paper. The frequent use of said word is still considered disrespectful to many Black people, and is further more an embarrassment to our institution when placed in the Tiger.

Yes, I agree. A school news paper should represent its student-body, and the Maroon Tiger does this by representing the superficial happenings that many students partake in, and that plagues much of young Black America. However, a campus newspaper should deliver campus news. The paper fails to represent the entire student-body with the paper, and often offends other students while catering to a select few. In a recent issue (vol. 22, no. 6) the Tiger had a great chance to redeem itself from a previous issue which implicitly endorsed alcohol drinking by doing a feature article on the problems credit cards pose for many college students. However, the article's accompanying picture, an American Express card whose holder's last name was the "n" word, offset the excellent article.

The offensive language doesn't start and end with the "n" word. I continually find other expletives in the paper, sometimes with or without asterisks. The occasional use of such words in a student news publication might be okay, but should they reappear in every issue?

Whoever is ultimately in charge of the paper should be reprimanded for the poor oversight of the paper's content by allowing such language to even make its way into the paper. What is even sadder is that many of the writers who are contributing such insulting language are being paid in the name of "journalism," but are instead making Morehouse Men look like fools (as you guys would say).

I write this passionate letter only because I care about and like the Tiger staff and know that the paper can cover campus news, be respectful and be appropriate without losing its interesting and funny form. I should be able to show the paper to my grandmother, an alumnus, or a trustee at anytime, without worrying about offending them or making my Morehouse brothers and myself look stupid. This can happen and I hope it does.

Tash Moseley  
Maroon Tiger Business Manager

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## Where, Oh Where, Lies the Fancybread?

*Is it in the heart or in the head? Ask the fez, for he knows all there is to know...and less*

Jonathan Howard  
Editor-in-Chief

Back when I was a youngster (oh, maybe two, three weeks ago), I found myself wanting, nay, pining for a letter jacket from my old high school.

Of course, I wouldn't wear my letter jacket. No, no. I would just hang it up in the closet, and whenever someone would see it, I would slowly pull the trophies from my back pocket and show that I could be not only intellectual, but I could dust your sorry ass in a hundred-meter dash as well. But alas, no letter jacket for me. I, unfortunately, didn't play basketball for Northeast Lauderdale High School long enough to acquire one. I missed out on being a part of a 1-21 team.

But there is that one article of clothing that I have found a sick sense of pride in: my fez of intellectual su-

periority.

I acquired my fez as a high school sophomore, when the realizations that (A) I had nothing left to learn from the Lauderdale County School System and (B) most of my "teachers" couldn't discern their butts from third base given the help of a proctologist and 8 members of the Atlanta Braves (not that the Braves would be of any help, anyhow) set in.

My fez has traveled with me many a day and night, eventually making the long trip from smallish Marion, Mississippi to makeshift house on the hill, Atlanta, Georgia. Morehouse College has been a particularly tempting spot for the fez. The fez, you see, creeps.

Confused? I'll explain.

Many times, to my credit, I've tried to place my fez quietly on my desk and let its mere presence speak

for itself. *Ah yes, you have a fez ... your knowledge of Japanese kabuki and its similarities to Nigerian drama is overwhelming. Would you be open to, say...checking over my paper?* Those first few mornings, in beloved, no longer existent Thurman Hall, I would climb out of bed, fez quietly sleeping on my desk, and slip out of the door on my way to my eight or nine o'clock class. There, I would find myself learning little or nothing new and being not a bit disappointed.

Two weeks later, my fez was coming to class with me, somehow sneaking its way into my back pocket when I wasn't looking. I believe it moved out of sheer intellectual frustration. The teacher would make a statement that they were sure was going to blow the class away (*Nubia was just*

*as, if not more, powerful than Egypt!*), and I would feel the fez sliding up my back like one of those roving number 14's on Sesame Street. Soon it was at my ear and resting comfortably on my head, tassel blowing in the breeze.

Oh yes, I knew this fact and all of the rest.

Indeed Nubia was the equal of Egypt, regardless of what they taught us in high school. And yes, teacher, I've pulled your card, also.

I slowly turned around to see which of my classmates would sit gape-mouthed at this fact and I saw something that shocked me - just shocked me. Fezes. Tassels flying, some cocked to the side, others decorated with bars of gold and silver. *Oh my God!*

I twirled back around quickly, gasping as I went. Slowly I looked again. Still there! This time accompanied by smirks and rolling eyes. I was among my peers. Everyone rocks the fez here.

Or so I thought.

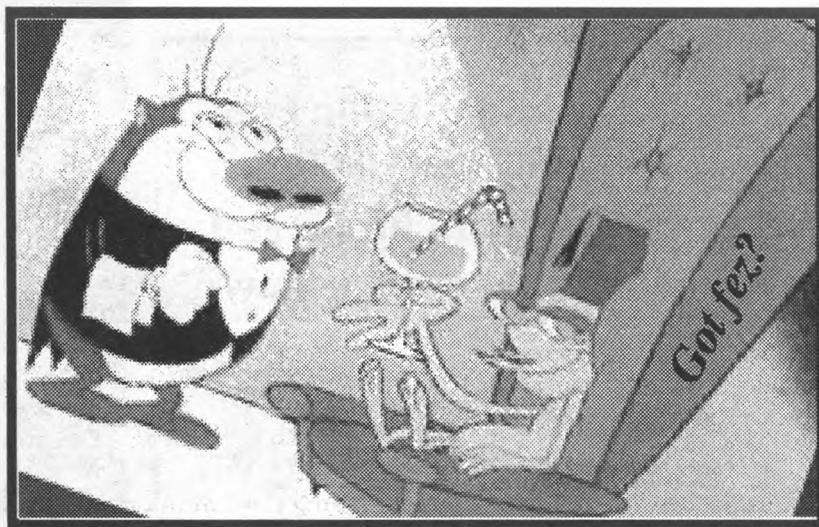
I would soon find that everyone had some form of garment that fit their academic personality, but not necessarily a fez. The intelligentsia wore the fez, the

politicians wore the blazer of impending hegemony, the ordinary Joe wore the gray sweater of conformity, and the athletes wore letter jackets made of fast twitch fibers. Everyone wore something.

And the crazy thing is that the teachers and administrators wore things, too.

That's right, my friend. You can find many a gold-

whole article an example of the power that the fez holds over me? It's creeping right now. As I type, I'm preparing to check and see if this is some sort of record for the use of the word "fez" in a composition. And isn't my choice of the word "fez" for the centerpiece of this column a subtle way of separating the wheat from the chaff?



plated, fur-lined fez perched on the head of your local professor.

There are the professors who wear it cocked to the side, basically saying, *I'm the smart one, and maybe one or two of you could hold discourse with me.* There are those who keep their fez in closed drawers; *I have a fez, but I don't necessarily want to make anyone feel...uncomfortable...with my gargantuan wealth of knowledge!*

And then there are those we love to hate.

It's these professors that make going to class a tedious exercise in pain. Their fez-based mantra states: *you must think like me - you can never be me - will none the less fail thee.* Very Krishna-influenced. These teachers believe themselves to be the all-knowing, all-encompassing dancing monkey crap of the world, to paraphrase Chuck Palahniuk. Their fez demands whatever sadly pedantic respect it can get. It even comes equipped with a chinstrap for those students silly enough to go to battle with Dr. Knoweverything.

And wait.... Isn't this

So it makes me think (*What doesn't?* my fez responds). Is it really worth having a fez if it could lead me to become Dr. Twirling Ape Feces, Ph.D.? I mean, sure, the fez is useful in Maroon Tiger Smartest Man in the World contests, but it also can make me come off as a bit of a sphincter. Should I sacrifice being loved for being grudgingly respected for being able to think? But on the other hand, should I pretend to be less intelligent so that everyone will love me?

Just give me the damn letter jacket!

### Millennial Thoughts

In the event that this is the end of the road for humanity and indeed the world does collapse upon itself, I'd like to let all of the idiots, sycophants, hatemongers and garden variety, close-minded humps know that yes, you did make my life worse. Happy? Now as for the six or seven remaining people that I'm still cool with: Can I borrow five dollars?

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# For your own sake, just don't do it

Faraji Whalen  
A&E Editor

When I came to Morehouse, while walking up the hallowed steps of Graves Hall for the first time, my mother pulled me aside and warned me of the temptations facing me in my new life of freedom and independence. Drugs, liquor, loose women, and looser morals.

As I trudge through my fourth year here at the house,

army of muskrats, these pissy little cars announce the arrival of their 1.2 liter engines with a pitiful shrieking whine, sounding for all the world like a cat being castrated.

Once you peer behind the discolored purple tint, cracking and peeling like Kunta Kinte's good foot, you're sure to discover a garishly colored dash in any shade of purple, green, and red, and a cluster of useless gauges, obviously used to esti-

how find your cooned-out econobox somehow fly, they don't. The only people who are impressed are other Coonvic owners.

Once again, if you think you're being different by "customizing" your 'vic, look around you. Every other cooned out 'vic looks just like yours. (The term cooned-out is

the only appropriate term for these cars. It is not slabbed out, piped out, hooked-up or any other positive euphemism. It is cooned-out.)

I'm not trying to hurt or embarrass you civic owners out there (or 318is drivers); I'm just trying to stop those who might consider experimenting to find another way. Buy a

Maxima or an Accord, hell, buy a used Acura if you must. If you have a Civic, throw a system, and if you must, some rims on it and call it a day.

I know I might have hurt someone's feelings with this article, but if I've stopped just one person from cooning out the 'vic, it was all worth it.

**...there is one addiction even more hideous and debilitating. It leaves you broke and broken, a shattered, yellow-eyed wreck.**

**Yes, I'm talking about the compulsion to coon out your Civic.**

I've seen or done all of these vices.

But there is one addiction even more hideous and debilitating. It leaves you broke and broken, a shattered, yellow-eyed wreck.

Yes, I'm talking about the compulsion to coon out your Civic.

Oh, sure, we've all seen them driving by in the darkness, those hideous clear lights covering those faint pinkish bulbs, struggling to emit a glow powerful enough to see. Lowered down until their ill-fitted and badly painted body kits touch the ground, these sickening beasts of the road can be easily identified by ridiculous decals screaming CIVIC, or worse yet, some Japanese letters which probably translate directly as "coon-ass nigga-san."

But it's not seeing them so much as hearing them, which is most offensive. Often home to an exhaust can big enough to provide shelter to an

mate how much money has been wasted on this crapmobile.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm the last person on earth to oppose a nice little rim and system job for your ride. But come on, people, It's a Civic. Had these poor, lost souls saved half the money they've wasted on these automotive termites, they'd have enough money to buy a real car.

Now, don't get me wrong, again. There's nothing wrong with a Civic. It is a perfectly acceptable little ECONOMY car. It is NOT a sports car, nor a luxury car, so let's just stop pretending. No one cares if your \$400 chip got you an extra fraction of a second in the quarter-mile.

An '86 Camaro will run your car off the road.

And don't make that fatal mistake of thinking women some-

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# Party over, oops! Out of time!

Sterling Taylor  
Copy Editor

Okay. Everybody's talking about what classes their taking next semester, but has it dawned on you that it's the last month of 1999? You wouldn't know it just looking around. Life goes on in the Waffle House at three in the morning. The jukebox is playing "Waterfalls." The cook cracking three eggs at a time never blinks. The kids from Georgia Tech look over each other's papers as if it's really gonna matter.

You're probably just casually aware of it. You don't see soothsayers on the street talking about "The End" and how near it is anymore, do you? That's be-

most important one you'll read. I wish I could say "and it might just save your life." But I think it's too late for that.

Top 7 reasons why the world just might end (or worse\*) come New Year's (give or take a week):

1. Revelations 5:17-23

2. Many of the world's nuclear weapons systems are not Y2K-ready. Read that line again. The whereabouts of some underground missile silos (like those left over from the Cold War) can only be speculated upon. Scary, right?

3. Pick this paper up out of

your lap. Look down. Unless you're reading this paper on the john, there should be a zipper there. Chances are the zipper handle reads YKK. (Even if it reads Levi's or FUBU, it was still manufactured by YKK, most likely.) That's a "Y" and two "K's" (pause). Y-2-K. (pause)

I did my research and found out that YKK has the zipper market sewn

up. They have plants in 48 countries, the largest of these facilities located in Macon. Their headquarters are right here in Atlanta (Aluminum from their plants went to build the Georgia Dome and Turner Field.)

And they adhere to a philosophy they call The Cycle of Goodness, "a simple principle" that likens capitalism to the circle of life. A line from it reads: "...The results will benefit all society as we work, grow, and prosper together." Come on, it's a zipper company! What's really going on here? Open your eyes! Close your fly!

4. "Last week I saw a guy who looked hauntingly similar to Jesus at Greenbriar. Well, kinda like Jesus, save the gold teeth and cornrows. But he said he'd come back like a thief in the night." -

Corey Richardson

5. Stop laughing long enough to read Reason #2 again.

6. As much as they've been winning, God would not allow the Rams to go to another Superbowl.

7. I've just about got it all figured out.

(\*If you think about, it's not too hard to discern a fate worse than instant, sudden death. If you

need help, pick up George Orwell's 1984.)

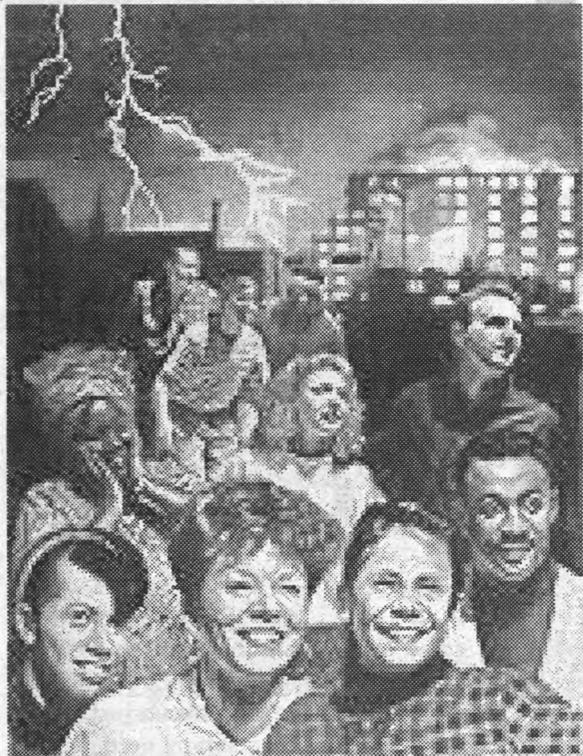
That's it. The "Top list" to top them all. Keep in mind that they are listed in no particular order. It's also important to keep in mind that the world may end for any one of these reasons or, God forbid, all six of them (yeah, six).

But don't panic. To panic would be counterproductive. At press time you have 550 hours left. After you finish reading this you

can finish studying. Or you can skip your final exams and go home.

When you get home, you can stock up on sterno and Vienna sausages and wind-up flashlights. Or you can take your little brother to the courts or tgo to the mall with your sister.

And when the ball starts to drop, you can be in a club trying to get you some. Or you can be alone. Or you can be making love with your girlfriend.



Don't panic. It's counterproductive.

cause when "The End" (the precise date generally agreed upon is January 1, 2000) began to get a little too near, they packed up their cardboard signs and shopping carts and started digging holes. Besides them, nobody else seems to notice that the sky is all purple.

The only other way you'd know it was by the lists being promulgated by the media. "The Top 100 videos of all time." "The Top 50 athletes of the century." "The Top 10 hip-hop albums of the millennium." Why do we fall for this? Well, I guess some of these lists might serve to increase discussion on, say, the top 32 things that are right about Morehouse. Or something.

I (with all the integrity that that pronoun in this article under my byline stands for) can assure you, however, that the list that follows this diatribe is probably the

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# Q-Tip breaks loose, gets *Amplified*

What does "Vivrant" mean anyway?

Carnegie Mims, III  
Staff Writer

A Tribe Called Quest was my favorite group, for real. To me, they embodied the essence of hip-hop music.

Although their break-up last year created a void in the music world, it also created an opportunity for each of the group's three members to establish their own identities as solo artists.

Q-Tip, the most magnanimous member of the group, is the first one to test the solo waters. I have always considered Q-Tip to be the consummate combination of emcee and producer. As an emcee, his cotton-soft voice quality and witty expressions magnetically attract your ears to every rhyme. As a producer, his flair for arranging funk-rich melodies with hard-hitting percussion is exhibited on songs like Nasty Nas's (not Escobar's) "One Love" and the remix to "The World is Yours." As a member of the Ummah production team, he is one of the most highly demanded producers in

the rap game.

His first solo project is *Amplified*, an appropriate title considering the album's amplification of Q-Tip's incredible musical talent.

Q-Tip collaborates with Ummah brother Jay-Dee (of Slum Village) to produce eleven of the album's thirteen tracks, and he enlists the help of DJ Scratch to produce the remaining two tracks.

The amazing potential of the Q-Tip/Jay-Dee collaboration can be heard in "Vivrant Thing," the album's incredibly addictive single that had necks snapping back and forth all summer and fall.

The funny thing about this song, as well as "Breathe and Stop," the second single from the

album, is that the first time I heard it on the radio, I wasn't feeling it at



The many faces of the Abstract

all. The rhymes were simple, the chorus was silly, and the beat wasn't "Tribe-esque." The more I heard it, though, the more I became enthralled with every element of the song.

Both "Vivrant Thing" and "Breathe and Stop" typify the uptempo, dance-inducing nature of most of the songs on *Amplified*. Tracks one through ten are a continuous sequence of bouncing, catchy ditties, carrying the richly layered basslines characteristic of Ummah production.

On "Let's Ride," Tip describes his relationship with a 'special friend' over a milky-thick guitar riff. "All In" is a simplistic track with a dark edge added courtesy of the "White Lines" bassline made mega-popular by Mobb Deep's "Quiet Storm" (I suspect a little subliminal identification tactic).

Interestingly, Q-Tip chooses to handle all the rhyming on the album by himself, as the album only features Busta Rhymes providing the hook and humorous

outro on "N.T." and Korn lending guitar and vocal accompaniment to "End of Time."

My vote for album shiner goes to "Do It, Be It, See It," the CD's bonus track. I appreciate this track because, with its laid-back tempo and reflective lyrics, it is an anomaly on the album. On this song, Q-Tip reflects on his career in the rap game: from rhyming with Phife at twelve years old, to his house burning down, to the decision to break up with Tribe.

Hearing songs on *Amplified* with virtually the same tempo and theme provides a listening continuity that is ideal for bumping in your ride or room. At the same time, though, the album's one weakness is that the shallow subject matter and lack of song variation make it deficient of proper depth and mood variation.

While it is questionable as to whether or not *Amplified* is classic material, it is definitely one of the year's most bangin'-est releases.

Like Puffy, Q-Tip just wants to make you dance...but with a lot more style and finesse, dig?

## Our Thuggy Lil' Greasefire

Hot Boy Lil Wayne is your average rapper

Hamadi Dawkins-Rose  
Contributing Writer

*The Block is Hot* is seventy minutes long. Considering the level of musical variety, a sit-down listen can be a tedious task. That's why this is a good record to "ride" to. While "riding," you can listen while running errands and big balling. Therefore, one only needs to pay the record marginal attention.

This is not an album that stands up to too much objective scrutiny. They say it's hot, so believe 'em. Bob to the beat, absorb a few choice words (more often than not, Lil Weezy's delivery is more impressive than his lyrics), and let it play its way through your daily chores.

The Cash Money is still intact. Usage of keyboard and guitar, plus speedily tapping fake drums are all present. It seems like another Hot Boyz record, with this one featuring Lil' Wayne a la the Wu-Tang Clan's solo strategy. That's not necessarily a bad thing if you don't mind feeling that this record was a product of a hard

working factory as opposed to a concentrated artistic creation by a group of musicians. Music-wise, it's just the one-man band of Mannie Fresh, plus some guy who refers to himself as "The Man" on bass guitar.

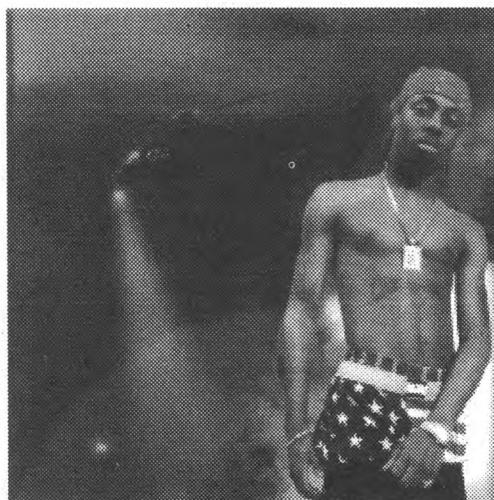
Lots of his songs are about no subject in particular. In those case, Wayne dips into his bag o' themes, in which we find his musing on his money, his "niggas," various firearms, his "beeotchiz," his weighty ice, and the "hot block" upon which he happens to live.

When he gets tired, he has other members of his oft-mentioned label drop by and reiterate for him. "Young Playa," "You Want War," and "Whatcha Wanna Do" are typical filler fare.

The only thing is, it's hard to discern the filler from the quality songs. There is no real way to know the difference. Some tracks

are just wacker than others.

There are plenty of songs that aren't too hot (pun intended? Sadly, yes). "Respect Us" is Lil'



Spanky, Alfalfa and Buckwheat unavailable for comment

Wayne's version of Juvenile's second salsa-spiced single from 400 *Degrez*, "Follow Me Now." Juve even does the chorus. It is a weak facsimile of the older song, but who cares? They don't.

But does he drop it like it's hot? Yep. The brilliantly titled "Drop It Like It's Hot" milks Lil' Wayne's verse on "Back That

Thang/Azz Up." The song is that one verse stretched out for over five minutes. But if you're just riding, you won't even notice.

And don't worry, the whole record is not as bad as the title cut. His song about one hot block isn't picturesque enough to make it lyrically potent. The only lyric in the song that really matters is when he says "hhhhah hhhhhah-hhhhah." The panting is dope! Mouth noises are what great hooks are made of.

Be prepared to don your dreads on "Not Like Me." There is an unnamed token dancehall vocalist on the chorus. It's about as reggae as Sugar Ray's song with Supercat. No matter. Weezy and the big Tymers drop science about long money likened to airport runways, hoes and the I and I. Funkin' for Jamaica and fakin' the funk.

Following a relatively decent, "High Beamin'," are two mello songs: "Lights Off" and "F\_\_ The World." The first twinkles and bounces iced with some guitar strumming. The song's theme is unclear, but definitely less "blingy" and "bout it" than the rest. Wayne finds atone-

ment with the world in the next track, albeit ironically titled. And while the song's keyboard, tappy drums, and whiny guitar try to create a "Dear Mama" mood (is that wrong?), one can hear the contrived inspiration that made Wayne get "deep" on this one cut. It's Ghostface's "All That I Got is You," without the vivid imagery. The quick change of mood indicates the stark and intentional attempt to include a more moody song on the record.

Wayne the emcee is what separates this album from the rest of the rap sub-genre classified by Adobe PhotoShop, Pen and Pixelized album covers. His flow is distinct, which is important in a rap game saturated with third generation offspring. His stylings make the trite topics catchier, and whenever his words are unintelligible, he makes it sound sort of important.

Most Cash Money detractors would be hard-pressed to say that they are worse than No Limit, so if you get the urge to be a playa hata, just remember that the record is better than any waste of plastic produced by Beats by the Pound.

# Raekwon-don't

*Immobilarity fails to move everyone.*

Calvin Miles Smith, III  
Contributing Writer

Back in 1993 Wu hit us upside our heads like a pimp slap on a two dollar ho.

We were hungry for some real tight music after getting high with *The Chronic* in 1992. It was time for a crew to come and hit us with some major shit, and Wu gave us what we needed in a most unexpected fashion. Perhaps the crown jewel of this early reign was Raekwon's "Only Built For Cuban Linx".

But 1993 was a long time ago, its 1999,



The Chef cooks up some...well...

and the Wu still has legions of fans hungry for hot beats and sick rhymes. Sad to say Raekwon's release *Immobilarity* has done nothing to break the slump that Wu-Tang appears mired in.

Don't get me wrong, I was among the first people in Atlanta to rock a Wu medalion without hesitation and I'm truly down for the Wu. The fact of the matter is that as a long time Wu-Tang fan (yes, I still think the Wu is better than a lot of suckas out there now) I know they can do better, much better.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about this album (and perhaps the reason I'm so disappointed in it) is that it is nowhere near the caliber of *Cuban Linx*.

I was discussing the album with someone who I respect as a hip-hop fan and he said it's not fair to compare the two albums, but as a fan that is all I can do. In what may come as a surprise to the many Wu fans, there is not a single track produced by the Rza. Even more surprising is the fact that the only Wu members to make appearances on the album are Method Man and Masta Killa. Most surprising of all is that there is not a single appearance from Ghostface Killah on the whole album.

To the casual hip-hop listener this album may very well be one that gets heavy rotation. Songs like "Live from NY", "Power," "Pop Sh t," and "Friday" are laced with tight beats and the type of intricate yet

understandable lyrics Rae is known for. "Raw" featuring the American Cream Team is a danceable song, which incorporates the hook from "Winter Wars" for its hook.

The beats on most of the songs are tolerable but don't mesh with Rae's style quite right. Rae still has a knack for telling vivid stories, but the lack of Ghostface to bounce the lyrics off of and give the song a conversation-like tone really hurts the overall effect.

"Casablanca" has a sound reminiscent of "Incarcerated Scarfaces" but once again the same feeling from the first album isn't accomplished.

Which brings me to "All I Got Is You Pt. II." This song goes against all that the Wu stands for. With Big Bub (yes that Big Bub!) on the hook and complete with a Lionel Richie sample Rae goes against the very things that Rza criticized Puffy and others for.

To sum it up there are a few solid cuts on this album. If you are a fan of hip-hop this CD is a note-worthy addition to your collection, but to say that this album is anywhere up to par with the classic material that Wu fans are accustomed to. Without Rza and Ghostface, Rae seems lost in space.

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### Guru from page 1

the business aspect.

**MT:** Who are you feeling right now, as far as rappers?

**Guru:** I'm liking that Mobb Deep, that's hot. And also Li'l Wayne, I like Cash Money. Nas, of course.

**MT:** How'd you end up doing a tour with Rage Against the Machine.

**Guru:** Well, actually, they called us. They wanted us to go on the road with them. You know, ever since Run-DMC, there's always been some crossover between rock and rap. Like Kid Rock, Kid Rock's just a new version of Run-DMC.

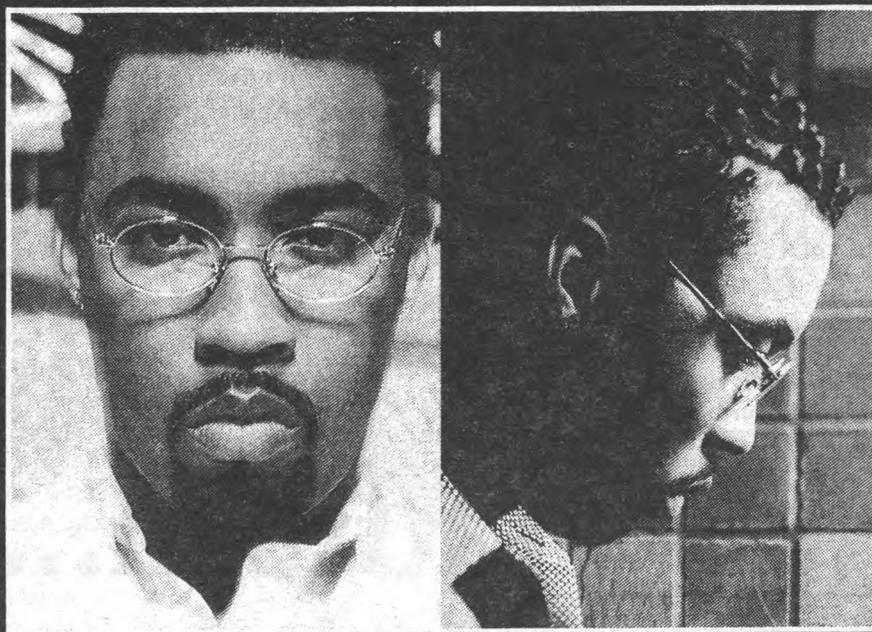
**MT:** What's the future look like for Gang Starr?

**Guru:** Right now, we're concentrating on the tour. We're on the road for a while, we're supporting the album out now. We've got an album coming out next year, so look out for it.

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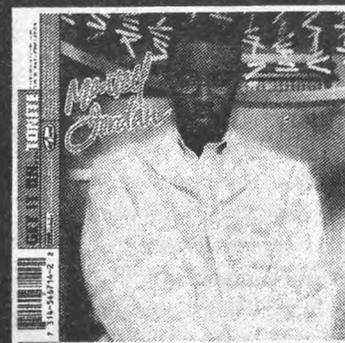
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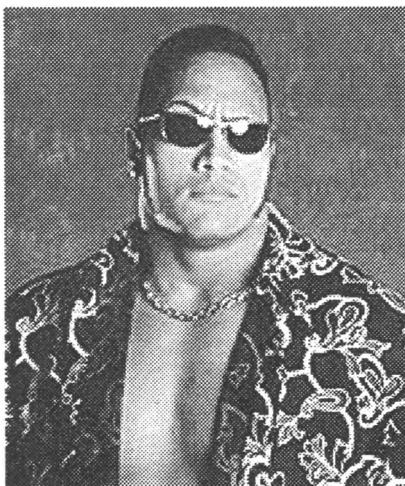
# SPORTS

*The Sports Staff of the Maroon Tiger would like to dedicate our section this edition to Dylan J. Houze. Houze, a member of the Class of 1997, played football for the Maroon Tigers and passed recently. We will remember his exploits on and off the field and our prayers and well wishes are with his family and friends.*

## If ya smelllllllllll what the Rock...!

Calvin Miles Smith, III  
Staff Writer

Disclaimer: If you are not a wrestling fan this article will mean absolutely nothing to you. Read Corey's articles or something.



The Rock.

That being said, wrestling has taken the nation by storm and you better watch out jabroni, if you can't

smell what the WWF is cooking!

The current wrestling craze can be traced back to early 1997 when two wrestlers, Scott Hall and Kevin Nash, defected from the WWF (based in Connecticut) to the WCW (based in Atlanta), forming a clique called the New World Order. The clique came to prominence following the defection of childhood hero and vitamin peddler (not to mention alleged steroid user) Hulk Hogan and WCW president Eric Bischoff.

This was the precursor to the cutting edge story lines that would be introduced in the very near future (you did know that wrestling was scripted right?!!?!?!?).

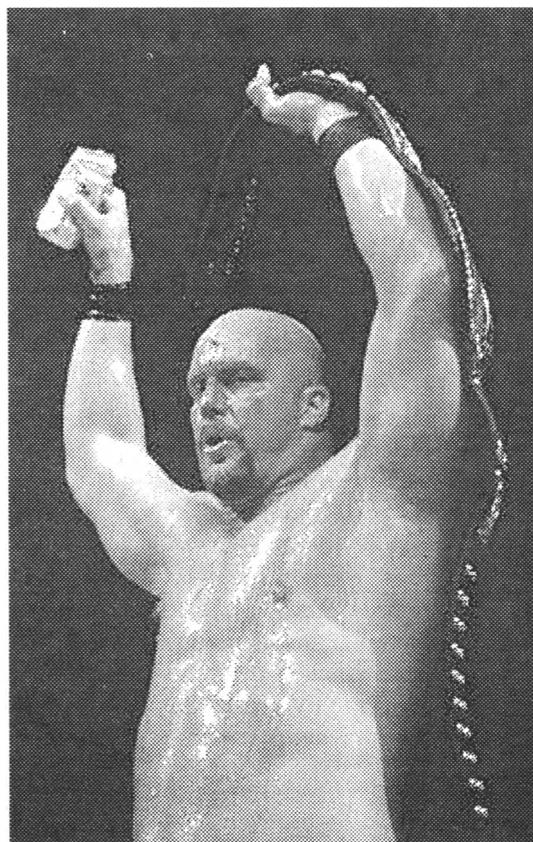
The WWF countered this with its introduction of the fringe group D-Generation X led by superstar Shawn Michaels and

a few others.

Pretty soon WWF owner, Vince McMahon, started to play a more active role in the actual show. It was on from there. With the launch of Monday Nitro on TNT, the WCW played the first card in what would soon become the highest stakes game that wrestling, traditionally considered a hobby of rednecks and elementary school boys with too much energy, would eventually turn into big money.

Fast forward to No-

vember 1999 and the WWF, which has pulled ahead in a



Stone Cold Steve Austin

dramatic way behind risqué story-lines and a hard nose

appeal, is now competing with Monday Night Football for ratings as a cable TV show on USA.

The new WWF show Smackdown premiered on UPN to record ratings for that network. The recent pay-per-view for the WWF (Survivor Series) had buy-rates comparable to the latest boxing sham, Holyfield-Lewis. Wrestling has become a big ticket, mainstream event.

I was lucky enough to attend the recent WWF Raw is War telecast, live from the Georgia Dome. While there were a large number of rednecks in attendance (especially in the nosebleed section where my college budget placed me), there were plenty of rather affluent looking people in attendance with beers in hand and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin t-shirt. Wrestling is as big as Ricky Martin and the Backstreet Boys lately, and to the dismay of a lot of people it is here for awhile.

## New stadium...new Hawks?

Calvin Miles Smith, III  
Staff Writer

After an off-season filled with "strategic moves" meant to rebuild, yet again, a perennially mediocre Atlanta Hawks franchise, Stan Kasten and the boys finally got one right.

On Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Hawks opened the fabulous Philips Arena to the NBA with a game against the Milwaukee Bucks. The opening of Philips Arena for the Hawks regular season was a resounding success.

From the fast moving lines at all points (Morehouse Registration "gurus" in Forbes Arena should take note), to giveaways for those crazy pin collectors, everything went off without a hitch. Well, maybe not everything.

The highly touted new Hawks spent the entire evening

behind on the scoreboard.

J.R. Rider arrived on time to the game to announce that he was ready to "give his all" to the Hawks and "make them a win-

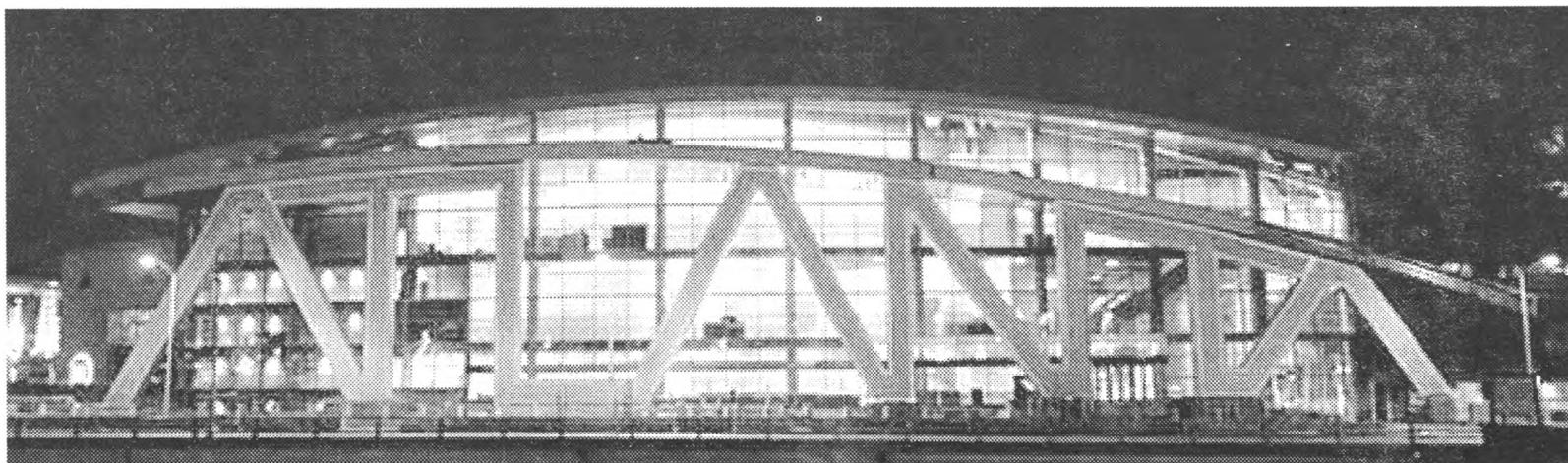
tinuing to shoot the lights out and the Hawks throwing the ball out of bounds possession after possession.

However, nothing could put

However, when the same is said for Philips Arena it is not an exaggeration. The seats I had were in the club level but it felt as if I was courtside. The upper level

I was denied access to any portion of the arena close to the boxes.

The engineers of Philips Arena are to be commended for their 'miracle of comfort' and con-



ner." Promising second year player Roshown McLeod started strong going shot for shot with Ray Allen, until Coach Lenny Wilkens, inexplicably, removed him from the game. From there it was downhill with Ray Allen con-

a damper on this night. Many arenas around the country claim that "there isn't a bad seat in the house", but when you pay your \$10 and sit behind 'Fat Man Scoop' in the nosebleed sections you beg to differ.

seats are an unusually close distance from the court.

The seats were leather, as in Wilson's, as in soft and COMFORTABLE. I cannot comment on the amenities of the private boxes because, like a true modern arena,

venience. For once the Atlanta Hawks management has held fast to its promise.

Welcome to the new millennium Atlanta Hawks.

# Maroon Tiger all-time football team

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With all the lists that are coming out for the end of the century, I figured, what the hell, why not make my own? So here it is *The Maroon Tiger* all-time football team. I know we'll get calls, e-mails and letters and a few people will accost me on campus over this, but here it is anyway. The Honorable Mention players will be denoted with an asterisk.

## Quarterback

**Joe Montana-** Despite 'the Catch' and Young breaking many of his records, it's all about Joe



**Dan Marino-** He owns every record. Super Bowl rings don't define greatness, just ask Ike

Holt.

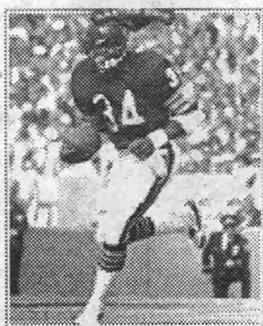
**Sammy Baugh-** He invented the forward pass. Plain and simple.

**Warren Moon-** NFL & CFL combined yardage makes him top passer ever. And he's a brother.

**Johnny Unitas-** 3<sup>rd</sup> in TD passes, 7<sup>th</sup> in Passing yds, all time. Johnny U, the man.

## Running Back

**Walter Payton-**



21,803 all purpose yards, 125 TDs. Truly 'Sweetness'.

**Jim Brown-** 15,459 all purpose yards, 106 TDs, 9 years, when they played 9 game seasons. And he retired when he was on top of his game.

**O.J. Simpson-** The most in a season, the biggest personality. Man, we still love the Juice, Marcia Clark be damned.

**Tony Dorsett-** The longest run from scrimmage,

Old 33 is third all-time  
**Barry Sanders-** Think of what could have been...

## Receiver

**Jerry Rice-** No explanation needed. Even his Madden character catches everything.

**Art Monk-** 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time. Classy, tough and 940 catches ain't half-bad.



**Michael Irvin**

Deion, Darrell Green, Rod Woodson all have bowed to his greatness.

**Steve Largent-**



3<sup>rd</sup> all-time, 100 TDs. And he played in Seattle of all places.

**Cris Carter-** 3<sup>rd</sup>

and anything. He'll catch it all and has on every great corner from Lott to Deion

## Tight End

**Kellen Winslow-** The most prolific player to ever hold the position. Gave all of himself, every game.

**Mike Ditka-** Yes. He played tight end for Chicago and Dallas and was so damn tough his nickname was 'Iron'.

**Jay Novacek-** Big catches. Big games. Led Dallas to 3 Super Bowls in 4 years with his consistency and efficiency. On 3<sup>rd</sup> down if he needed five, he got seven.

**Ozzie Newsome-** All-Pro 1979, 1984, 3 Pro Bowls, all-time leading tight end receiver, 4<sup>th</sup> among all receivers, and oh yeah, Hall of Famer.

## Offensive Lineman

**Art Shell-** Madden's man. Was the vital part in the Oakland O Line that was very successful in the 70s. Hall of Famer.

**Nate Newton-** Pro Bowl. All Pro. All Madden. 3 Super Bowl rings. Redefined the guard position. Exceptional mobility for a man nicknamed, "The Kitchen." Future Hall of Famer.

**Mike Webster-** 4 Super Bowl rings, 6 AFC Championship games, All-Pro 6 straight years, 9 Pro Bowls,

All-AFC five times, and oh yeah, Hall of Famer.

**Anthony Munoz-** 11 straight Pro Bowls in a 12-year career, All Pro 11 consecutive years, NFL Offensive Lineman of the year, 1981,87,88, and oh yeah, Hall of Famer.

**Gene Upshaw-** First offensive guard to enter the Hall of Fame. 8 time All-Pro, 10 AFL/AFC title games, another one of Madden's men.

**Larry Allen-** In just 5 years, 4 time All-Pro, 4 time Pro Bowl. Widely guarded as the greatest lineman in the game today and one of the top three ever, that's right, ever.

## Defensive Lineman

**Joe Greene-** His nickname was "Mean." NFL Defensive player of the year, 1972,74,



All-Pro 9 years, 4 Super Bowls, 6 title games, 10 Pro Bowls. Hall of Fame.

**Randy White-** Super Bowl MVP, Doomsday Defense Cornerstone, 8 time All-Pro, 9 Pro-Bowls. Cowboys Ring of Honor. Hall of Fame. Fast, smart, tough, one of the greatest Cowboys ever.

**David Jones-** Invented quarterback 'sacks.' 6 time All-NFL, 8 Pro Bowls, NFL MVP 1967, 68 "Hard hits will make cowards of us all..."-David "Deacon" Jones

**Reggie White-** The Minister of Defense. All Pro, Charter All-Madden, The toughest, the meanest, the most beloved as an Eagle or a Packer. Future Hall of Famer

**Gino Marchetti-** 11 straight Pro Bowls, 7 time All-NFL. Viscous pass rusher.

**Bruce Smith-**



Countless Pro Bowls, Countless All-Pro, 4 Super Bowls, 4 AFC Title games, viscous hitter, perfected the swim move. Future Hall of Famer.

## Linebacker

**Mike Singletary-** The best. Controlled the best defense in history, the '85 Bears. All-Pro, Pro-Bowl, All-Madden all-time. Defined the position in the 80s. Hall of Famer. "All day baby! We're gonna be here all day baby! I like this kind of party!"-Mike Singletary

**Dick Butkus-** The first one dubbed 'the best.' Viscous, hard-hitting, unscrupulous, tough, mean and didn't care what he said to you or how hard he hit you. Never quit. Hall of Fame.

**Ray Nitschke-** Super Bowls, NFL Championships, All-NFL, all-time Packer, NFL 75-year all-time team, and Defensive standout for Vince's invincible Pack.

**Jack Ham-** All-Pro 7 times, 8 straight Pro Bowls, 4 Super Bowls, Hall of Famer, Big play defender, 25 career sacks, 32 career interceptions, Steel Curtain

**Jack Lambert-** Viscous tackling, great range, superior pass defense. 2 time NFL Defensive MVP, 7 time All-Pro, 9 straight Pro Bowls, 6 AFC title games, four Super Bowls

**Lawrence Taylor-** Intensity, speed, strength fueled attack style. Redefined outside linebacker position. 10 time All-NFL, 10 Pro Bowls, NFL Defensive MVP 1981,82,86. All-Madden. Hall of Famer. "Let's go in there like crazed dogs!"-Lawrence Taylor

## Cornerback

**Deion Sanders-** Unbeatable. Unstoppable. Brought flash and swagger back to the league and the Dallas Cowboys. It's always up for grabs if Deion is on the field. Shuts down a whole side of the field.

**Rod Woodson** At one time, one of the league's best. Great one on one corner, faster, quicker than most. All Pro, All-Madden, Pro Bowl, All NFL 75 Year Team. Future Hall of Famer.

**Dick Lane-** Nicknamed "Night Train", 14 INTs his rookie year, 5 time All-NFL, 6 time Pro Bowls, Career interception record: 68 for 1207, 5 TDs, aggressive, spectacular playmaker

**Darrell Green-** All-Madden, All-Pro, Pro Bowl, 3 Super Bowls, Future Hall of

Famer, one of the best to ever play the game

**Mel Renfro-** 10 straight Pro Bowls, 4 All-Pro, 52 INTs, return specialist, super quick, great instincts, 4 Super Bowls, Hall of



Famer  
**Mel Blount-** 3 time All-Pro, prototype corner of his era with superior speed, strength, intelligence, 1975 NFL Defensive MVP, Hall of Famer. 57 career interceptions...

## Safety

**Ronnie Lott-** The hardest hitting, toughest, smartest safety to play the position in his era. Led San Francisco to 4 Super Bowls with his defensive heroics. All Pro, All NFL, Pro Bowl, No one did it better than Lott.

**Steve Atwater-** Unstoppable. Seemingly invincible safety for Denver during the 80s and 90s. NFL career man who has every accolade



the league can confer. Future Hall of Famer.

**Ken Houston-** NFL's premier strong safety of the 70s. Excellent speed,

quickness, size, and punishing tackler. 10 Pro Bowls, All Pro 8 times, 49 career INTs. Hall of Famer

**Darren Woodson-** All Pro, All Madden, Pro Bowl, 3 Super Bowls, the prototypical safety of his era. Tough, smart, hard hitting big playmaker whom easily tackles full backs and tight ends as wideouts. Future Hall of Famer.

## Coach

**Tom Landry-** 3<sup>rd</sup> most wins in history (278), 5 NFC Championships, 2 Super Bowl victories, re-invented the shotgun, flex defense, swagger and paying attention to detail. In his 28-year career, Dallas missed the playoffs 11 times. 19-15 postseason record.

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