

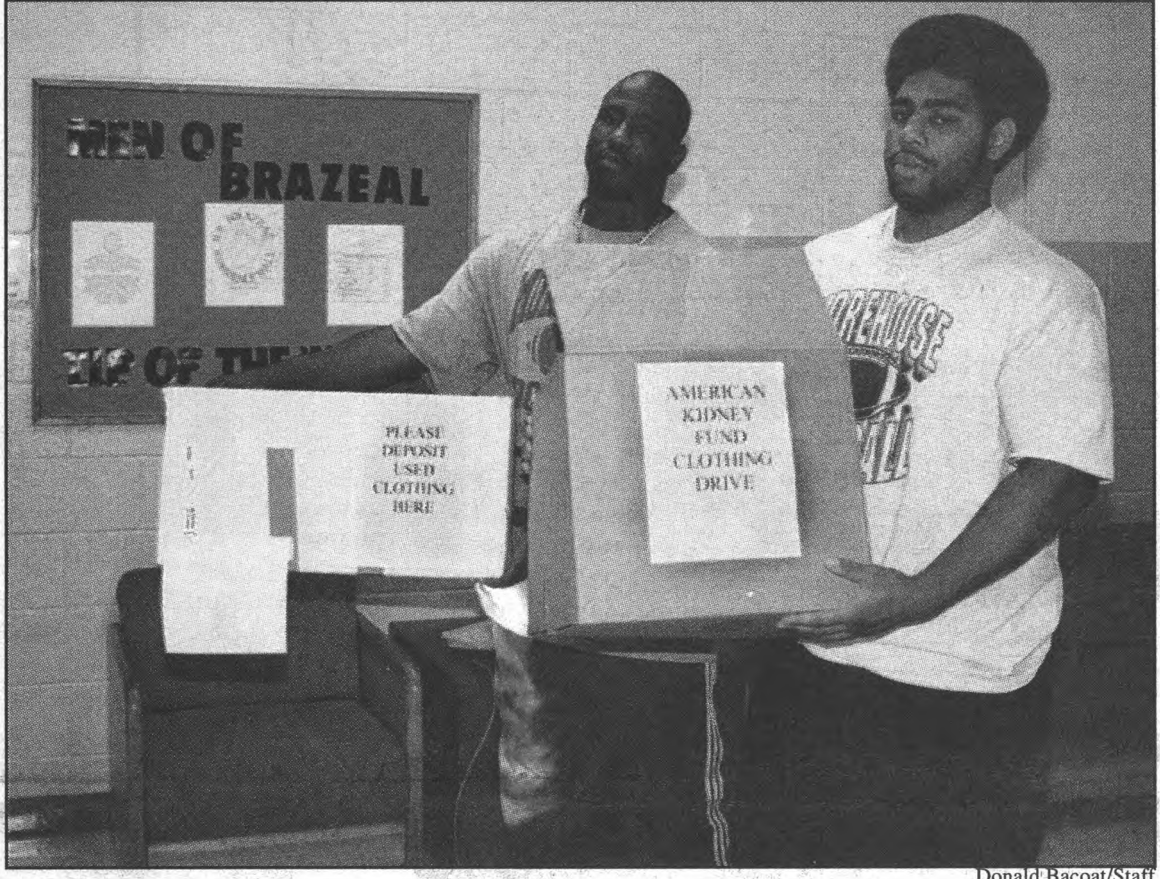


'Tis the season for service

James Britton
Staff Writer

The holidays are here! Yes, this is the time that most of us try to lend a hand to the less fortunate. And, yes, many of our Morehouse brothers have caught the spirit, of giving that is.

The Rotarac Club of Morehouse College, a branch of the Atlanta Chapter of Rotary International, held in Archer Hall its annual Angel Tree Project Dinner. The club, comprised also of students from Spelman College, brought more than seventy students from the Study Hall at Emmaus House ranging from kindergarten to high school to Morehouse to share in the spirit of giving. The students were given gifts, food, and enjoyed a step show provided by Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a musical selection from the Morehouse College Glee club. According to the president of the Rotarac club, Curtis N. Friends, some of the students were so overwhelmed at the display of charity and giving that they cried "tears of joy." The Rotarac club also thanks



Donald Bacoat/Staff

Men of Brazeal Hall are happy to give a helping hand to those less fortunate.

Morehouse College SGA, the student bodies of Morehouse and Spelman for monetary gifts, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Wal-Mart and a host of other groups and organizations for their help and charity.

The gold Christmas tree trimmed in purple in

Gloster Hall is also an example of the type of giving going on this Christmas season at Morehouse. Not to be confused with the Angel Tree Project mentioned above, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Psi Chapter have an Angel Tree of their own, decorated with

angels. On the back are the wishes of a number of children from the Woolfolk Boys and Girls Club where the Fraternity does a great deal of its service. Children have asked for items ranging from toys and games to computers. Members of the faculty were asked to choose

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Morehouse Golden Key inducts new members

Johnny Anderson, II
Staff Writer

The Morehouse chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society inducted 52 new members on Tuesday in the Sale Hall Chapel. Dr. Harold Brathwaite, Dr. Thomas Blocker, Dr. Keith Hollingsworth and Dr. Donald Vest were inducted as honorary members to the Golden Key. Ronald Newman was pinned as the president of the chapter while Cory Washington was inducted as vice-president. Newman began the

ceremony with a welcome to all in attendance and an introduction as well. Newman said that being inducted is "a great honor." After Newman, the Golden Key National Honor Society International Headquarters Representative, Silvia Ramos, congratulated the present and new members on their accomplishment.

Ramos said, "I want to congratulate all of the new inductees. This accomplishment is a reflection of not only you, but those around you as well."

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Joe Carlos/Staff

Miracle on "22nd Street"

The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Eta Kappa Chapter, participated in their annual Angel Tree project that will aid Harvest Heights nursing home and The Jericho Road Project, a local shelter for homeless men, women and children.

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Our special guest correspondent Corey Richardson regales us with his vision about what is right with Morehouse, again.

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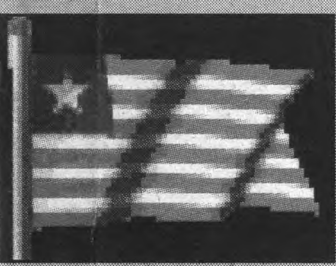
Do you still have your brother's back or was it just an NSO thing? The Editorial Board re-examines the brotherhood at Morehouse College.

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November was a month of many great new releases. We took the time to review some of the better female artists of the month.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Morehouse College forensics team** earned second place and third place team honors at the Red River Swing Tournament held at LSU-Shreveport in Shreveport, Louisiana, from November 17 to 19. Representing Morehouse were freshman Theodore Perkins and juniors Kirk Moore and Tishuan Scott. Scott garnered first place awards in five events and was named top individual speaker in the tournament in which thirty schools competed.

The **Wellness Resource Center** has started a new service called "SpiderNet." It is a free site for on-line counseling by group support. The site is not meant for emergencies, rather for students to help each other out. It is anonymous (to other students) to protect confidentiality. No other college campus in America has a resource like "Spider Net." There will be a chat (in the chat section of SpiderNet) for registered users Tuesdays at 7PM. Visit www.morehouse.edu/spidernet/. The first 50 students that register and use SpiderNet get coupons for a free chicken snack at Church's.

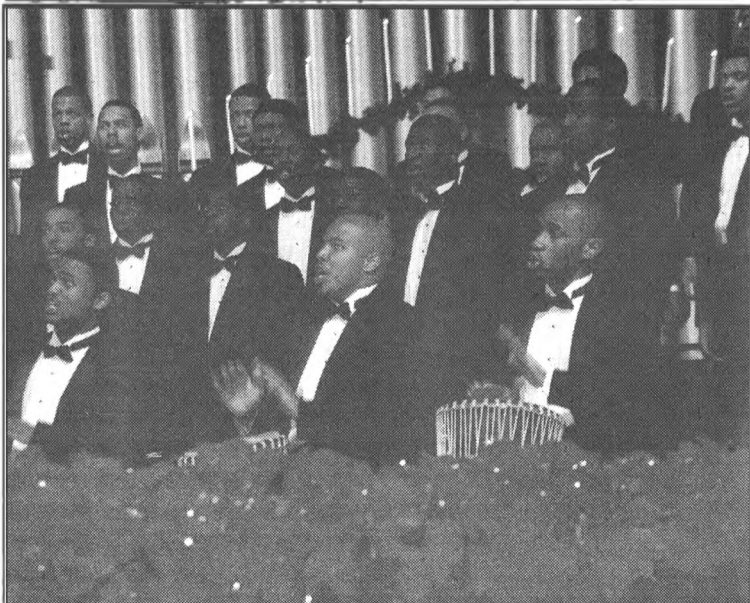
Attention: **Dr. Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund**, will be the guest speaker during the 33rd annual Morehouse College King Day Celebration Crown Forum on Thursday, January 18, 2001. For more information, please call 404-251-2608.

Corrections: In the November 16 edition of *The Maroon Tiger* (Vol. 73, no. 6) The cover photo, the photo of the NAACP voter registration and the photo of the Maroon Tiger football class of 2001 was incorrectly credited to Cedric Dark and should have been credited to Donald Bacoat.

THE REVISIONIST

We encourage an open debate on the Holocaust Question. We urge you to ignore the thought police, read the evidence, and judge for yourself.

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A Christmas Tradition

On December 1-3, the renowned Morehouse College Glee Club held the 74th annual Christmas Carol Concert. An estimated 2300 people were on hand to witness the wonderful event.

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Morehouse chapter of Golden Key Society fall inductees

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founded at Georgia State University in 1967. Its purpose was to award those that are the top 15% among juniors and seniors in their school. The Morehouse Chapter of Golden Key was founded on April 27, 1988. Every year, the chapter's membership number has grown. To be a member of the chapter, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.3 for three or four years.

Golden Key is an international honor society and has chapters in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Malaysia. The Golden Key National Honor Society has awarded over three million dollars in scholarships to its students, and Ramos added that the society "has tremendous networking possibilities."

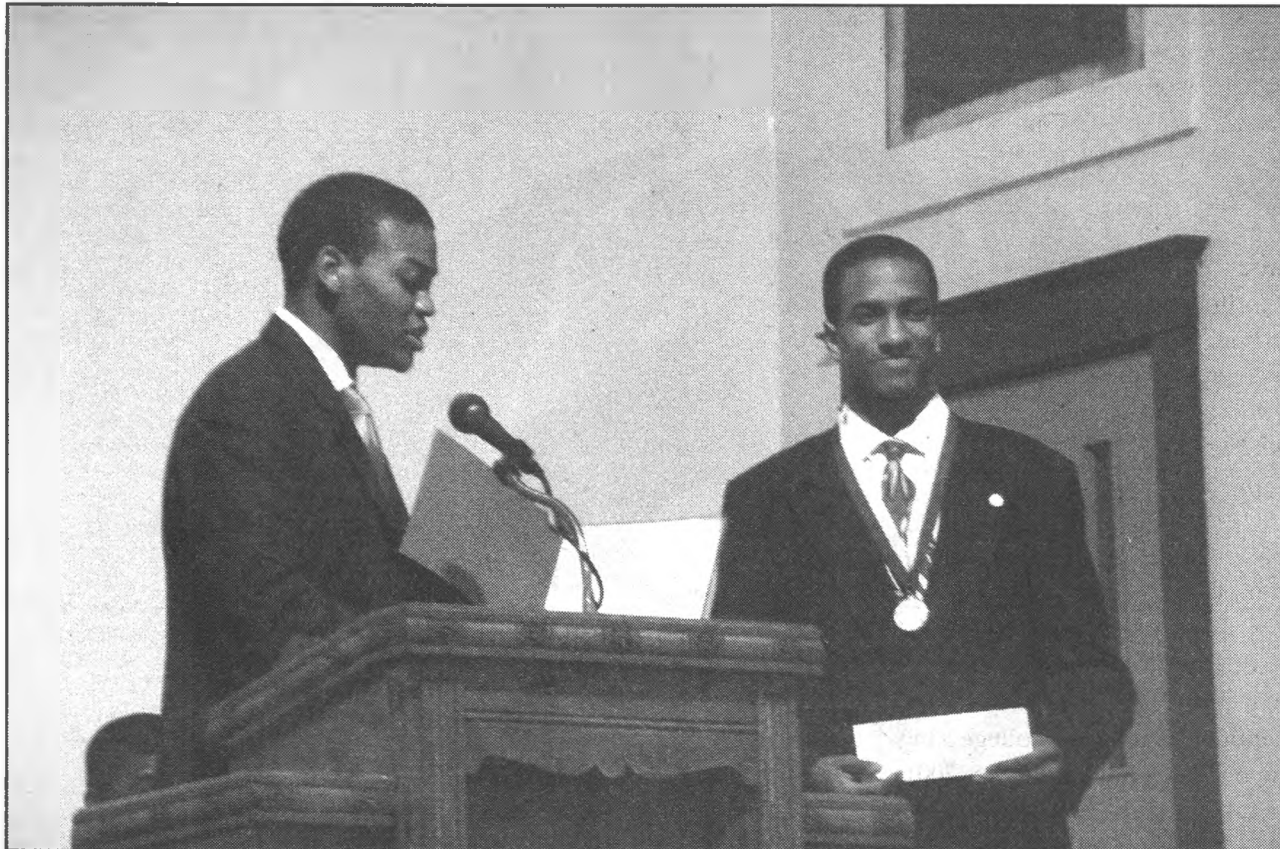
The Morehouse chapter's advisor is

Morehouse Director of the Morehouse Office of Career Counseling and Placement

being a family matter. Addressing the families, McLaurin said, "While these

Cedric Dark with a 3.90 grade point average.

The new members fi-



Jabulani Barber/Staff

Senior Ronald Newman presents junior Voltaire Sterling with the GKNHS Junior of the year award.

Benjamin McLaurin. McLaurin pinned the new student inductees as well as the honorary members.

He, likewise, shared the same sentiment as Ramos concerning the achievement

young men have done a lot to achieve their academic prowess, they did not do it alone."

Two students received scholarships--Junior Voltaire Sterling with a 3.97 grade point average and Senior

nally received their certificates and congratulated each other after representative Ramos read the charge to the new members officially inducting them into the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Peer Honor and Conduct review Board essential function of SGA

Kasi David
Campus News Editor

At Morehouse College, the Student Government Association is made up of three different arms. These are the executive board, the student senate and the Peer honor and conduct review board. The first two act as the executive and legislative branches of the Student Government Association (S.G.A.), and are the more visible components of the S.G.A. on campus. The third arm, the Peer Honor and Conduct Review Board, serves as the judicial branch of the S.G.A., and although it is not as visible as the other two branches of student government, it fulfills an important role in the life of students on this campus.

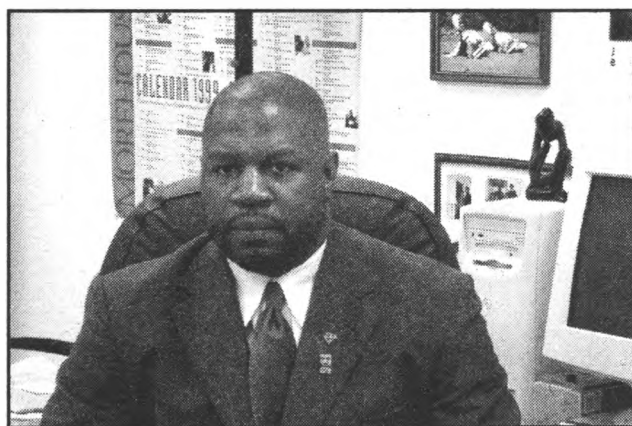
The Peer Honor and Conduct Review Board is composed of five student justices and a number of student advocates. Each spring, three of the five justices are elected during the S.G.A. elections, one justice for the sophomore, junior and senior classes. A fourth justice is elected early in the fall when

the new freshman class enters Morehouse. The newly elected S.G.A. president appoints the final justice, who serves as chief justice. The S.G.A. president also appoints the head student advocate, referred to as the attorney general. The Peer Honor and Conduct Review Board serves a variety of functions on campus, with the adjudication of student disciplinary cases being the most important one.

The board, working in conjunction with the office of student conduct that is headed by Dean Brian Phifer, meets on an almost weekly basis to try cases of student misconduct on campus. These cases may range from being written up for disciplinary problems in the residence halls, to breaking the rules of student conduct on

Morehouse's campus.

"The Peer review Board is important because it gives stu-



Jabulani Barber/Staff

Dean Brian Phifer, Dean of Students.

dents the option to have their cases reviewed by their fellow students," says Dean Phifer. "It also gives students a significant role in the school's disciplinary process."

Thus the board may hear cases dealing with violation of visitation hours to theft of students' property. The attorney general, or student advocate, helps students who appear before the board to ensure that each student is treated

fairly and also ensure that all the facts of the case are examined.

Once a matter of student discipline reaches the dean, he may decide to handle the case himself or send it to the Peer Honor and Conduct Review Board composed of the five student justices, or the Honor and Conduct Review board that is made up of faculty and two student appointees. At this stage, the justices, with the attorney general, will hear the case and make a ruling based on the facts presented. Their recommendation will then go to the dean, who ultimately decides what action will be taken against a student who is found guilty.

According to the present Chief Justice, Christopher J. Graves, "Our main concern is promoting positive behavior on and off campus in order to provide an environment best suited for the pursuit of social and academic excellence in keeping with the college's mission."

The joys of giving service

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an angel from the tree and try to fulfill the wishes of the children from the Boys and Girls' Club.

The Omegas' Angel Tree has existed for about five years and is in line with the fraternity's founding principles that include serving the community and the youth. When asked about the contributions of people within or outside of the organization who were instrumental in making this project successful, Rory Griffin, a member of the fraternity, replied, "Dwight Eskew, the Basileus of the Chapter has been doing the world and over for the Chapter." The chapter also wishes to thank Johnny Nimes, Chucky Wilson and the staff and students for their time, efforts, gifts and support. It's not too late to choose an angel. The deadline is December 10, 2000.

Also, the men of Brazeal Hall recently held a clothing drive to ensure that many of our Atlanta residents won't go cold this winter season. Led by the new Resident Director and football coach, Joseph McNeil, the men of Brazeal Hall came together to warm the hearts and bodies of the less fortunate.

The theme for the dorm this year is 'Environmental Awareness.' They are not trying to save trees per se, but they encourage Morehouse students and faculty to be more cognizant of the people around them.

McNeil thanks his R. A. staff and the Morehouse College Football Team tremendously for all their efforts. Brazeal Hall also has a recycling program thriving on McNeil's belief that "one man's trash can easily be treasure to another." Residents plan to extend this program to the rest of the dorms. So when you pack your bags for the holidays, whatever doesn't fit, don't throw it away, give it away.

If you would like to know more about community service opportunities in and around Morehouse College, please contact the Emma and Joe Adams Public Service Institute @ (404) 215-2742.

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Clinton Urges Putin to free 'spy'

LONDON, England — U.S. President Bill Clinton has personally urged his Russian counterpart to set free an American businessman convicted of espionage in Russia and sentenced to 20 years in jail. Edmond Pope was among the topics discussed in a 15-minute telephone conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Clinton on Friday, senior officials said. Russia's Presidential Clemency Commission advised Putin on Friday to pardon Pope and free him on humanitarian grounds because the 54-year-old is suffering from a rare form of bone cancer. "The president urged him (Putin) to move quickly to accept the recommendation of the commission on paroles," P.J. Crowley, the White House National Security Council spokesman, said. "The president believes he should be released as soon as possible and he is hopeful that Mr. Putin will do the right thing," Crowley added. Putin is now the only person who can authorize Pope's release and he has previously suggested he might take the businessman's health into account if asked to decide his fate. On Wednesday, a Russian court convicted the former U.S. intelligence officer for trying to acquire state secrets about a high-speed torpedo. Pope was sentenced to 20 years in a labor camp. Following his conviction, he sent a letter to Putin pleading for clemency so that he could return to his family in U.S. to receive health care. Pope's father also has cancer. "I request this release to be as soon as possible as my father is terminally ill and I wish to visit him one last time," Pope said in his letter. "I hope we will take a humane decision to allow him to go home," Anatoly Pristavkin, head of the Russian clemency commission said. In his final defense statement on Wednesday, Pope professed his innocence saying he did not know that information he sought on Russian torpedo technology was secret. Pope owns a consulting firm that purchases marine technology and his supporters insist he had merely asked about a 10-year-old underwater propulsion system that had already been sold abroad. His conviction has cast a pall over U.S.-Russian ties, already strained over arms control. "We believe that Pope's conviction was unjustifiable and wrong," White House National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said in Washington. Crowley said the U.S. president expressed concerns about Pope's health in the phone call initiated by Putin. U.S. officials did not indicate what Putin said to Clinton and what actions, if any, he indicated he might take. Clinton has been under political pressure from the U.S. Congress to secure Pope's immediate release or retaliate against Moscow. It could take a week for Putin to make his clemency decision, a Kremlin spokesman said.

Israel Caught in Oil Squeeze Play

Saudi Arabia doesn't like Saddam Hussein. And besides, there's money to be made pumping more oil at current prices. That meant good news Monday for Western consumers, as Iraq was forced to back off from its threat to cut its oil output and reopen the taps it closed last Friday. Baghdad was left little choice after the Saudis undertook to fill the shortfall left on world markets by the withdrawal of Iraq's daily output of 2.5 million barrels, thereby nullifying the impact of Saddam's latest gambit. Iraq had hoped that by raising pressure on the world oil price it would strengthen its campaign to break out of the U.N. sanctions regime imposed on Baghdad at the end of the Gulf War.

One country that will find little to cheer about in the Saudis' latest rescue of Western consumers is Israel. While it's in Saudi Arabia's self-interest to help out the West in this instance — both to maintain stability in world oil prices and to deny a victory to its belligerent Iraqi neighbor — Riyadh also has some demands of its own. The Saudi leadership is reportedly outraged by Israel's reaction to the latest Palestinian uprising, and wants to see the U.S. play a more evenhanded role in the region. Crown Prince Abdullah, de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia since his half brother King Fahd's stroke, has warned, for example, that the kingdom would break ties with any country that moved its embassy to the disputed city of Jerusalem.

Israel proclaims the Holy City as its capital, and although few countries have moved their embassies there from Tel Aviv, moving the embassy there is a popular call in U.S. domestic politics. Indeed, both the Gore and the Bush campaigns committed themselves during the election to moving the embassy, but they may be reluctant to stir up Arab hostility — particularly if that translated into higher oil prices. Of course, the Saudis are not threatening and make no overt linkage between their geopolitical positions and their stance on oil prices. In fact, Saudi Arabia's official position is that it wants the oil price issue depoliticized. But there is mounting domestic political pressure on the royal family to take a tougher stand on Israel and distance itself from U.S. influence. Moments like the one last week when an Iraqi gambit on oil suddenly made Saudi Arabia Washington's most important friend in the region highlight the U.S. need to keep the Saudis sweet. And in the Middle East, Washington can't please all of its friends all the time.

Gore ricochets from low to high to low

Washington D.C.
Associated Press

Prayer and champagne propelled Al Gore through whiplash-inducing changes in the presidential race.

"Years from now, we'll be telling our grandchildren about this," he said Saturday. As if hitting "replay" on last month's undecided Election Night, Gore was all but consigned by fellow Democrats to concession.

He was given one last chance on Friday afternoon, bolstered by a fresh recount on Saturday and then, within minutes, stopped dead in his tracks. Reporters waited in vain outside the vice presidential mansion for a promised photo-op with Gore Christmas shopping or receiving a holiday visit from Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman and his wife.

The news cameras were sent away when the U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to the vice president's last-hope vote counts in Florida. By the Democrats' tally, Gore and his Democratic running mate, Joseph Lieberman, picked up a few votes on Saturday before the justices in Washington shut down the review of ballots. "Real progress was being made," said spokesman Chris Lehane.

The high court's ruling hit 23 hours after the Florida Supreme Court granted him the recounts and just minutes after the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed that they should carry on.

A senior legal adviser worried that the U.S. Supreme Court's split, 5-4 decision, raised doubts that the nine justices would be receptive to Gore's plea in the hearing scheduled for Monday.

The legal disappointment collided with a resurgence in support from fellow Democrats who, before the ricochet of rulings, predicted Gore would be forced to con-

cede to Republican George W. Bush by Friday's end.

As vote counters began to re-examine ballots Saturday morning, Rep. Donald Payne, D-N.J., was among many who cheered Gore's decision to hang tough. "If he concedes, he does a disservice to all the people who voted for him," Payne said.

Gore, in a private conference call to three dozen supporters, did not speak about the opposing side, said Ellen Malcolm, president of EMILY's List, a Democratic

campaign chairman Bill Daley for a Capitol Hill news conference decrying the GOP assault on Florida's court justices, accused by House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of "judicial aggression."

"Act responsibly, respect the courts, count the votes, and if you don't like a decision, appeal it to a higher court, but don't engage in attack politics against the judicial branch of our great democracy," Gephardt said.

Daley said all of the votes in Florida, whose 25 electoral votes are key to a winning majority in the Electoral College and the presidency, "would have been finished some time ago, if the other side had not taken every conceivable step to stop it."

Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who had opposed Gore for the party's nomination, hastened

to Florida to monitor recounts and pitch in on what Gore aides expected would be an all-out public relations war.

Outside Gore's official residence Saturday, Bush supporters outnumbered Gore's by three bullhorns to two.

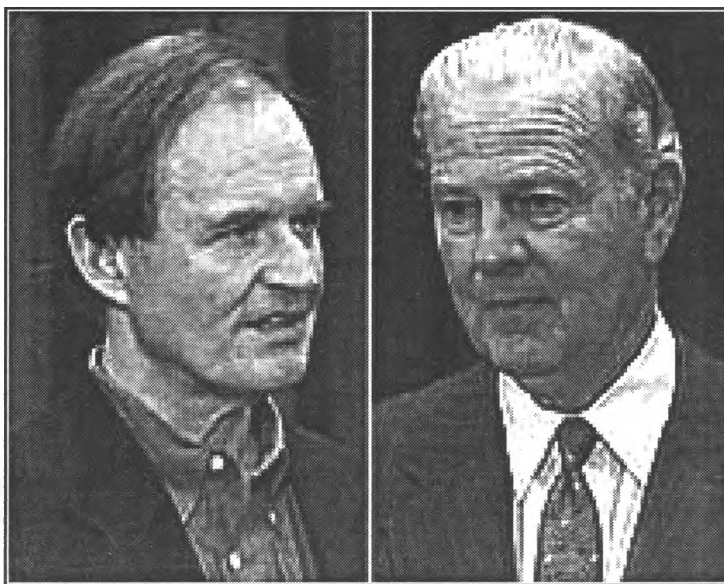
"Hey, hey, hey, goodbye," chanted Beth Wetzel, while someone else, apparently recalling the drama of Nov. 7 shouted out, "Al Gore, re-concede!"

On election night, Gore's concession speech was loaded into a TelePrompTer but aborted as the Florida vote tally narrowed.

Saturday's angry mobilization on both sides contrasted with the quiet celebration Friday evening of revived recounts.

After watching the evening news over champagne, Tipper Gore helped Haddassah Lieberman in the dining room to set out candles, wine, challah and a Lieberman family heirloom table linen.

The Gores, their daughter Kristin, and just two aides then joined the Liebermans in the Jewish prayer and ritual of Shabbat.



AP photo

(L-R) David Boies and James Baker are the pointmen for Gore and Bush respectively.

fund-raising group, and a participant in the brief afternoon call.

"He sounded to me very calm and determined. He just thanked everyone for their patience and for sticking with him through all this," Malcolm said.

California Gov. Gray Davis and NAACP president Kweisi Mfume were among others on the line.

As quoted by an aide listening in, Gore told the group:

"Years from now, we'll be telling our grandchildren about this. I think you all will be able to take pride in the fact that, despite great pressure, you fought valiantly for our democratic values."

He interpreted the Florida high court ruling as validation of his belief that "a vote is not just a piece of paper, a punched card or a chad.

"It is a human voice and we must not let those voices be silenced — not for today, not for tomorrow, not for as long as this country stands for the principle that the people must be heard and heeded."

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt joined Gore

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Holiday gift ideas for that special someone

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Features Editor

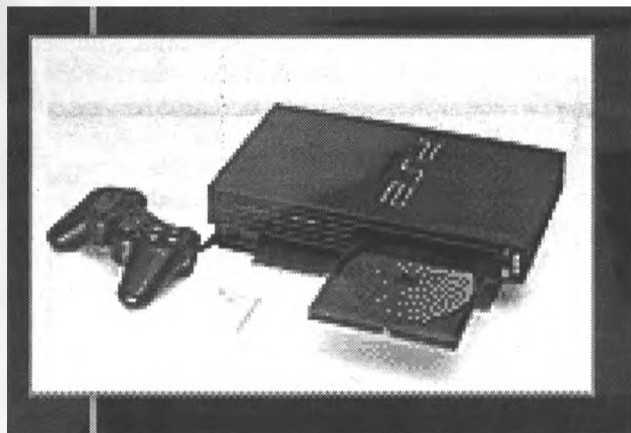
Ladies, are you wondering what to get him this year and you've hit a brick wall? Don't fret. Your friend good old Joe From Dallas is here to help. First of all, you have to know the guy's likes and dislikes to get a full understanding of the type of gift that he would appreciate. Without question, there are some gifts that will give you instant credit for a few months just upon their receipt. In that same breath though, there are also gifts that could result in an attitude you weren't expecting and less calls, emails and eventually a pink slip. Christmas gifts can be that serious. And don't think for a second that we don't know that it's twenty times worse with you all... Anyway, here are some A-List gifts that he will absolutely love.

Playstation or Playstation 2:

We, as men, realize how scarce the Playstation 2 is. But hey, the attempt to or at least your how you raced Toys R' Us and three kids and up with was a is a valid story valiant effort.



There aren't many PS2's out there, so it's cool, but there are quite a few PS1's out there still, and they are cheaper than ever. If he's in to sports games, there's a hell of a chance that he loves John Madden Football. What you may not understand is that many times, manhood is tested on one's proficiency with games such as Mad-



den. Now, don't look at Playstations as distractions from you. Look at them as an escape for him. That way, he's not always calling you and bugging you about what you're doing or where you've been. See, in a sense, the Playstation can help your relationship because you are showing him that you listen and care about what he likes by buying it, and you are also providing yourself with time to do what you want to do while he's playing on it. Everyone's happy!

A DVD Player:

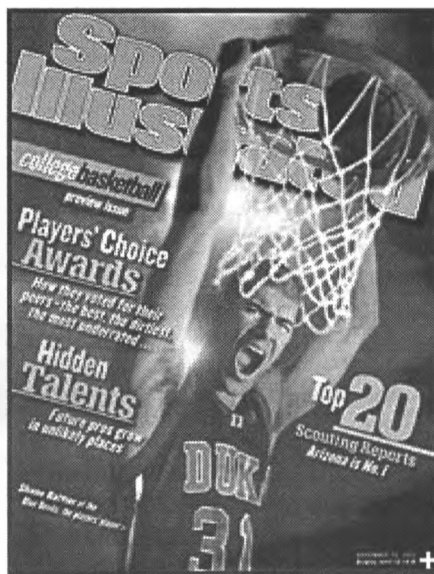


VCR's are great. VCR's are useful and are widely used all over this beautiful planet. However, the wave of the future is the DVD player. Great sound quality, picture quality, special features, you just can't beat a DVD player. And now that they are becoming more common, the prices are going way down, so it's definitely within price range. He will adore you for purchasing it. And think of it this way, it's not so much an escape like the Playstation, and this way, maybe you can rent the movies on DVD that he wouldn't watch on tape and tout them for their great sound and pic-

ture quality.

Sports Illustrated Subscription:

With the internet, the beauty and the significance of a subscription may not be what it used to be, but it's still a thoughtful gift that he will appreciate all year. Every time he gets his weekly installment of the greatest magazine on earth, he will remember who gave it to him and love you more for it each week. However, if something happens between you (ie. cheating and breakup), don't cancel the subscription, that's in especially bad form.



A Peacoat:



Everyone seems to have one, so he probably wants one too. Several stores sell them, so before you go and plop down \$200 on the J.Crew model, remember that Old Navy is selling them for \$58. Also, if he likes vintage stuff, resale stores in Little Five Points have dozens of original Naval Peacoats that were worn in battle.

Cologne:

Sure everyone wants to smell good. And so does he. Sometimes though it's difficult for him to actually go into the store and purchase what he knows he should buy, some form of cologne,

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some fragrance, can do wonders for the enhancement of one's personal aura. Personal office favorites are: Davidoff's The Good Life, Curve,



Candies for Men, Realm for Men, Polo Sport, Aramis, Chanel's Allure for Men and Polo. However, while there are thousands of different fragrances, decide what you think will work best on him and what he will appreciate.

Something Sentimental:

A ticket stub from the first date. A collection of leaves from



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from a walk in Walden woods.

Something that only the two of you will understand truly expresses the emotion and feeling that the two of you have for each other.

Music:

He's been looking for that first Wu. He's been feenin' for Diary of A Mad Band. He's recently started listening to N'Sync. Get him the stuff he likes and just like with the Sports Illustrated, he'll think about the special person who bought these nice things for him every time he listens to them.

Clothing:

Socks are seen as a crazy gift by some but an important gift by others. As my friend Calvin puts it, "A gift that you hate as a child but appreciate when you're older." Guys appreciate sweaters, scarves, turtlenecks and any type of clothing that they themselves don't have to purchase.

Now that you have some suggestions, go out and have some fun shopping and remember that, in the end, it's not the gift that you give that is most important but the thought behind it. And please, never forget the reason for the season.

What's right with Morehouse: Revisited

A look on the bright side of Morehouse from one of its most outspokenly vocal sons

Photos by Cedric Dark and Tash Moseley

Corey Richardson
Features Editor Emeritus

As of late, it seems as if *The Maroon Tiger* has taken a more edgy and aggressive stance in addressing issues within the college community. This latest batch of introspection has led to a renewed spirit of activism and has spawned a trend of proactive behavior amongst the student population as a whole. But enough with all the

to growth, expansion and upkeep, but it's also a cool way to make your mark on history. As long as Morehouse lays wet cement we'll know that St. Louis is all up in the mofo.

2.) **New Ids.** It's about time my college ID looked better than my fake ID. And yet another sign that Morehouse College is taking the right steps to becoming an institution of the 90's, er, um, I mean the next millennium.

3.) **The Athletic Department.** It would stand to reason

17. Biology Seminars - Free lunch every Thursday

big wordin' and belly achin'. Folks, sometimes it's the little things that make this place bearable.

Last year, just after the Christmas break, we ran a piece entitled, "What's Right With Morehouse," in which we took a

that at an all black, all male college, the athletic teams would be pretty damn good and now under the leadership of our new AD, Andre Patillo, Morehouse is finally shifting it's emphasis from just having good teams, to building strong programs. Now all we need is another side to the stadium and

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moment to examine the lighter side of our esteemed institution.

Sure, we've got a big endowment. Yeah, we produce strong black leaders- blahbitty blahbitty boo-some of which come

we'll be in business.

4.) **Officer Sturdivant.** I've seen this man out in subfreezing temperatures booting cars, in the blazing hot summers booting cars, last week, he was booting cars.

29. Black Republicans - because everyone is entitled to the right to be different

from a country ravaged by eight years of civil unrest, many of them former refugees, some of them ex-combatants. You might think you're from the rough side of town, but these guys are from a country that the United Nations branded as one of the worst places to live, and they're not thugs, they're here to learn. Think about that, tough guy.

1.) **Wet Cement.** It's not only a sign of the college's dedication

You might hate him for what he does, but you have to respect him for how he does it because he's dedicated.

5.) **Napster.** Creating new bonds of brotherhood by blending music with an age-old African American tradition, theft, I mean, sharing. In the spirit of Kwanza, download a Napster today (before the feds take it away).

6.) **Fifth Year Seniors.** Living reminders to all you under-



classmen who think that you can smoke, drink, and meander your way through school. I'm one of them, and trust me; you don't want to be one. If you don't think you can make it out in four, summer school and overloads, just get the fuck out of school.

7.) **The Flag Girls.** Because I shouted out Mahogany last year and besides, they got Tiffany Edwards, need I say more?

8.) **Liberian Students.** They come from a country ravaged by 8 years of civil unrest, many of them former refugees, some of them ex-combatants. You might think you're from the rough side of town but these guys are from a country that the United Nations branded as one of the worst places to live, and they're not thugs, they're here to learn. Think about that, tough guy.

9.) **Sam, the King Chapel**

tico, you get a lovely view of the ghetto.

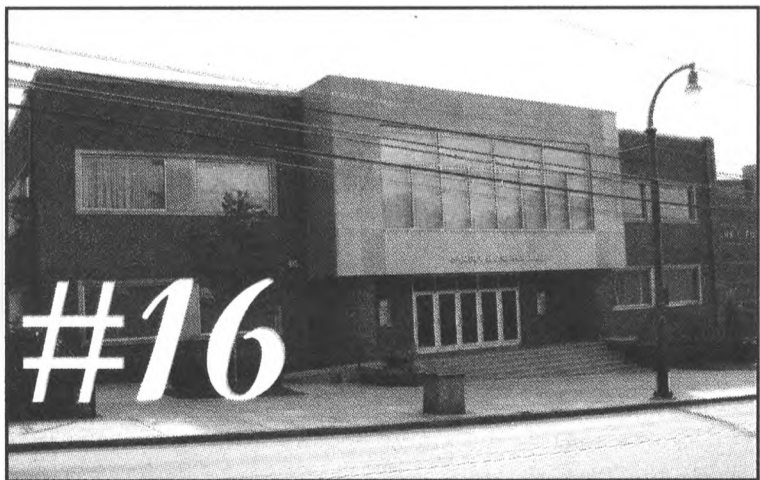
11.) **Dave.** The White guy. You gotta respect him.

12.) **Wheeler Hall.** The building housing the Computer Science, Business and Political Science departments—truly the home of scholars, ballers and shot callers.

13.) **Clark White.** The sociology professor who's deep Chattanooga drawl spits social theory, political consciousness and blues lyrics with eloquence. He's probably the coolest man walking on

11. Dave the White guy - you gotta respect him

campus, not because he can get



Technician. Because he's just so cool. Almost as cool as Bobby, without the cornrows.

10.) **The Davidson House.** Only at Morehouse would they have the cajones to build a multi million-dollar house in the middle of the SWATS. From the back por-

away with rockin' lime green kicks, but because he feeds the subject matter to his students in a manner that is as easy to digest as it is insightful and informative.

14.) **The Maroon Tiger.** You readin' it right now!

15.) **Administrative Assis-**

tants. The gatekeepers. These women deal with everything from disorganized professors, to disgruntled students, to disoriented parents, all the while balancing pin numbers, phone numbers and work-study hours. The administrative assistant can make or break you in that they have all your information.

16.) **Archer Hall.** Again, we have to thank Morehouse for giving us a \$5 million facility,

hardwired with the latest technology and state-of-the-art workout facilities that essentially serves as the most expensive pool hall in all of Southwest Atlanta. Rumor has it that, next semester, they are going to put in a crap table and dancing girls.

17.) **Biology Seminars.** Free lunch every Thursday.

18.) **NSO.** Every year, the most exclusive fraternity in the world crosses a line of 750 men for whom the journey is merely beginning.

19.) **Commencement.** Ev-

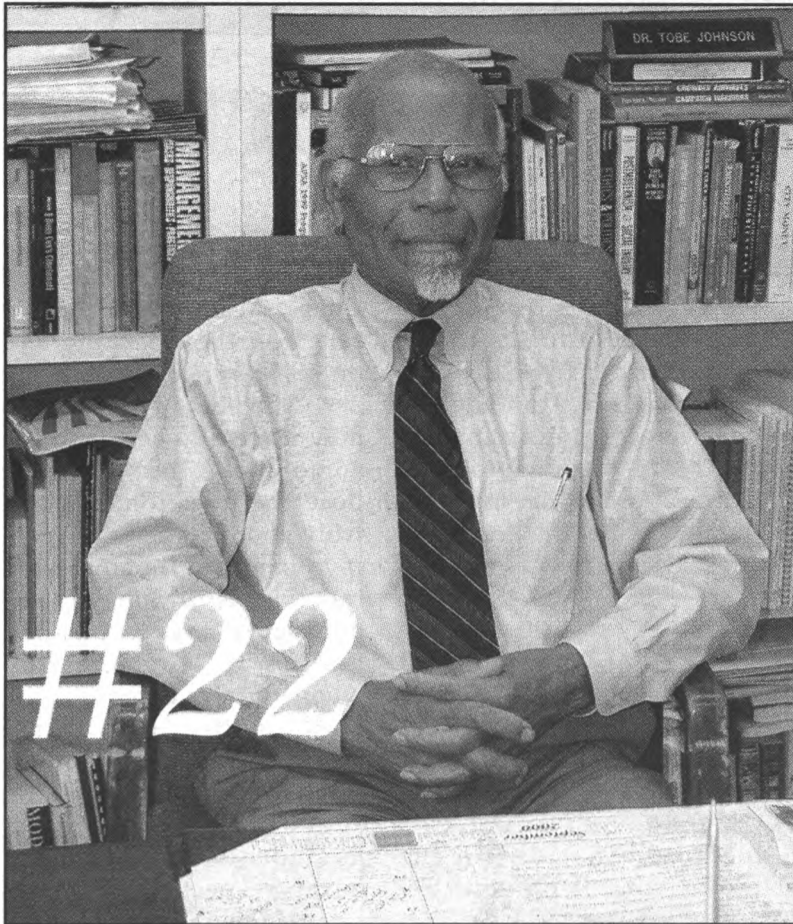
ery year 500 men gather on the campus green to celebrate a journey completed and to be welcomed into the arms of alumni brotherhood.

20.) **Candle In The Dark.** \$150.00 plate of chicken, some sweet tea and a cinnamon biscuit. It feels good to see Black folks ball for no reason other than to say they can.

21.) **Gutbusters.** Cleaner than Stegall's. Closer than Popeye's. Providing us with our daily allowance of requisite nutrients (i.e. grease, fat, soda and cheese). This place keeps our bellies full and our colons clogged with the good stuff we so desperately desire. Check them out on the web, www.gutbustersrestaurant.com, and tell them Kasi David sent you.

22.) **Tobe Johnson.** He may have taught your father. He prob-

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when he asked for her number, and I was nearly reduced to tears.

26.) Henry Goodgame. All jokes aside and all comments forsaken, the man loves Morehouse more than you claim to love your girl. If you doubt the man's resolve, keep in mind that Miss Maroon and White and her court would have been bucket nekkid had he not gone to pick up their gowns. Did he get a thanks? No (not that a naked court woulda been all that bad). Long summer homecoming meetings, he was there. Did he get a thank you? No. Here it is Mr. Goodgame: Thank you.

27.) Mindless activism. They will be protesting this statement next Tuesday.

28.) Texans. Because they're so proud. Proud of what God only knows, but one Texan's pride is equal to that of 30 New Yorkers, and that's why they usually leave the club in handcuffs.

29.) Black Republicans. Because everyone is entitled the right to be different.

30.) The BP On Lee St. Proudly serving minors since 1992. Many a Morehouse Man has taken those first staggering steps to alcoholism by cracking that first bottle of Cisco or tapping that first

40. Shouts out to Shinjay and Abujahal!

31.) The Woodruff Library. Yeah, its only got like

seven books and five of them are already colored in, but it's the best spot for on-site macking and play-play studying. Many thanks go to Coca Cola for giving us an alternative to Kaya and Lenox for meeting the yatches.

32.) Dear Old Morehouse. I said before, and I'll say it again, it's the tie that binds us all. J.O.B. was and still is right.

and dive all you want, but Tobe ain't going nowhere.

23.) The Third Row in King Chapel. The best seats in the house.

24.) Meaningless Debates. You just finished looking at the pictures in *Newsweek*, your boy

23. The third row in King Chapel - The best seats in the house

caught all of three minutes of CNN while in Circuit City and all of a sudden, you are the nation's foremost authority on politics, economics and metaphysics. Meanwhile, in the real world, you're still an idiot.

25.) Key Jingling. Its origins are shrouded in mystery, yet its message is clear as crystal. Go Home! Post Haste! It's a move so raw, I saw a chick pull it on a dude

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ably taught you. It's possible he could have taught your grandfather, and if the trend keeps going, he'll probably be teaching your son. Dr. Johnson is a Morehouse legend whose wisdom is unparalleled and tenure extensive. Get this, when Dr. Johnson started teaching at Morehouse, Eisenhower was President, gas cost about ten cents and Marty McFly's parents still hadn't met. Lest we not forget that his first year teaching at Morehouse was Dr. Massey's first as well, only Massey was a sixteen-year-old freshman. But don't even think about calling him old. The man wakes up every morning at 5am and works out, so he can still kick your ass. Political Science majors beware, you can duck, ditch

How Joe Sees

By Joe Carlos
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"It's the most wonderful time of the year!!" Ah December! School is almost out, the natives are getting restless and finals are just about to kick our collective butts.

However, while visions of sugarplums should be dancing through many people's heads, there are many who are ultimately less fortunate.

There are many who do not leave the area that we attend school in because, to them, this is home. What are we going to do for them? What are we going to do for the children who will have next to nothing this Christmas?

I don't know.

There are Angel Tree projects and gift-giving exchanges, clothing and toy drives, but are these things mere temporary solutions to the bigger problem?

If you've noticed, or if you haven't, the area around the south end of campus looks remarkably different.

Just across the street from the football field, the sub-standard and heavily antiquated apartments are boarded up. One in particular is being remodeled probably for future use as a boarding house. And behind the boarded up apartments, where the government housing was, it looks as though a series of bombs was dropped there.

Maybe this information was brought to us about what was going on in our neighborhood, but I missed it. And if you scoffed at the notion that this is not our neighborhood, you are gravely mistaken, because my dear brothers and sisters, it is.

Where do you live and work for 75% of the year? Right here in the area known as the Atlanta University Center. And in the notion of some type of civic pride or civic duty, it is only right for you to care a bit about your neighborhood and do whatever you can to help it prosper and grow.

Alright, I've stepped off of the soap box now.

But, the point still remains that some sort of giving to those less fortunate than yourself should be done.

Let's change the subject.

For you freshmen out there, the spring semester is significantly longer than the fall was. There are more pitfalls, tests, quizzes, reading and many more distractions in the spring.

So, bearing that in mind, do

everything you can to stay on top of your studies. However, there are a few things to complete your freshmen year experience that are necessary.

You must attend the Morehouse v. Clark Atlanta basketball games. They are the highlight and social event of the entire spring semester. Never before will you have seen more well-dressed, pleasantly smelling African Americans in one place. And the ladies, oh my, the ladies. For the first time, the CAU ladies and the Spelmanites are under the same roof, vying for your pathetic little attention.

I suggest that you participate in some shape or form in the Spring Elections. They are some of the most lively, inspired, spirited and wildly entertaining practices that are sanctioned by this venerable institution. The deliciously devilish debates that are held in the best of intentions are probably the hallmark of excellence that this part of the semester brings forth.

The true depths of humanity and the Morehouse man's integrity are tested in this period in which the new leadership for the school is decided. It can get ugly, but in the end, the valor, courage, and insightful and creative thinking that is wrought forward by the elections are the unofficial cleansing that the campus needs and gets.

For usually, there is one candidate for a certain position who is so young, naive and full of his own innocence that his very existence inspires all those around him to lead or to be led in a way that is ideal for an institution so inherently dedicated to such a tenet.

Lastly, you have to attend the Ms. Maroon & White pageant. That's right, you get to choose who the young ladies will be to represent our school. The pageant is fun to attend, it's fun to watch and it's probably the last time that you have members of all the classes from Morehouse and Spelman in the same room for the school year. You will not understand how significant it is now, or even at the time, but later, the significance of being with your friends at a certain time will hit you with a resonance that will remain with you for life.

Enjoy the rest of your semester and study hard. Happy holidays, be safe and we'll see you next year...

Twenty 20 Questions

1. Shouldn't East Lake be considered On-Campus Housing?
2. Don't take her for granted...somebody else won't.
3. Watch your books, the semester is over and the bookstore pays cash.
4. Go to Collegiate, "Apologize" to your boys back home.
5. If at third you don't succeed...pick a new major.
6. Get all your boys' home phone numbers-that might be the only way to contact them next semester.
7. You just met her; you don't know her well enough to call her over the break.
8. Next semester take four credits, not three.
9. Wish that you withdrew?
10. 8-3, who knew?
11. You got a clove?
12. Why doesn't the cafe like to feed us?
13. Who will be the second person to get a ticket for running the traffic light outside of Gloster?
14. Now that Bush is President are you going to try to study abroad?
15. Didn't Mom say, "Santa doesn't visit boys without haircuts"?
16. What would we do without that new Morehouse Police truck?
17. \$10 for a club you like to forget, or a free house party you probably won't remember?
18. You have a better chance claiming a 4.0 BAC than GPA.
19. Now that he is graduating, who's gonna do it?
20. Happy Kwanzaa

Continue looking to your left and your right

We cannot afford to continue operating in a "false" brotherhood

*The Maroon Tiger
Editorial Board*

You were probably told to look to your left and right during your NSO experience (depending on when you came in) and to take a real good look at those brothers because one of them would not be with you four years later. You might have thought that that statement was a slight exaggeration of the truth, but it made you think a little bit. In truth, the statement probably captivated you for a second, commanded your attention for a minute and reveled in your brain for a minute more and then passed swiftly out your other ear, never again given a second thought.

We would like to extend an invitation for you to experience that second thought for when you return from the holiday break. You will indeed find yourselves giving that NSO statement a second, third and fourth thought. Many of

you will return to your respective residential halls and discover that many of the brothers you grew close to during the fall, missing. It is no mystery, and it is not by chance that the "look to your left, look to your right" statement was uttered to you upon your initial arrival at Morehouse College. It is nothing but fact and truth that the brothers you came in with will not necessarily be the ones that you graduate with. This is a phenomenon that is perpetuated year after year for various reasons, and no matter what words of wisdom are shared at the beginning of one's matriculation through Morehouse, it is inevitable that the trend will continue.

For many, it is a financial complication. Others come here and arrive at the realization that this institution just is not designed to meet their individual needs. These rationales are understandable; they are often predetermined and uncontrollable, but they, however, are not the issue. In fact, the real issues that must be addressed are the individuals who neglect to realize the seriousness of the journey that they have embarked on.

Because they fail to fully value the experience that they have been blessed with, they fail academically and consequently are asked to leave by the College or demanded to return home by their parents because they refuse to waste their money. Sometimes, it is the "thug" who because of his behavior (whatever the case may be) is removed from the institution and rarely is he invited to return.

U l t i - mately, it starts with the brother that is on your left and your right. After that NSO statement was made, did you bother to ask that brother what his name was if he wasn't your roommate? If he was your roommate, did you care enough tell him to turn off the Playstation that night and study for the test that you knew he wasn't prepared for and had the next day? Can you honestly say you did everything in your

power to break up that East Coast/West Coast fight that sent your boy packing and on his way back home? The Men of Morehouse may have allowed it to become cliché, but we must pose the question, are you truly your brother's keeper?

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accept and allow this extremely disturbing status quo to continue, and we cannot afford to be juvenile about the situation and engage in a "pointing the finger" war. "It is ultimately the responsibility of Academic Affairs, the Freshman Class Dean or even the various Resident Assistants," many might say, and maybe this is true to some extent.

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The Men of Morehouse may have allowed it to become cliché, but we must pose the question, are you truly your brother's keeper? If you applied for admission into *this* institution, you undoubtedly gave your affirmation to this question when you signed your name on the dotted line. If that message was not communicated to you prior to signing your name, The College and its students have then failed in this respect.

Many of you came here because you thought you were entering a utopia of distinguished African-American males who would embrace you into a sacred brotherhood that has been cherished by many since 1867. Conversely, so many others are leaving because this brotherhood is nonexistent - whether they indi-

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The distant "Grassy Plains"

As I was diligently working on my dissertation-like, 25-page literary analysis (whatever), so thoughtfully assigned by Professor Rhym, it dawned on me that after sitting at my computer for 3 hours and having 4 pages of text to show for it, that at 12:37am, I need a break. So off to Stegals I go. With the new Badu banging in my headphones, I decided to use this time to just chill, max out and regroup. As I strolled down the strip, oh excuse me, the promenade, I noticed a pile of fries on the ground slightly scattered as if they were dropped and disregarded. Approaching Stegals, I was greeted randomly by three bums, who actually meant no harm, but I kept on walking.

Well, the kitchen was closed so I guess it was milk and cereal for me. Kept on walking. As I passed the fries again I sarcastically thought to myself, why don't these bums come get these fries if they are truly hungry. I kept on walking then it hit me, not my "thesis" or my conclusion, but a

confusing and sad truth. Somewhere, there is someone who is truly hungry and is picking up some fries right now, calling that a meal. It hit...there is such a high concentration of homeless "bums" in our area that we as students have come to know their names, their different versions of the latest news in their life and even discuss the different humorous signs of asking for change each one has seen on that corner. It hit...last year, my freshman year, there were about 9-11 murders of college students in the first semester alone.

And this semester is no better: the two females behind Woodruff, that one girl in the trunk of her car, as well as all the others. Every night, I swear the gunshots operate on a call-and-response basis, as if shooting off one clip alone isn't enough. It hit. We are surrounded by the ghetto--such great institutions in the middle of the ghetto. To serve as a communal oasis? I think not. But it's not just the AUC be-

cause I can't think of any other HBCU not located in the ghetto, with the exception of Hampton, so I'm told. So why is that? Is it by default, our fault, their fault?

If our degree from Morehouse weighs as equally as a degree from Harvard, why is it that our environments, facilities, programs etc. are arguably and comparatively speaking separate but equal? Is our environment really conducive to studying, when compared to the grassy plains and knolls, most traditionally white schools sit on? I think I would prefer to be pulling an all-nighter in a place where I don't have to be interrupted by the constant blaring of sirens. Then it hit...whose job is it to put the grassy plains and knolls not only back in the AUC, but in our surrounding community as well?

I kept walking, and I coulda swore I didn't hear myself say, "not me!" under my breath.

--George Cole
Staff Writer

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A letter from the SGA president

My Fellow Students!

From time to time, I will write to you in order to let you know what your Student Government Association is doing to serve you and to relay any pertinent information to you. As this fall semester draws to a close, I felt it necessary to give you a recap of what the SGA has done thus far.

This year, the Student Government Association adopted for its theme "One Voice, Everyone's Message: Together Everyone Achieves More." Under this theme we have sought to include those who in the past have felt alienated into the Student Government Association.

So far we have tried to strengthen our relationship with the International Students Organization and our fellow international students through the Homecoming Culture Fest. We have also sought to form a relationship with alumni through our Student Government Association Alumni Awards as well as through our student/alumni mentoring program. We have reached out to both faculty and staff members by recognizing either a faculty or staff member each month. However, we still have a long way to go.

After reading the last issue of the Maroon Tiger I became especially concerned about the section dealing with campus activities. While it is not the sole responsibility of the Student Government Association to sponsor all campus activities this semester, we have done a large number of activities this semester. For instance, in the month of September we sponsored an UndergroundLive in the Kilgore Campus Center, as well as Hump Days, our Jams on the Yard to help get students through the academic week. We even awarded our first Faculty/staff award to Mr. James Stotts, Director of Financial Aid, for going over and beyond the call of duty to help students stay in school.

The month of October was no exception. We began the month by sponsoring Laser Tag in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities. In order to cheer our football team on to victory we sponsored a bus trip to the Morehouse v. Tuskegee football game. The next week we began FUSION, Homecoming 2000, which was very successful. During the week we showed *Life's Suite* directed by Jamal Dedeaux and starring Teck Holmes from the *Real World*. We had "Revolution" our wildly successful fashion show, which by the way was filmed by BET. Other events throughout the week included coronation and coronation ball, the parade, the game (which we won), and the Busta Rhymes and Mya Concert, in which Cash Money, Dave Hollister, and Beanie Man all made appearances. After Homecoming, all previous SGA administrations have been faced with difficult challenge that appears after Homecoming: what next? We after Homecoming we have been busy. We sponsored a movie night in King Chapel where we showed "The Skulls." We have had another Hump Day, as well as, another Underground Live.

As November ends and December begins, we have continued with events and activities. During November we helped sponsor a celebrity basketball game in conjunction with WorldWide Entertainment which pitted Sean "Puffy" Combs and BadBoy Entertainment against Jermaine Dupri and SoSo Def Records. That next night, we helped sponsor a screening with the Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated to show *Bamboozled* at Magic Johnson's Theater.

As classes end or the semester and finals are about to begin we still have a number of activities that we are planning. We are a sponsor in the Angel Tree Project Christmas party with the Morehouse College Rotaract Club. We are sponsoring a Christmas party and our last UndergroundLive on the last day of classes. Thus, we have been busy and will continue to be so.

While the planning of activities is only one function of the Student Government Association, I would like to tell you about some of our other initiatives. In an effort to raise more capital for the Student Government Association we have begun our own capital campaign. Under Robert McDonald, our Director of Fundraising, we to date raised over \$24,000 which puts us on track to reach our goal in \$50,000. This money will allow us to provide more student grants, purchase two additional one line electronic bulletin boards for the cafeteria, as well as finance our Spring Homecoming.

A second initiative that we have undertaken this year, is our Student Government Association Alumni Award. This year we have sought to recognize those Morehouse Men who have excelled in the fields of Government, Education, Medicine, Business, and Entertainment. Our first honoree, was Congressman Earl F. Hilliard a 1967 graduate who was honored in the field of Government during the Homecoming Crown Forum. Our other honorees include Dr. Samuel Nabrit, Education; Dr. David Satcher, Medicine; Rudolph Terry, Business; and Shelton "Spike" Lee, Entertainment. These individuals will be honored during our awards ceremony during Founder's Week.

Another initiative of ours has been the Student/Alumni mentoring program, which will begin in January. This program is a joint collaboration between the Morehouse National Alumni Association and the Student Government Association.

Under the program, interested students would be paired with alumni both here in Atlanta and in their hometown according to their major, and would receive career guidance and life advice from a Morehouse Man.

We will begin the program with our brothers in Robert Hall, however, if you are interested please go by and see Ms. Morton in the National Alumni Association office on the third floor of Archer Hall.

The last initiative that I want to tell you about is our Student Aid Fund. The Student Aid Fund seeks to provide book scholarships to those students who are in financial need. Under this initiative, we will award sixteen students book scholarship nest semester in the amount of \$250.

We have been working with Mr. James Stotts, Director of Financial aid, as well as, Ms. Adrienne Harris, in the President's office to identify those students. Those students who have been are eligible for these grants will be sent a letter of notification and an application in the mail.

Before I end I would like to address the area of student concerns. A couple of weeks ago the Board of Trustees meeting was held on campus. Myself, Lekan Bashua, and Robert Williams went to the meeting and presented our report. In our report we addressed the speed bumps, the changing of Frederick Douglas and the computer labs to 24 hour facilities, and registration to name a few. For those of you who would like to read the report in its entirety there is a copy on reserve in Frederick Douglas. And for those of you who would like to watch the interactive version of the report come by the SGA office. We also talked about wanting to install televisions in the cafeteria and have two one electronic bulletin boards installed in the cafeteria. Overall, our report was well received by the Trustees and I am optimistic that these things will become a reality in the near future.

While these are the issues, that we have deemed worthy to tackle please feel free to offer us and of yours. We have a concern box located in the cafeteria, where we look to gain feedback from you. You can also stop by the SGA Office which is located in Archer Hall room 112. Thus, we want to hear from you. We want to get you involved.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not thank Rasheen Coleman for his innovate GOTV, Get Out The Vote, campaign. His efforts greatly helped students at Morehouse and in the Atlanta University Center go to the polls and cast their ballot in the presidential election. While some of the candidates that you may have been supporting lost, and other won you should feel comfort in the fact that you voted. I say comfort because you exercised the right that so many people like Medgar Evers, David Satcher, Lonnie King, Viola Luizzo fought and died for you to have. As I close, I wish you all luck during your finals and a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

J C Love III
President

Student Government Association 2000/2001

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new = one
beautiful
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Since arriving at Morehouse College I have witnessed many heart-warming occasions when men have come together to fellowship in the true spirit of brotherhood. I will always remember the brotherhood and camaraderie during NSO and Homecoming. Never will I forget the joys of cheering during the 8-3 football season or the experience of singing "Papa was a Rolling Stone" in the middle of Bourbon Street with 20 other Morehouse Men (none of whom I knew on a first name basis.)

However, of all my great Morehouse experiences, none can compare with November 29, 2000.

On November 29, 2000, a beautiful thing occurred in Sadie Mays Lounge. The old met with the new. In the presence of the spirit of Mays, Martin, Thurman and the many great Morehouse Men who have gone on before us, the Atlanta Chapter of the Morehouse Alumni Association sponsored a fireside chat entitled, "The Morehouse Mystique Is it Fact or Fiction?"

The forum covered an array of topics, opinions, emotions and feelings, but most importantly, the forum served as an opportunity for students to have an open and candid dialogue with their elders about the many challenges facing the 21st century Morehouse student. The fireside chat gave students an opportunity to realize, though Morehouse College has her share of problems and misfortunes, students of the present and future have much to be thankful for.

When students complained about the poor service, inadequate facilities, and overall student apathy,

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Politics! Ha! Ha! Ha! What a laugh!

Colin Hosten
Contributing Writer

Hey, you heard the latest about what is happening down in Florida? Yeah, apparently this bus was carrying some Democrats to a rally, and it ran off the road and crashed right into a tree! So this guy sees the whole thing happen, and he decides to dig like a mass grave to bury the politicians. So later when the local sheriff comes, the guy tells him what happened and says not to worry because he already buried the bodies. So the sheriff asks him, "Are you sure they were all dead"? And the guy says, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them politicians lie."

Cue the laughter, flash the applause sign, Jay Leno celebrates yet another successful election joke. I don't think I've heard him use that particular one yet (I am sure he will get around to it though), but the point is, Leno and his other late night compatriots who make their living by making light of current events have proven to be one of the most interesting aspects of this whole election fiasco.

I often wonder what comedians would do without politicians. Or, for that matter, what good politicians would be if there weren't any comedians. "I tell you Folks," wrote Will Rogers in *The Illiterate Digest*, "all politics is Apple Sauce."

Now, I don't actually know what he was really trying to say there, but I still find myself somewhat inclined to agree. The realm of politics, it seems,

Fact is, a lot of the hype and importance that people attach to politics and politicians is just that, hype.

has degenerated from what it was originally conceived to be into what it is today--a mere topic of conversation about the latest scandal to make front-page. And let's not forget the fodder for myriad jokes and quips by funny-men, who must be so thankful for politicians for giving them such a golden opportunity to make a living.

Now let me make it clear that I've no beef with the democratic system of government or politics in general. It's a pretty good way to maintain social jus-

tice and order or at least as good as we've managed to get to date, and truth be told, it's withstood the trying test of time, so there must be something good in it.

What I wonder though is whether people may sometimes assign *too much* good to it; whether some people exalt politics and politicians to a plane where they just do not belong whether some people have simply begun to expect too much

from politics.

Now let's take this latest political fiasco going down in Florida: the election muddle of counting and recounting, dimpled, impregnate and hanging chads (chads! Why in the world do they call them chads? It seems like more people have said the word chad in the past month than it's been said in the past decade.). Here we have a unique case in which, more than a month after citizens have exercised their right and civic duty to vote (and in some pretty

record numbers too), the people still remain in the dark as to who is going to be their leader for the next four years--or at least such was the situation at the time of writing this article. (If by the time you're reading this, the election has been decided, for the last time that is, let me just say congratulations to Bush/Gore. Didn't I say from the start that Bush/Gore was gonna win?)

Anyway, the things I've been hearing in the midst of the Florida confusion have really made me wonder. Oh my god, we can't even elect a president right, the whole democratic process is flawed, and our country is doomed. Oh no, the economy is just gonna completely collapse now that we don't have a president (which of course is inaccurate, since all the while the mess is being sorted out, our old friend Bill is still living large in the White House, taking as many free trips as possible before time is up).

To me, all the people who lost any peace of mind because of the election or non-election as the case may be just need to wake up and smell the butterfly ballots. Yes, the result of the election remained tied up in legal

warfare for weeks after Election Day. Yes, the two major candidates were still there, but there was still no new president. So what?

Everybody in the country woke up the next day, showered, brushed their teeth, drank some coffee and went to work. Here in the AUC, classes continued as normal and you still failed that history test you were going to mess up on anyway. No buildings collapsed. The economy survived with hardly a scratch. More disaster probably happened with the Y2K scare, and even that wasn't much to shout at.

Fact is, a lot of the hype and importance that people attach to politics and politicians is just that, hype. This whole election affair will come to and end eventually, life will resume its normal orderly fashion, and the only thing people are going to remember about what happened this November is all the laughs they got from the silly antics of the politicians.

Between Al "Boring" Gore, and George "What comes after W again?" Bush, comedians have been having a field day with their material. And so it has

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the Alumni offered encouragement and similar experiences of their own. Charles Elliot 91' explained that he and his classmates experienced some of the same troubles that we are facing today, however Elliot says his classmates "dealt with things directly instead of complaining and waiting for handouts."

While some students sat anticipating sugar coated

promises of no long registration lines, better food in the café, and full tuition scholarships for all, the alumni gave a strong reality check. Some of the alumni feel that long lines, unprofessional treatment from Gloster, and horrible food are all character building tools of the "Mystique."

Sam Williams did not agree with the alumni explanation of how good we have it or the notion that long lines and humiliation during registration are character building tools. "True character building

only comes from a commitment to academic excellence, and any other explanations are just an excuses, which are stepping stones to failure." Replied Williams.

Despite the minor differences in opinion the students and alumni were happy with the general outcome of the fireside chat. According to Jeff Riddle 90' "the alumni left the chat

Most importantly, the dialogue told the story of the torch we must bear as Morehouse Men.

feeling that the Mystique is still alive and well at Morehouse College."

For the students in attendance the dialogue showed there are many men out there who bleed maroon & white. The students had a chance to come face to face with men who are willing to extend a helping hand, men who back up their actions and live their creed. The chat told the story of many men who's works go unnoticed, men who adopt students and aid them in many ways, men who live their lives simply to better

Morehouse College.

Most importantly the dialogue told the story of the torch we must bear as Morehouse Men.

Through thoughts, words, and deeds, the alumni present showed that no matter what goals or plateaus we reach in life we all have a moral obligation to reach back and uplift those less fortunate, while

we continue to reach forward into the future in efforts to uplift ourselves.

While we may not have come up with a solution to save social security benefits or end student apathy, the fireside chat laid the foundation to a beautiful relationship between alumni and students, the ole school and the new school. All and all the alumni encouraged the students to keep our eyes on the prize, cause in the grand scheme of things our time at Morehouse College will yield great rewards.

Roger Spencer Humphrey
--Staff Writer

Badu & Adu: Two great investments

Roger Spencer Humphrey
Staff Writer

November 2000, will be a month to remember for many years to come. We had the closest election in the history of the United States, and a great month for new music. November missed the new Outkast album by just one day, but long awaited albums from Jay-Z, Wu-Tang Clan, Sade, and Erykah Badu all dropped in the month of November making it a fairly memorable month for sound investments.

There is a time for everything. But as the nights get colder and darker the music of Adu and Badu are highly suggestive mood-setters while spending time with the opposite sex.

Women love a man who possesses sensitive qualities. What better way to express your sensitive inner being than with the music of Sade? Women love men who possess an air of coolness and uniqueness about themselves. What better way to

express your coolness than with the sultry and eclectic sounds of Badu? In an era of sampling and guest appearances Sade and Erykah Badu continue to keep fans satisfied with their unique sounds.

Sade (born Helen Folasade Adu) released her highly anticipated album *Lover's Rock* on November 14, 2000. *Lover's Rock* appeared at # 3 on the Billboard charts. Sade has not

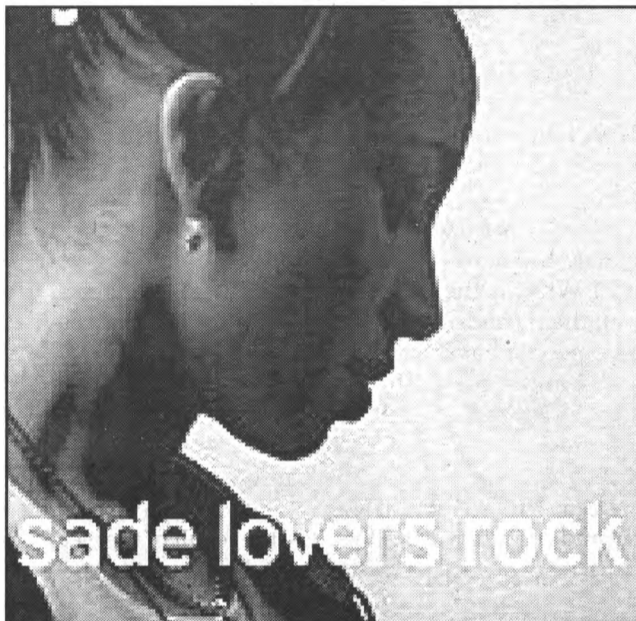
latest project is composed of those signature sounds that have made her famous and loved throughout the world. *Lover's Rock* was produced by Sade and Mike Pela, she also wrote every song, giving her album that heart felt jazz/ pop/

inner strength and pride in being of African descent in

in 97' with the release of her debut album *Baduizm*. Badu continues to display her wide variety of talents by writing and producing another album that has proven to be hit. Badu arranged all the songs on *Mama's Gun* to blend with each other, making her new album vibe like one continuous track. If you're a jazz lover into mellowed out sounds to relax to, you are in for a treat. "Bag Lady" has been slowed down to give it an even more impressive jazzy sound. "Cleva," "Orange Moon" and "Green Eyes" will make you wonder if you

have accidentally purchased a jazz album. All in all, Badu's album has a little bit of something for everybody from the hip-hop sounds of "Penitentiary Philosophy" to the reggae grooves of "In love with you," *Mama's Gun* has something special in store for all listeners of genres.

The music of Adu and Badu has proven to be great sound investments and classics for all times.



disappointed her fans after an eight-year hiatus. Her

worldwide. It touches the soul and gives a source of



rock sound her listeners have grown to love and admire. As a whole, the album speaks to the mind, body and soul of Sade fans

her songs "Sorrow," "Slave Song," and "Immigrant." As always Sade continues to be the master of love and romance. Her music is sure to send her listeners into a sea of emotions, with lyrics such as: "When you are cold, I'll be there to hold you tight to me."

Erykah Badu's newest project *Mama's Gun* continues with her smooth blend of jazz, R&B, and hip-hop that took the world by storm

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always been with politics and politicians. Think about it and what do you remember most about the Clinton-Lewinsky affair or the Elian Gonzalez controversy (wonder what he's up to these days?).

The comedians have the right idea. Let's just get all the laughs we can about it while we can, then wait till it blows over and the next scandal or hullabaloo comes around.

Now I really don't want you to get the wrong idea. I'm not trying to say that we should not attach any importance to politics whatsoever. Indeed, I think many political pundits have overlooked one of the most crucial aspects of all this hot air being blown in Florida (as if Miami wasn't hot enough!). The real impact of the prolonged election stalemate will not necessarily be felt in the US but will rather be much more significant on a global scale.

The President of the United States is often (if somewhat arrogantly) referred to as the leader of the free world. And there is some truth to that. As one of the world's current eco-

conomic superpowers, the U.S. is looked to by many nations as the benchmark for many things, including the democratic process.

With the U.S. traditionally being the country wanting to send mediators and observers to international elections to make sure everything runs smoothly, what does it spell for international elections when the U.S. is making a total mess out of its own presidential election?

This question is even more pertinent to me personally, with general elections just over a week away in my own home country of Trinidad and Tobago. Could something like what happened in Florida happen there? And if so, what kind of ramifications would that entail for the country?

All very critical questions indeed, but although they can be discussed at length, I suppose a definitive answer can only come with the passage of time, as the election drama unfolds and is eventually concluded. For now, we can all sit back and watch the antics of the principal players, not forgetting of course to appreciate the humor that inevitably surfaces in this saga of slapstick and farce we like to call politics.



Barry Wetcher/Universal Pictures

Don Cheadle joins Nicholas Cage in *The Family Man*

On December 22nd Don Cheadle will be seen in Universal Pictures *The Family Man*, starring opposite Nicholas Cage and Tea Leoni. The film tells the story of Jack Campbell, a New York investment banker, played by Cage, who has forsaken love for his career and wakes up one day to find himself living the life he would have enjoyed had he married his college sweetheart. Cheadle plays Cash, the unlikely "angel of regret," who transports Jack into this new life.

In comes another roundball season

Maroon Tigers ranked fourth in SIAC conference look much improved

Charlene Cole
Staff Writer

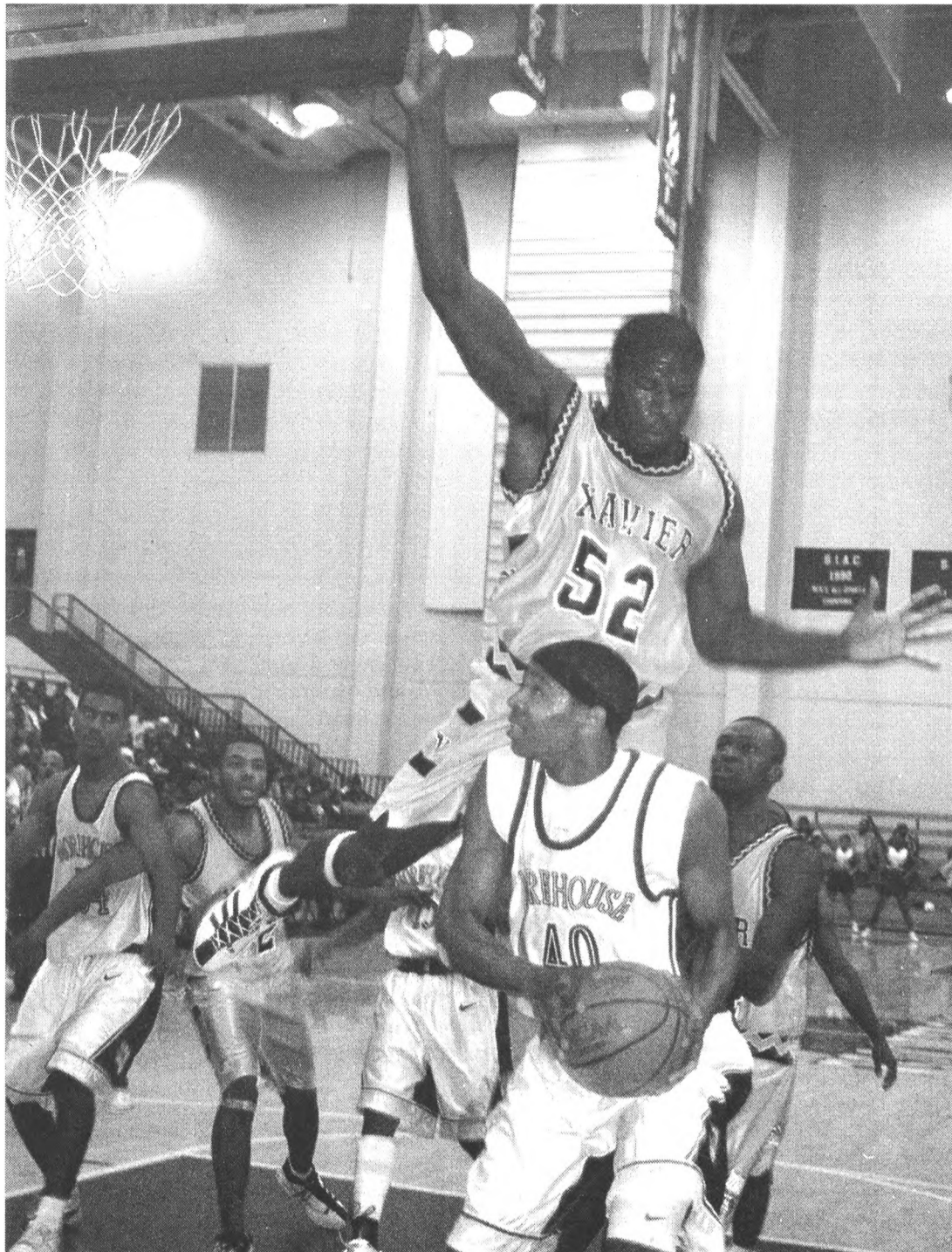
With football lingering in the system, Morehouse College (4-2 overall, 1-1 conference) welcomed the return of the round-ball by winning their first two home basketball games defeating the University of West Florida and Xavier University.

With new and old faces adorning both the coaching staff and roster, the Tigers looked much improved and ready to be contenders in the race to win the SIAC basketball championship. Ranked fourth in the conference behind Clark Atlanta, LeMoyne Owen and Fort Valley State, this Tiger squad has a set of players that once jelled together may cause a few upsets in and out of conference play.

Lead by Captain Blake O'Farrow, the team has new dimensions that look to make this season one of the best.

"I appreciate Coach Grady Brewer's new found emphasis on DEFENSE. The press was a very pleasant surprise," said Morehouse Junior Bralyn (JP) Cathey during the West Florida game.

Against the University of West Florida, the Tiger's defense played a vital role in their victory. The press caused a number of turnovers; however, on a couple of occasions, the Tigers were unable to capitalize on the opportunity. Yet, Morehouse took advantage of their driving ability, which continuously placed PG Darius Wade and the rest of the Tigers on the free-throw line from which



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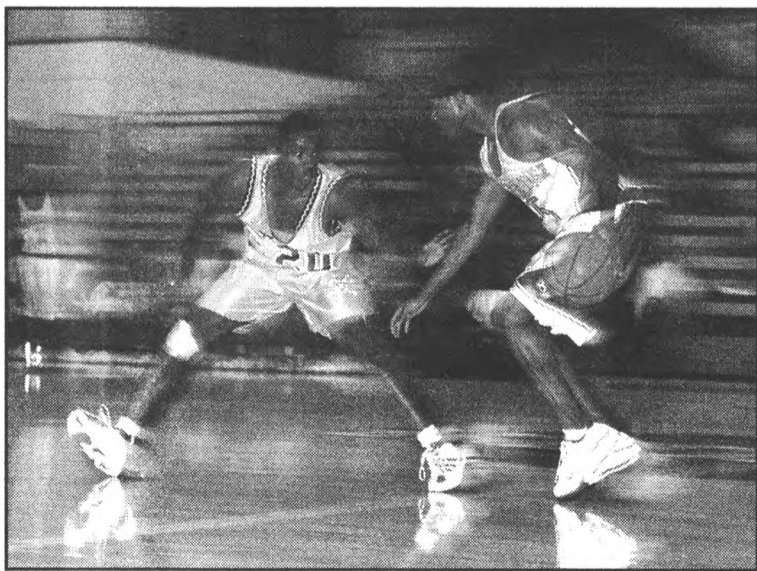
Many new additions to this year's team should enhance the Maroon Tigers performance.

down low exhibiting signs that post play will be in effect this year, that is, with a bit of strength training. Also in the frontcourt is backup PG Hamer whose ball handling skills and penetration brings a bit of razzle-dazzle to the court.

One thing that still hovers over this year's team is second half play. For the past two years, Morehouse has seemingly lacked the knack to close out games in which they have led. This case was proven once again against West Florida who cut tremendously into the Tiger's first half lead by coming within 2 points in the closing seconds of the game. Thanks to the impressive free throw shooting of Morehouse, the Tigers solidified their first home victory of the 2000-2001 basketball season.

The Tigers then took to the road for a doubleheader at Xavier University taking one game from Philander-Smith College and then dropping one to Clayton State University. Next came a visit to Albany State University and another victory. The final game of the four game road swing was an overtime loss to Kentucky State after Blake O'Farrow's possible game winning shot in regulation went in and out.

The Tigers came home to Forbes Arena to defeat Xavier University 80-70 on December 2nd. Marshall Lazo led all scorers with 20 points and Darius Wade added 17 points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Xavier, with its barrage of 3 point shots took the lead momentarily in the second half but the Tigers surged to pull away for the victory.



Donald Bacoat/Staff

Point Guard Darius Wade fuels the Maroon Tiger offense.

they were almost perfect.

O'Farrow led all scorers with 20 points and demonstrated his leadership ability by taking charge of the game when

Morehouse fell behind UWF by helping them regain the lead.

In the paint, Morehouse also has some new faces, Salandy and Gerald Cannon. Together, they bumped and banged with UWF

Tigers awarded postseason honors

Roger Spencer Humphrey
Staff Writer

The Maroon Tiger Football team has finished their season for a few weeks now, but they are not done winning. The coaches and sports information directors of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference named Coach Anthony Jones the SIAC Coach of the Year.

In addition five players were named first team, all conference. Leading the charge for the second straight year was defensive end Isaac Keys. Also named were linebacker John Grant, cornerback Ronald Smalls, placekicker Byron Archibald and quarterback Chivalrik Daughtry.

Named to the second team were safety Shaun Caldwell, running back Nate Zachary and offensive lineman Kent Davis.

Congratulations to all of the award winners.



Cedric Dark/Staff

Running back Nate Zachary was named to the SIAC second team.

Cut or be cut? That is the question

Roger Spencer Humphrey
Staff Writer

Since the start of the 2000-2001 basketball season there have been a lot of questions and rumors surrounding this year's tryouts. There have been a lot of speculations and talk that players with long hair would have to cut their hair in order to make the team.

As part of *The Maroon Tiger's* duty and commitment to give a voice to the voiceless and hold the powerful accountable, we have made it a point to find out what exactly happened during this year's tryouts. In the spirit of honesty and fairness both Coach Brewer and players who did not make the cut

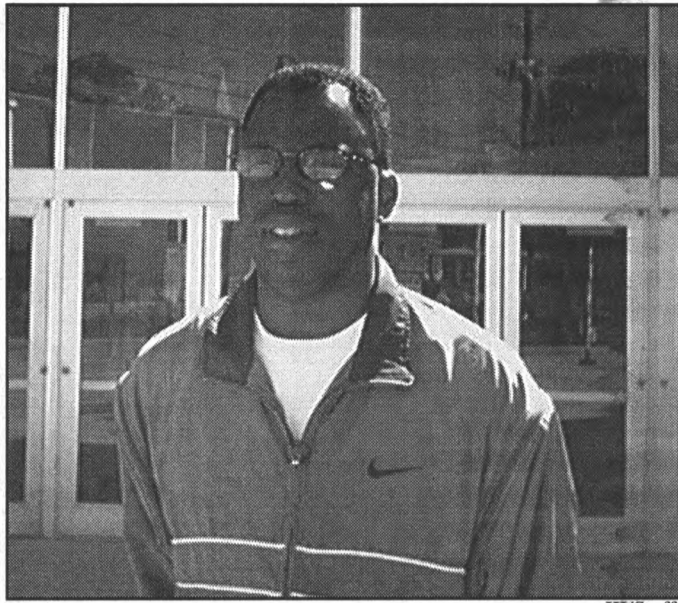
were queried as to exactly what happened at this year's tryout. As of press time, however, the players who were allegedly cut from the team refused to comment on the issue. Only Coach Brewer agreed to an interview with *The Maroon Tiger*.

MT: *Were any of the prospective players asked to cut their hair in order to be selected for the basketball team this year?*

Coach Brewer: No, I have never asked anyone to cut their hair. Players are permitted to grow afros as long as they wanted them to be, as long as they keep their hair

properly groomed. I am an African American and I have no problem with guys and their hairstyles; however, as a team policy, we asked that players not wear braids.

MT: *Was it held against a player if he showed up at tryouts with braids?*



Grady Brewer, Head Basketball Coach.

Coach Brewer: No, we have players who made the team and have played for the longest with braids. I even made it a policy that players could keep their braids as long as it was for religious convictions. If any one wanted to wear braids or if it was a big issue with not wearing their braids, all they had to do was come and talk to me.

MT: *What made you decide to adopt the policy of no braids for the 00-01 season?*

Coach Brewer: I could have easily said that players could wear braids, but it was a decision of uniformity. I want my players to be uniform in

the way they look as a team.

MT: *What were you looking for from prospective players on the team?*

Coach Brewer: First and foremost, we were looking for decent student athletes who had the minimum 2.0 G.P.A.. We were also looking for players

who possessed the best athletic ability. Most importantly we were looking to fill the needs of the team. We had plenty of big men and our principle area of need was at the guard position. I have been an assistant basketball coach at Morehouse College for over 13 years, and by far, these [tryouts] have been the fairest since I

have been coaching at Morehouse College. I gave more people a chance to try out and allowed them more of an opportunity to prove themselves than in any other year.

MT: *How is the team doing this year and what are your goals?*

Coach Brewer: At the end of the first week of play, our basketball team has a 3-1 record. The bottom line is to have a successful program. My goal is to build a program not a team. I want my athletes to be successful and graduate.

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vidually came to this realization or you determined it for them, it is not acceptable

It all starts with the brothers on your left and your right. If we collectively commit to assuming the responsibility of those brothers, we can really

strengthen the brotherhood that we boast of to outsiders. It is expected that you individually handle your business, stay on task and out of trouble - you are men, Men of Morehouse.

However, at this institution, we must continue to take it one step further. Take ownership of not only yourself but your brother as well. Hold him accountable for his actions. Tell him

If we collectively committed to assuming the responsibility of those brothers we could strengthen the brotherhood that we boast of to outsiders.

when he is not performing or behaving to the likes and standards of a Man of Morehouse. Offer your assistance when you know he needs it. That is what this brotherhood is about, and it

is what is unique and special about this place.

Look to your left. Look to your right. You ultimately determine whether those brothers will still be with you on the campus green in the month of May of your graduation year. It is a tremendous amount of responsibility, but it is responsibility that you agreed to accept. Look to your left. Look to your right. Those brothers are depending on you.

Around the Horn

By Calvin Miles Smith, I

You can stick a fork in Morehouse Football for the year, it's done. So now it's on to my favorite sport of all, basketball.

The Maroon Tiger basketball team is in a state of transition in Grady Brewer's first season as coach. So far, the transition has been a smooth one with the Tigers holding a 4-2 record as of this writing.

The team appears very disciplined and uniformed this year, a goal Coach Brewer has stated from day one. They do not foul often and play smart.

The team has really improved on its foul shooting and shot selection. Blake O'Farrow's game is becoming seasoned and Darius Wade looks like he is getting back to last year's form.

Marshall Lazo seems to have gained control over his scattershot jumper and is showing signs of the maturity expected of the lone senior on a young team.

The youngsters appear hit or miss. Darius Goodwin is my favorite of the bunch right now. He hustles and rebounds.

Speaking of rebounding, it is one area that the entire team needs to work on. Much like last year, our front court gets muscled, boxed-out and even out-hustled at times.

Case in point, sitting at the Xavier game, the homie Joey C noted that Darius Wade had just pulled down a rebound in the middle of Xavier's entire frontcourt. Their guys were not that much bigger than our guys, but they had hustle and the awareness to go for the loose ball. Rebounding might cost us a few close ones if it's not improved.

Overall, this is a good team headed in the right direction with Coach Brewer. He knows how to win, the guys seem to be learning well so far, and we will see very soon how well they do.

In other news, I feel that I owe it to my aforementioned compatriot Joe from Dallas to mention that he has taken a sizable lead in our little series in Madden 2001. We have also gotten a couple of additions to this little thing of ours, our esteemed colleague Faraji and young Kwabena.

Raj is proficient at the two running back shotgun as well as the five wide on fourth down. I have likened playing Raj to the old Arkansas Razor-

backs basketball "forty minutes of hell" with his relentless passing attack.

Kwabena is similar that he prefers the passing attack however he lets the ball run with his no-huddle offense. Kwabena has quite become the Cleveland Bronco of our little league. He sneak up and bite you if you don't stay on your toes, more often than not, he is the lesser end of many a 70 or 34-0 score.

Look for more updates on this rivalry continues to roll on. You may care, you may not, but it's my column and you don't like it read something else.

In other sports that matter, the bowls are set in College Football. I have already whined about how unfair for Florida State to be playing Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. I guess this is another step forward letting computers control every aspect of our lives.

Duke is on top of the college basketball rankings the time being, but they have a rough week coming up, playing three ranked opponents. Michigan State could be number one by the time the season comes out.

Philadelphia is still leading the league up in the NBA but I had a chance to personally view the opposite end of the spectrum recently. My loved Atlanta Hawks are as bad as people say. They have no depth, no rebounders besides Dikembe Mutombo (who could be gone to New York very soon if you believe what many at CNN.com say) and probably, most hurtful team leader.

Mutumbo has never been a leader, Alan Henderson will never be one no matter how much the powers that be try to bill him as one, and son Terry is frankly just too experienced. That being said, I would build that team around Terry who dropped in the game I happened to attend and wait a few years. Lon Kruger is a halfway decent coach (he hasn't shown me otherwise yet), he should have the Hawks back in the playoffs.

Anyway, that's all for this issue. Good luck on finishing enjoy the time away from Morehouse with loved ones and come back in one piece Merry whatever you celebrate and a very Happy New Year

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