

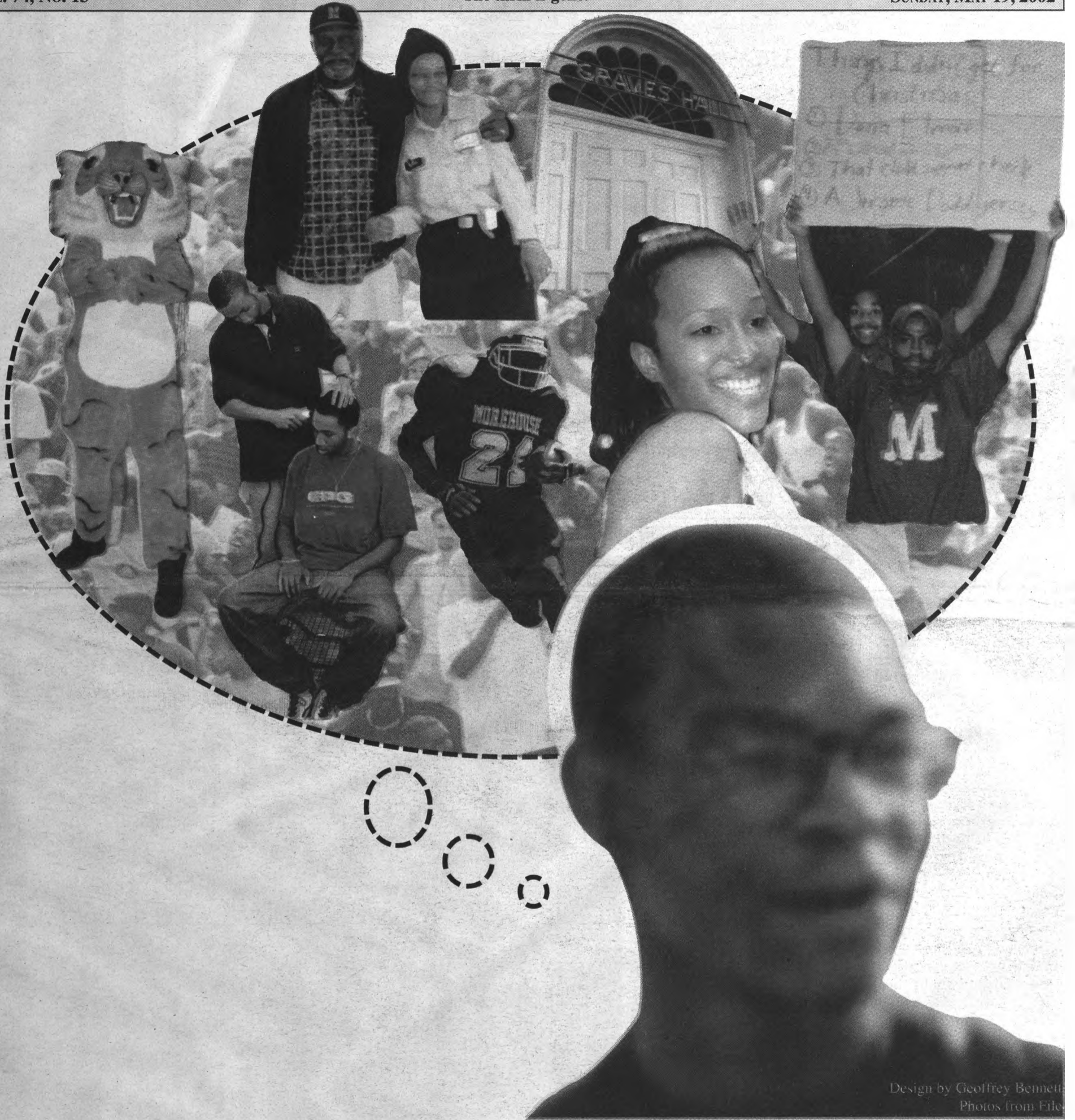
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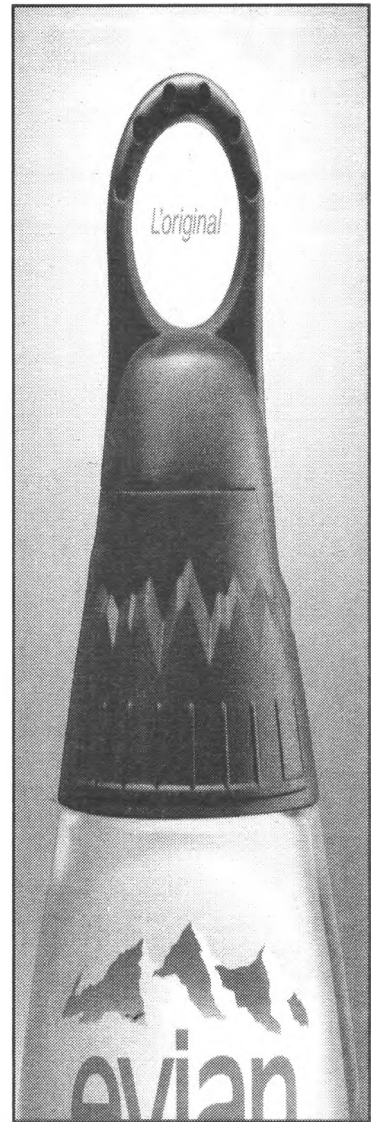


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NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL COMES TO AUC

Fill your ears with the soulful sounds of Hugh Masekela, Randy Weston, Nnenna Freelon, and Steve Turre. Sway your hips to the rhythms of the Ballethnic Dance Company, Urban Bush Women, and The National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique. Laugh, cry and shout during Dreamgirls, the Broadway hit musical starring Jennifer Holliday. Feast your eyes upon the visual arts of Jacob Lawrence, the Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art, and thousands of other artists from around the globe.

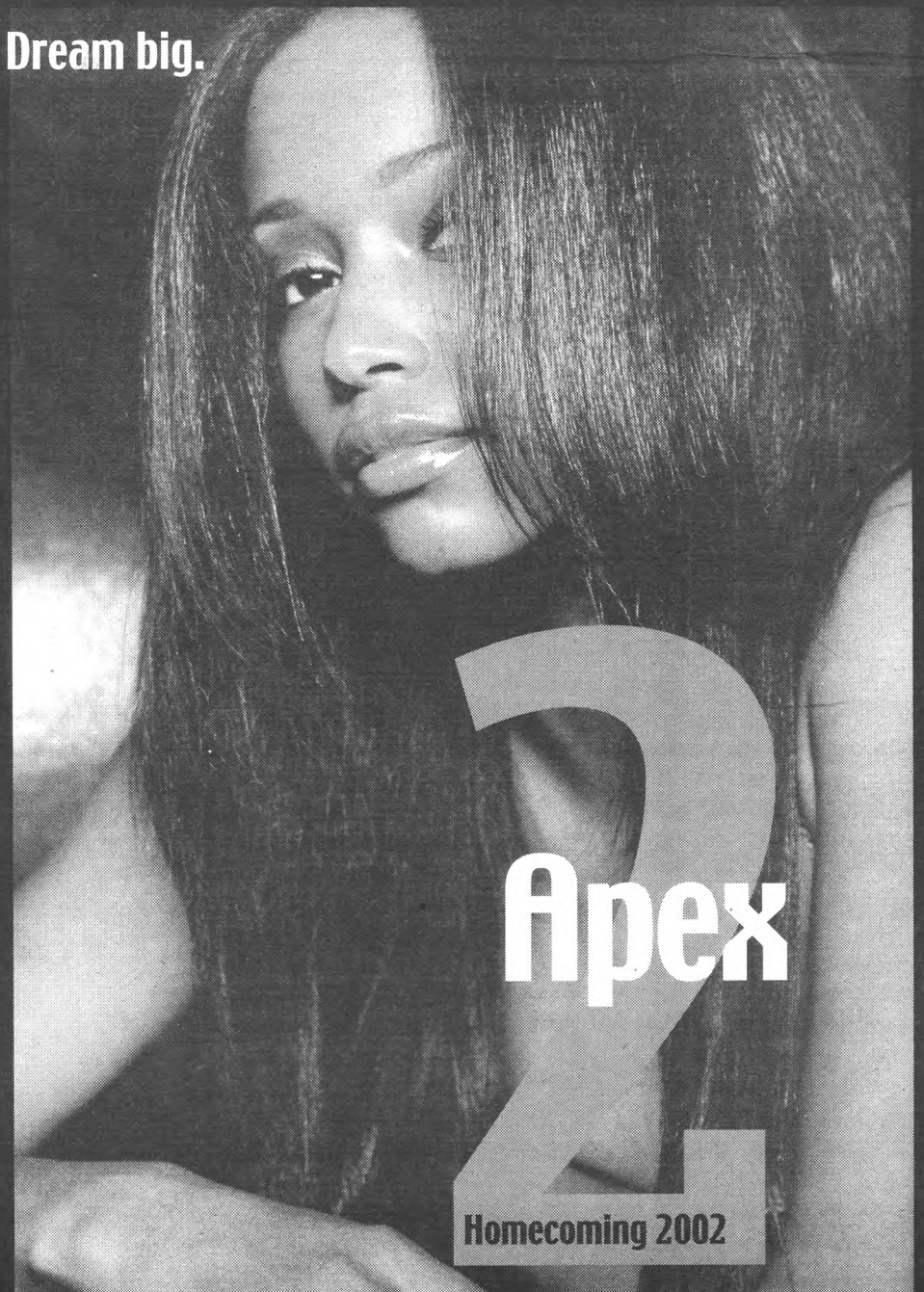
Recognized as the world's largest gathering of Black creativity, the National Black Arts Festival will present more than 1,000 artists from the Caribbean, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Join us for this annual art celebration and cultural exchange in Atlanta, Georgia on July 19 -28, 2002.

Staff and Faculty of the Atlanta University Center receive FREE ADMISSION to the NBAF Festival Site on the AUC Quad, July 26-28, with proper ID. AUC events include: Performance by Hugh Masekela and Randy Weston, Writers Workshop, Children's Education Village, musical performances by local and nationally recognized artists, Family Film Series, Food Court and the Vendor Marketplace featuring 100 vendors of clothing, gifts, jewelry, sculpture and crafts.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM RESULTS

Six members of the Morehouse College Speech and Debate team travelled to Bradley University in Peoria, IL to compete in the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET), April 5 - 8. The results were as follows: Theodore Perkins and Rhett Solomon advanced to finals and won third place in dramatic duo interpretation. Tishuan Scott reached semi-finals in four events (prose, poetry, dramatic and program oral interpretation). Scott also placed 11th overall. Kirk Moore reached quarter-finals in both poetry and dramatic interpretation; Theodore Perkins and Aaron Jones were quarter-finalists in poetry interpretation and prose interpretation, respectively. Sixty schools and 540 speakers were represented at the national tournament won for the second straight year by the University of Texas-Austin. Morehouse placed 16th overall.

Dream big.



Bond scheduled to give commencement address, Turner to receive honorary doctorate

ATLANTA - Morehouse College celebrates "A Gathering of Men" during its 118th Commencement/Reunion weekend.

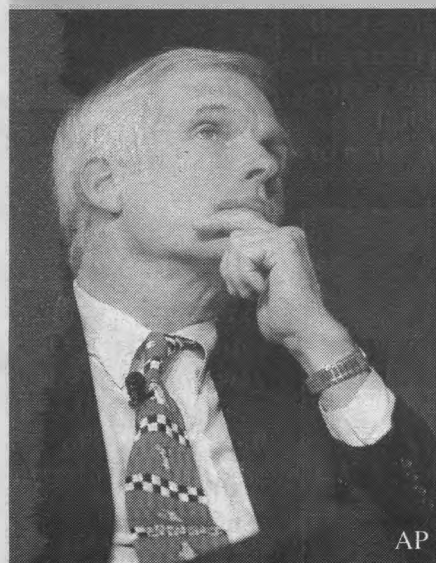
The Reverend Kenneth Lee Samuel, pastor of Atlanta's Victory Baptist Church, will deliver this year's Baccalaureate message.

Morehouse alumnus H. Julian Bond, Chairman of the Board for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will deliver the Commencement address.

While a student at Morehouse during the 60's, Bond won a varsity letter as a member of the Morehouse swimming team, helped to found a literary magazine called *The Pegasus* and was an intern for *Time* magazine.

Bond was a founder in 1960 of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights (COAHR), the Atlanta University Center student civil rights organization that directed three years of non-violent anti-segregation

protests that won integration of Atlanta's movie theaters, lunch counters, and parks. Bond was arrested for sitting-in at the then-seg-



Ted Turner, media behemoth

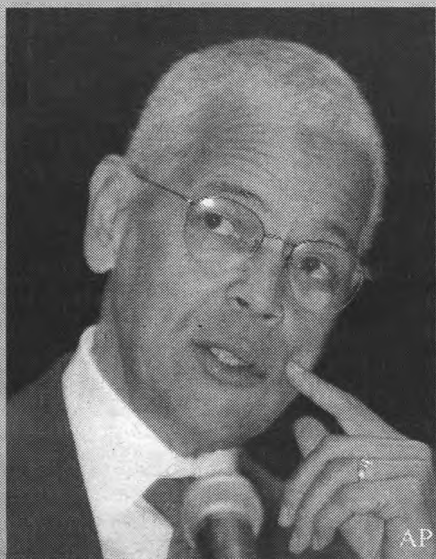
regated cafeteria at Atlanta City Hall.

He was one of several hundred students from across the South who helped to form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) on Easter weekend, 1960, and shortly thereafter became SNCC's communications director, heading the organization's printing and publicity departments, editing the SNCC newsletter, *The Student Voice*, and working in voter registration drives in rural Georgia, Ala-

bama, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Bond left Morehouse one semester short of graduation in 1961 to join the staff of a new protest newspaper, *The Atlanta Inquirer*. He later became the paper's managing editor. Bond returned to Morehouse in 1971 and graduated, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Bond holds honorary degrees



H. Julian Bond, NAACP Chairman

from fourteen college and universities and has served on the boards of numerous organizations working for civil rights and social change. He

was president and founder of the Southern Elections Fund (SEF), an early political action committee which aided in the elections of rural Southern black candidates. In 1995, Bond was elected to his fourth term on the NAACP National Board. He was elected chairman in February 1998.

Ted Turner, Vice Chairman of AOL-Time Warner, will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters. The media mogul and philanthropist, according to those who know him, has always done things his own way. The brash billionaire, champion yachtsman and founder of Cable News Network and Turner Network Television

set an independent course early in his career, betting big on himself and taking daring gambles that have not always succeeded. Known as "The Mouth of the South" and "Captain Outrageous" for his notorious volubility and singular opinions, Turner built a communications empire from his father's over-stretched billboard business and is now creatively engaged in giving away the fortune he earned from it. "Few Americans," wrote *Newsweek*, "have cut such a swath through life."

Fraternities impact sense of brotherhood on campus

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Since 1906 and 1924 they've been apart of the African-American and Morehouse College communities, respectively. 96 years later, we're still fascinated by them. Fraternities. The vehicles for social and community empowerment, the most visible campus organizations that aren't, and the "great danger" to Morehouse brotherhood. Admire it, shun it or aspire to it, Greek life at Morehouse is often the great unknown.

"I think Greek organizations can add to what brotherhood is supposed to be about," Henry Goodgame, Director of Alumni Affairs and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said. "There's an added value by students being able to see a full complement of not only the social, but also the service aspects of what Greek organizations can bring to the campus."

Many of the members of Greek organizations on campus agree with Goodgame.

"To an extent I see where some people say it detracts from Morehouse brotherhood," said

their role is in serving as brothers."

The fear that Greek organizations would deteriorate Spelman sisterhood prevented that College from allowing sorori-

port at those events shows that we're all brothers."

Sandidge says that Phi Beta Sigma will devote even more time to community service next year, beginning with the incoming



Members of Kappa Alpha Psi, Pi Chapter at Spelman's Market Friday.

ties until 1979. Many of the same concerns prevailed at Morehouse until 1924.

"The faculty and others were very hesitant about the start-up of fraternities," Goodgame said. "But it took the bold leadership of John Hope, encouraged by W.E.B. Dubois, and backed up by a person who was on the faculty at the time, Benjamin E. Mays, to say, 'We can show the campus how it can be done, how we can

freshman class.

One of the things we're trying to do next year is branch out to the freshman," Sandidge said. "We don't have any civic programs now, but we are going to develop some programs where we do a lot more with the freshman and with people who aren't in the organization—we're working with everybody, not just Sigmas and people who want to be a part of our organization."

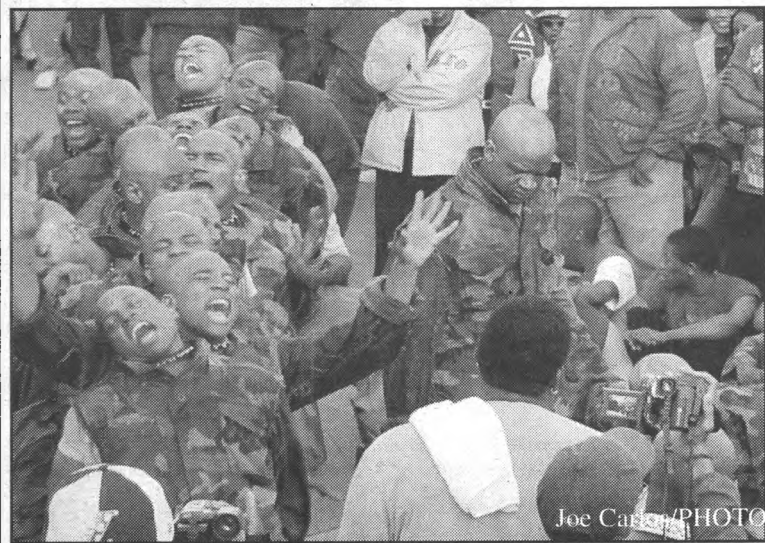
Other Greeks feel that students, whether they aspire to join a fraternity or not, can look to the organizations for community responsibility leadership.

"There are many individuals who have no interest becoming a member of a fraternity, but those individuals do the same thing that individuals in fraternities do, in terms of community service and leadership goals," Andre Eaddy, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said. "Fraternities are a means of making your efforts stronger by doing community service in a collective group."

"That's what the organizations are about—scholarship, helping the community, and being good role models," Freeman said. "Each organization has a different avenue by which they approach it, but each organization has those common goals."

However, not all fraternity members agree with the level of community involvement that fraternities have currently or should be expected to play in the future.

"I know when I was here, fraternities were very much involved in service activities, both on campus and off," President Walter Massey, a member of Omega Psi Phi, said. "There was more of a goal oriented, socially



The spring 2002 line of Psi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi executes a probate show in front of Kilgore Center.

Van Freeman of Omega Psi Phi. "But also, I think it adds to the Morehouse brotherhood because through these organizations some people find who they are."

"There have to be some settings where brotherhood works and brotherhood can be seen to work and people can say, 'Oh, that's the brotherhood,'" Goodgame said. "I think Morehouse in itself has a brotherhood, but like any other relationship it has be worked on and everybody has to understand what

really make the brotherhood concept work."

Some Greeks feel that more effort should be extended between the organizations to develop cooperation based on a common Morehouse brotherhood.

"You can't show enough brotherhood," George Sandidge, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, said. "We're all Morehouse brothers and we should show more campus unity. When other (Greek) organizations have events, show up to those events. Showing our sup-

Off to Ireland for academic achievement

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Next month, four Morehouse students will join undergraduate and graduate academic achievers from educational institutions around the world at the International Achievement Summit being held in Dublin, Ireland. The conference includes four days of discussion and discourse with the distinguished members of the American Academy of Achievement.

Juniors Christopher Eaglin and Darrell Gray will accompany sophomores Colin Hosten and Marc Muneal on the all-expense paid trip. The students were selected from a group of about thirty students nominated by various faculty members last semester. An interview panel comprised of Dr. Anne Watts, Dean Lawrence Carter, Dean Alvin Darden, and Professor Julius Coles selected the final four.

President Massey called the trip "an excellent opportunity for Morehouse students to interact with some of the best in the world. It will allow us to

showcase some of our brightest talent, as well as learn from others around the world."

Massey will be in Ireland to partake in some of the summit activities as a member of the council of the Academy. While this is the third such international event to be held by the Academy, it will be the first one being attended by Morehouse representatives. Previous summits held in the States have been attended by incoming Morehouse freshmen.

Besides interacting with other students from around the world, Morehouse's four attendees will enjoy the opportunity to meet and network with some of the Academy's very high-profile council members. From Steven Spielberg, Quincy Jones and Oprah Winfrey, to Bill Gates, Jimmy Carter and Mikhail Gorbachev, the council comprises outstanding achievers in many diverse fields.

There are at least five Nobel Prize winners three former and current world leaders, and two Pulitzer Prize winners on the council. Other notable names include George Lucas of Star Wars fame, and

Coretta Scott King.

"There are so many prospects for networking and interacting with certain personalities that you would otherwise never get the opportunity to meet," said Hosten, an English major from Trinidad. "I am definitely looking forward to the trip.

These sentiments were echoed by Eaglin, a double major in mathematics and economics, who added that the trip could also be helpful in sourcing possible financial aid for the college, should Catherine B. Reynolds, chairman of the Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation and sponsor of the trip, be impressed with the students' performance.

The other two students, Muneal and Gray, major in English and Biology respectively.

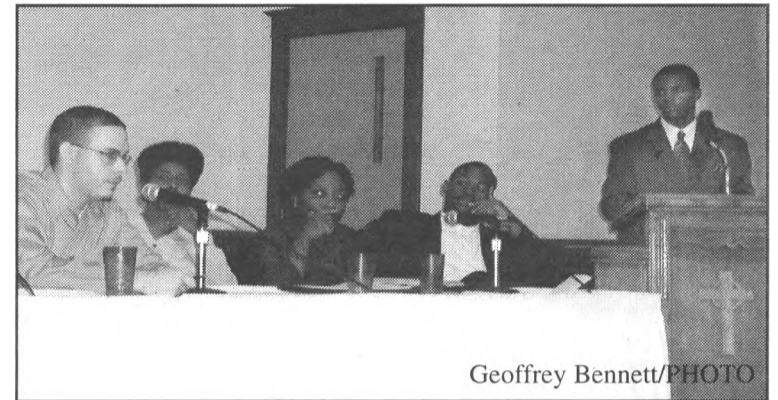
The American Academy of Achievement was founded on the belief that great achievers can educate and inspire by serving as role models. The 2002 International Achievement Summit will be hosted by the Hon. Bertie Ahem, Prime Minister of Ireland.

Morehouse NAACP wins top chapter honors, reflects on successful year

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Success can be measured in many ways. Most organizations are careful when selecting what standard against which to measure their performance. This year,

for the other premiere organizations at the College, but they also stood head and shoulders above their colleagues throughout Region V (Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee) bringing home the award for "number one college chapter" last month.



Geoffrey Bennett/PHOTO

The NAACP hosts a panel discussion before the November Atlanta mayoral election.

the Morehouse NAACP had only one: themselves.

The NAACP, under the direction of President Emeritus Keon Gerow, not only led the way

"No leader can rise higher than the people closest to him and there is no way that one man could

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The Maroon Tiger 2001-2002, a year of firsts



September 25:

"Underground Live" returns bigger and better, sponsored by *The Maroon Tiger*.



December 5:

The Maroon Tiger hosts its first off-campus party at Club Jaguars.

February 14:
5,000 copies of
Apex Magazine
hit the stands.



February 21:
The Maroon Tiger hosts the Apex Launch Party at Apache Cafe

April 1:
Maroon Tiger editors stage a rally in support of Gourmet Services staff



March 3:

The Maroon Tiger wins third place at the National Associated Collegiate Press Convention held in Los Angeles, CA.

May 1:
The Maroon Tiger names David Yarnall its first White section editor (Arts & Entertainment), although Dave is really an undercover brotha.

August 25:
The Maroon Tiger names Charlene Cole (Sports Editor) its first female section editor.

October 25:
The Maroon Tiger publishes a whistle-blower article about the wrongful imprisonment of former Morehouse student William Mayo.

January 26:
The Tiger is awarded second place in both the campus news and layout and design categories by the Georgia Collegiate Press Association.

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... and he said it wasn't a banner year. Perhaps he wasn't paying attention.

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have done all that we've done this school year," Gerow said. "All I am is a face, and they make me look good. Those guys run the organization. Many of them brought their real life situations to the NAACP."

For example, Taylor is the current Vice President of Finance for the Young Democrats of Georgia and Education Committee chair Sherrer-El works for the Atlanta Committee on Public Education.

"That kind of real life experience is really what made our organization very successful," Gerow said.

The Morehouse NAACP exemplified service and community commitment throughout the past school year. One of their earliest projects involved partnering with

The NAACP brought speakers from across the city to engage young people, conducted free HIV and AIDS testing, and distributed educational pamphlets and free condoms.

Similarly, they shed light on the condition of the Initial workers, who are contracted to provide janitorial service to the College, and lead the "charge in the fight for a living wage" for those employees, culminating in a rally on the steps of Kilgore. Previously, Initial workers earned six dollars an hour and did not receive benefit or paid leave. Currently, they have received a one dollar raise and "talks" are continuing to establish benefits.

But, just as they carried out large events, they lent a helping hand to their Morehouse brothers in small ways as well. When a flyer was brought to Gerow's at-



The NAACP and the Student Labor Union stage a protest in support of higher wages for Initial janitorial workers.

Princeton Review to provide free PSAT testing to more than 100 high school students in the Atlanta area. While the students took the practice exam, the NAACP provided a free seminar for their parents on how to find money for college.

In their efforts to "engage Morehouse students in the political process," the NAACP hosted the major mayoral candidates from the recent election and the Atlanta city council president in a campus forum. They also hosted an economic development summit, under the direction of Policy and Economic development chair Rashad Taylor who, where they brought together the religious and civic communities, bankers, business men and women and students to develop a "three-pronged plan" that a student could personally enact during their undergraduate matriculation. The summit dealt with credit card solicitation on campus, predatory lending, and college debt recovery.

One of the organization's largest events, led by Sam Williams, was an HIV-AIDS Week.

"We understood that zip code 30314 is one of the highest infected HIV-AIDS areas in Atlanta—we wanted to do something about that," Gerow said. "So we devoted an entire week to HIV and AIDS (awareness).

attention advertising the need for books, the NAACP sponsored the student by purchasing his textbooks for the semester.

To their credit, NAACP officers realized early that outstanding community involvement takes capital. The NAACP devised a strategy for raising \$10,000. As of last month, they had exceeded their goal.

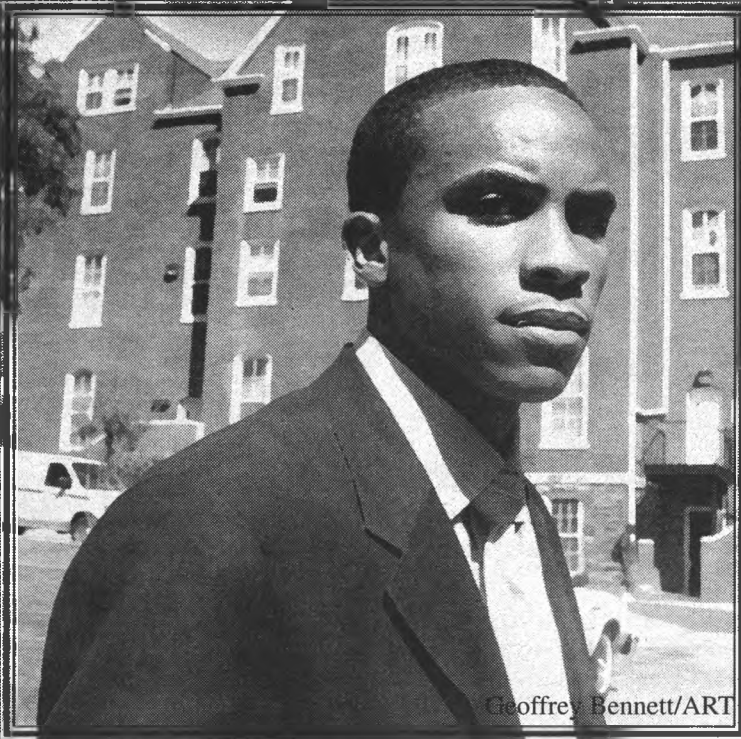
"We had an aggressive fund-raising campaign where we solicited administration, sent out fund-raising letters to different businesses, corporations and individuals," Gerow said.

They also created the President's Club, where donations would earn the donor a special designation: Gold Club (over \$500) Silver Club (\$250-500), Bronze Club (\$25 and up), and friends of the NAACP (\$10-\$25).

Gerow says that he understands the criticism that the NAACP receives as an organization that has "outlived its usefulness," because before joining the organization he felt the same way.

"I joined the NAACP because I wanted to make a change in it," Gerow said. "You can never effectively change from the outside. This is your organization. That was the whole message that we tried to give to the Morehouse student body this year."

Portrait of Excellence



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HAROLD MARTIN:

The first class valedictorian/class president in Morehouse history

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The four-year tour de force that Harold Martin has unleashed upon Morehouse College is coming to a fitting end. Martin, a senior finance major from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has earned distinction of being the first student in Morehouse's history to be named class valedictorian and senior class president.

Martin, who is also president of Golden Key International Honor Society, counts the B.R. Brazeal Award and honorable mention in the Otis Moss Oratori-

cal Contest among his credits.

Having earned the respect of the faculty and students alike, Martin was appointed lead student for the business department's international spring tour, won the Morehouse Business Association's Spring Symposium case competition three years in a row, and played a vital role in the continuing success of the business department's Big Brother mentorship program.

Martin credits his success, in part, to his ability to find a comfortable medium between the social and academic aspects of collegiate life.

"I haven't changed," said

Martin. "Ever since I was a freshman, I've always been able to find a balance. I enjoy being senior class president, for example, because it's a social position in many ways, from networking and mentoring to planning parties—while serving as president of Golden Key is a much more serious position because of the commitment to the community."

Martin's intrinsic sense of obligation to the surrounding community has driven him to volunteer at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School for the past four years. Affectionately referring to the stu-

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LEKAN BASHUA

Profile of an American Statesman

Student, computer programmer, technology guru, and senior student member of the Morehouse Board of Trustees don't seem to quite define Lekan Bashua. They hold to him like a Rich's suit at an "A Candle in the Dark" gala—good, but not quite. The term "American statesman," however, is his Armani original.

Bashua, who has lived in the United States for six years, hails most recently from Maryland and originally from Lagos, Nigeria. He came to Morehouse at the direction of his father and struggled with the disillusionment that visits so many first year students at the College.

"Freshman year, I was ready to leave this place. I was on my way out," Bashua said. "From petty stuff—I had a small room, I had a roommate, facilities weren't there and it seemed like everything that was supposed to happen never happened that way. There was nothing concrete here."

Bashua says that his work with Student Services the summer after his freshman year "kept" him at the College.

"I worked with Student Services building web pages, but it

was more the relationships and the development that summer that built on and kept me here."

The following year he began to build the legacy that he would leave Morehouse. It was the year of Shaun King's SGA presidency and the time for promises kept.

"Shaun King's year I got most involved," Bashua said. At the end of my freshman year, when elections were going on, I knew my best asset at the point was building web pages and I knew one of the biggest issues with student government was communication."

Bashua said that further responsibility within SGA involved "being around and being willing to lend a hand."

"I was there and opportunities just came," Bashua said.

Bashua says that although a lot was accomplished during his tenure, many dreams went unrealized.

"A lot of things were grandiose," Bashua said. "Most of it didn't happen."

But a major portion did: computer labs and technology improvement.

I wanted to see the college improve in terms of communication and technology," Bashua

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responsible attitude than a simply social purpose."

And according to some Greeks on campus, what is personally involved in making one a good student may not necessarily make fraternities take notice.

"Stereotypically, Morehouse today isn't what Morehouse used to be," Freeman said. "We're in a different era where we have different types of students and what might be good enough for Morehouse, might not be good enough for an organization, because the organization expects so much more of you."

"It's a different mindset, as far as joining an organization and going to a college. You are in that certain group of people, but there are so many people that you need to connect with and they're looking for those same characteristics that they had thirty years ago."

Campus organizations or not, according to some college faculty, fraternities have both positive and negative aspects.

"Fraternities provide opportunities for students to learn how to work with other people within an organization," Dr. Willis Sheftall, College Provost and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha said. "By having to work with the brothers in a fraternity, you get a chance

to develop interpersonal skills and you probably end up developing some additional self-confidence.

"But the downside could be that fraternities could foster inappropriate social behavior—hazing



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Rho participate in the 2001 Homecoming Step Show.

clearly would be an inappropriate social behavior," Sheftall said. "I don't want to single out fraternities—that can happen in any other student organization. On balance, I think that fraternities contribute positively to the quality of campus life."

Fraternity contribution is even eyed by some as being a possible contributor to student activity in campus organizations to appeal to a particular Greek-letter organization.

"I hope that that's not what individuals come to school for," Eaddy said. "School should be about academics and where you're going as far as career goals. If you become engulfed in Greek life or other activities, many times that can stop you from reaching your goal."

While some of the faculty fail to see the elite status that Greek organizations hold on campus, many active members say that their elevated role brings a greater responsibility to the larger Morehouse community.

"With great power comes a greater responsibility," Freeman said. "No one should be given respect; you should earn respect. By wearing letters of a certain organization they've earned their respect and therefore they need to carry themselves with a certain dignity, knowing that people look up to

them."

According to some Greeks, fraternity responsibility on campus is maximized by individual member strengths coming together.

"Every individual has certain unique qualities or strong points," Eaddy said. "The way that brotherhood works is you can take each individual's strong points and use those to help that fraternity as a whole."

Greek organizations remain as campus icons and monuments to what could be viewed as a greater society. Whether that status is static or evolving, can only be determined by those members within the respective organizations.

"It takes one person to change an organization," Freeman said.

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said. "We built a good relationship with [Vice President for Information Technology] Dr. Foster from there. Sometimes I've had the opportunity to tell them, 'This is a waste of time. We wouldn't benefit from it.' It's altered the way that they've done things [technologically]."

Bashua said that improvement had to come in small doses for the College to fall in line with student demands.

His unique position as both student and College Trustee has allowed him to have a view of the College that most students aren't afforded. It often placed him in the position of "public servant" who knows more than the public he served.

"When a student had a problem with a college related issue, I was there, and I always have been," Bashua said. "But, the very revolutionary group of people—there were times when I was in groups with some of them and I think I moved away from a lot of that because the more I got involved I realized it's more about the school."

"I got to see two sides. The more you see that, the more you tend to react less quickly to some issues," Bashua said. "While freshman year, I'd be quick to jump on somebody's behalf and say 'This is what happened,' from a student's perspective, the more that you were in rooms with administrators and understood their dilemmas the process became a lot slower, and that's probably one of the most frustrating things."

Paradoxically, the position of student trustee, while elected, isn't beholden to any group of students.

"When you come in as a trustee, the College makes it very clear to you that you are not representing anybody's point of view but yours," Bashua said. "I kind of disagree a little with that position, because to me, you're still an elected official."

"The trustee is a student, elected by students to represent

his interests and his perspective on the board of trustees. You go to board meetings and you interact. You offer suggestions, solutions and objections to anything that you feel from a student's perspective is contrary to the progression of we students here at the College."

Bashua recounted how his outspoken nature on the Board was a double-edged sword, but he doesn't regret his action.

"It doesn't matter what it is or who says it, I had to interact, sometimes to my detriment and to the conflict with Dr. Massey and with certain board members," Bashua said. "I felt it was what I had to do."

After four years, Morehouse College has given him a renewed sense of drive and fortitude.

"The greatest thing that Morehouse has given me is (confidence) that there is never really an obstacle that you can't get past without trying something," Bashua said. "I don't take no for an answer easily."

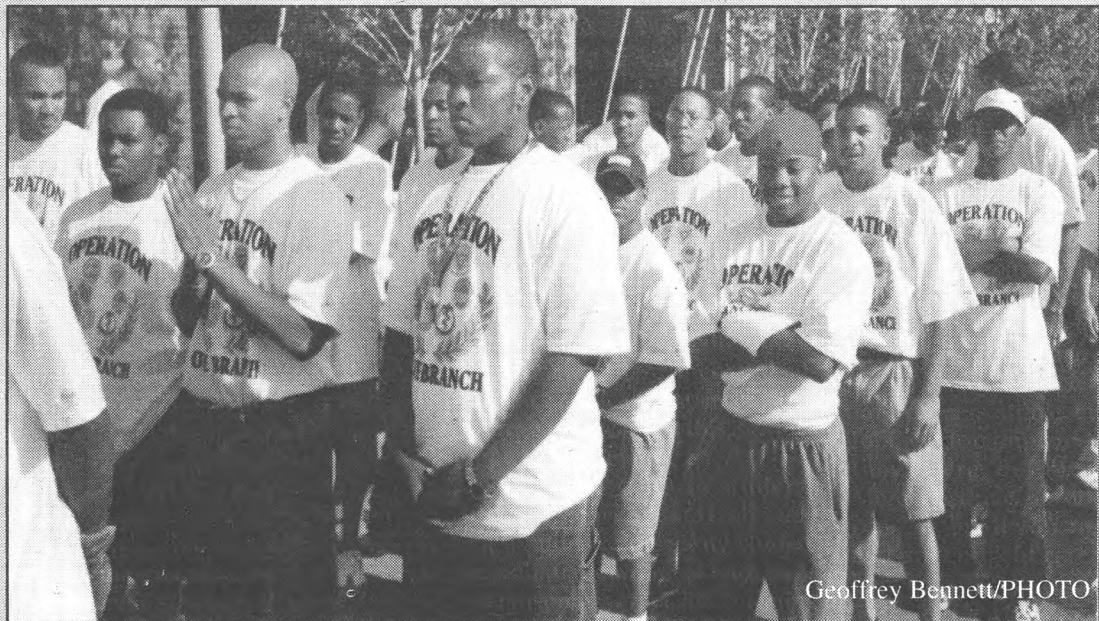
He added, "A lot of people, although they love some of the experiences they've had here, are very, very bitter about this place. I think if we did a lot more honest discussion with alums and with some contributors to the college, I think we would get some more realistic goals and (could) say alums feel angry about this and if we worked to fix those things so that the current students do not become those same type of alums, it would do us so much better."

Bashua will be heading to Michigan to consult for the company Steel Case that specializes in "work place environment solutions," where he will work for six months before returning to Atlanta.

He wants to continue to leave a legacy as a "helper" and a "problem solver."

"Every goal I have in my life has something to do with helping somebody some way and at some time," Bashua said. "If I leave that I'll be happy. If you keep an honest sense of who you are, what you

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2002!



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Remembering New Student Orientation 1998 ...

Graves Hall residents line up in preparation for the Operation Olive Branch block party.

The Torch Yearbooks

aren't ready yet. Leave Ray alone.

Don't bother to call the office.

It's Kevin's fault.

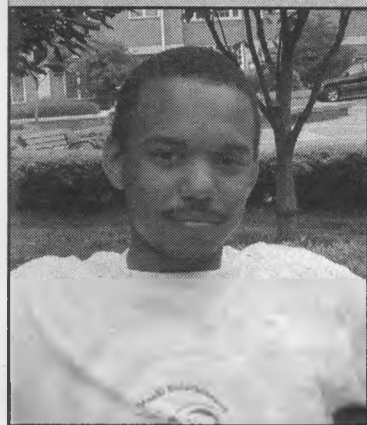
He's on sabbatical in London right now.

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This week's *Street Beat* question:

If you had it to do over again, what would you have done differently?



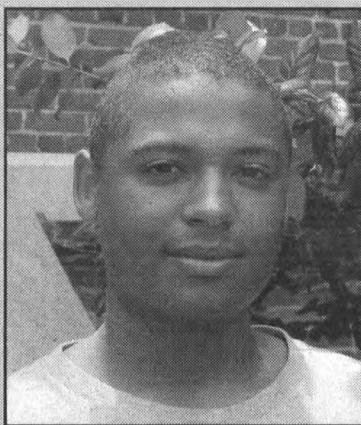
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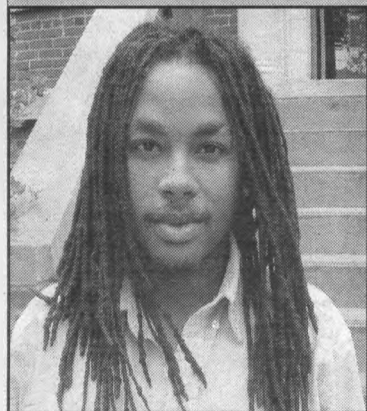
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Senior
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Winston-Salem, NC

"I would have studied abroad for 2 more years."



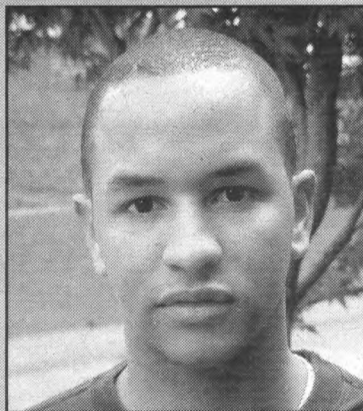
Christopher Elders
Senior
Political Science
Kansas City, MO

"I would have taken a Women's Studies class at Spelman."



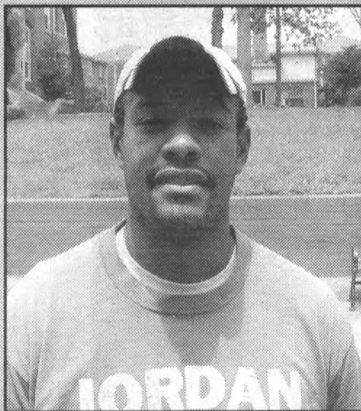
Anwar Cumberbatch
Senior
Math & Engineering
Trinidad

"Nothing. Predestination is very real."



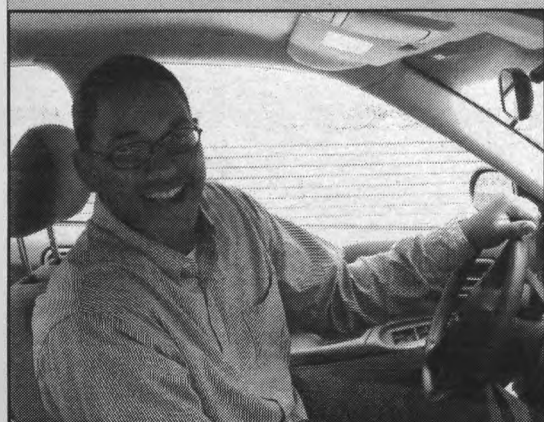
Jarred Meteau
Senior
Finance
Leonardtown, MD

"I think I would have become more involved in campus activities."



Brad Hardy
Senior
Economics
Durham, NC

"I would've gotten to know more people in the AUC."



Ashanti Johnson
Senior
Chemistry
Jacksonville, FL

"I would have majored in sociology or biology."

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dents he mentors as his "kids," Martin considers them to be as much a part of his education as anything that he has learned in the classroom.

"When I came to Morehouse, I had a dream to make millions, and [because of the kids], I will leave with the vision to make a difference," he said.

Faced with the daunting task of preparing to deliver his valedictory speech, Martin said, "Instead of relying on phrases of intellectual rhetoric and intellectual masquerading, I will open myself up to a message that God

has placed on my heart," he said. "I plan to make myself smaller and make God larger."

While reflecting on his own Morehouse experience, Martin is grateful for the opportunities that were afforded him.

"I shudder at the thought that my seventeen-year-old naïveté may have led me down a different path, leaving my mind, spirit, and soul malnourished at another institution. God wanted me to be a Morehouse Man," he said.

Upon graduation, Martin will remain in Atlanta to work for McKenzie Consulting Group.

Harold Martin's Advice for Underclassmen

From the day that I entered these hallowed walls, filled with fear and uncertainty, I was striving ... striving to be affluent in the principles of New Student Orientation, striving to live the pillars of a Morehouse Man, and striving to pursue excellence in all ways at all times in all situations without compromise. Now, on the brink of leaving the home that I have known and loved for the last four years of my life, I am given the rare opportunity to reflect. It is in this spirit that I offer the following advice to future Morehouse Men.

1. Keep God first in your life and seek to understand and fulfill His will.
2. Always define success for yourself because others will attempt to infuse their own constraints on your potential.
3. In your endeavors, strive for personal satisfaction because accolades and notoriety are fleeting and overrated.
4. Do it all!!! It is over in the blink of an eye and regret is a painful emotion.
5. Remember that you are your brother's keeper. Morehouse College was founded on principles of communal African American ascension and that legacy can't die with you!
6. A man's worth is measured by his integrity and holistic goodness, not the breadth of his resume or the width of his wallet.
7. It is your experiences and successes that nourish and sustain Morehouse College for future generations, so give generously!

Embrace this opportunity with the might of a warrior and the will of a wounded soldier because its beauty and importance cannot fully be understood until it is over.

I love Morehouse College with all my heart, believe in its mission with my all my mind, and am connected to its history and tradition with all my spirit. To Morehouse College, I am eternally grateful and forever indebted...ask and you shall receive.

Harold Martin signing off ...

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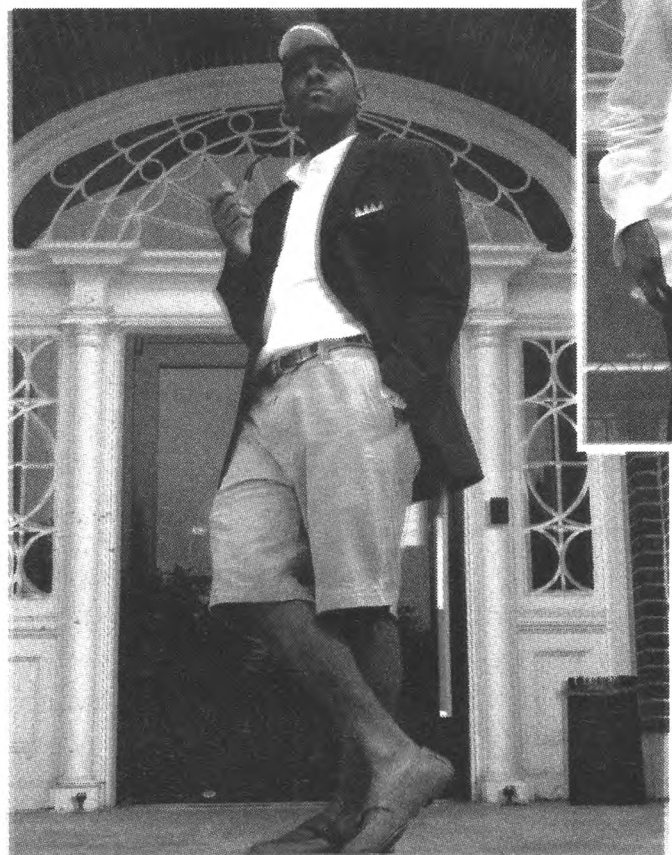


New Kids



*Man of the
Year*

Mr. Bobby Westbrook



Style

's Men of the Year

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Hall of Fame



Young Turks

Familiar bookstore faces could be a distant memory

They're at it again! Morehouse poised to contract new company, leaving students asking why

Rubani Trimiew and
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Staff Writers

At an institution that strives to be an example of unwavering ethical leadership, it is ironic that many of the values and ethical models that Morehouse tries to instill in the minds of its students become disconnected with the practices of the college itself.

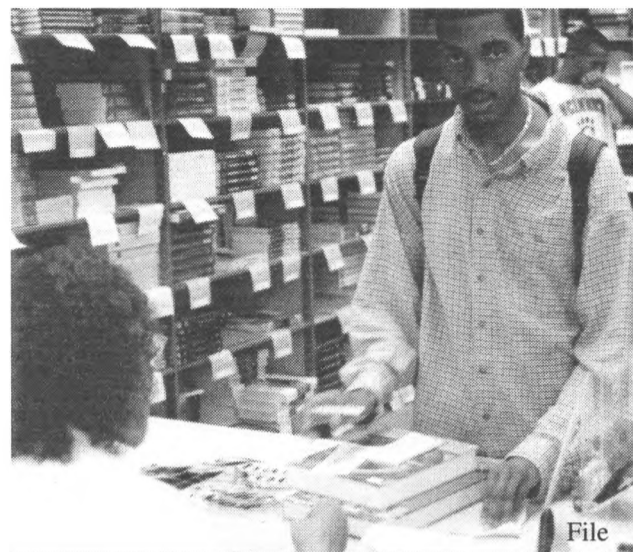
Recently, college officials decided to end its ten-year relationship with Engineer Book Company, the community-focused bookstore managing company, by not renewing its contract.

Situated between Sale Hall and the slowly encroaching Clark Atlanta campus, the campus bookstore has been a place where students can buy and return overpriced books, grab a quick snack for those between-class munchies, and see the friendly smile of one of the caring employees.

For years, many students have complained that the bookstore's facilities are sub par for an institution of Morehouse's caliber, nor does it house the amenities character-

istic of neighboring institutions such as Clark Atlanta Univer-

sity, Spelman College, or Morris Brown College.



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istic of neighboring institutions such as Clark Atlanta Univer-

sity, Spelman College, or Morris Brown College. Spelman junior Maya Brooks said, "Our bookstore is very, very different, in that it's nicer. Our bookstore looks and feels like a major retail chain."

Brooks' point sheds light on the fact that the problems with Morehouse's bookstore results from space limitations, not the management itself. The facility and management are two

independent variables. The general problem with the store is having a positive impact on the students."

the facility itself. Improvement of the store must begin with remodeling or relocating the bookstore; the first step should not be a change in management.

According to Cunningham, the company is locally owned and operated; she ex-

pressed her company's interest "in the success of Morehouse men," made evident by their donations to the annual Candle in the Dark fundraiser, as well



Jon-Sesrie Goff/PHOTO

A student sells his book during the book buy-back period, while another embraces a bookstore employee.

pressed her company's interest "in the success of Morehouse men," made evident by their donations to the annual Candle in the Dark fundraiser, as well

as their desire to "continue to be on Morehouse's campus."

Her sentiments are reinforced daily by the bookstore employees. One employee offered her view of the situation: "We're family. We take care of students - give them rides to the airport, ten dollars if they need it. For the off-campus students that need a meal, we don't hesitate in providing one."

According to Mr. Omari Young, Director of Auxillary Services, the college is courting the Follet company to replace Engineer. Follet, a national corporation, serves other schools in the Atlanta University Center. He claimed the change in management has "been two or three years in the making." Young added that Follet's company standard is to "not raid other companies' employees," which leaves the current bookstore staff in limbo.

During Morehouse's race to be counted among the nations' top institutions of higher learning, changes are inevitable. But, it is imperative that we hold steadfast to the principles and values that led to the creation and survival of

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Evaluating the College's commitment to Black history

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It is often assumed that Morehouse, an African American educational institution with an unparalleled legacy would go above and beyond set standards to promote its own history and the history of Black people, but sadly this assumption is far from true.

Indeed, Morehouse College falls tremendously short on too many important fronts regarding the vitality of our history, and these failures are producing generations of Morehouse graduates that hardly know a thing about Morehouse history specifically and Black history in general. What a shame!

The mission statement of Dear Old Morehouse, as well as neglected boardroom decisions, demand Black history and culture to be integral and deliberate throughout the college.

Dr. Alton Hornsby, the legendary professor of history, former chair of the history department, editor of the *Journal of Negro History* and an illustrious Morehouse graduate weighed in on this tremendous failure.

"I don't think the College is, presently, doing nearly enough to fulfill these parts of our mission," Hornsby said. "The recommendations to accomplish this, which

were made back in 1990-1992, would have gone a long way towards these ends, but they have been only partially implemented."

The results of this surprising neglect are many, but Morehouse exposes its sub-par support for Black history and culture with four key deficiencies.

1. Morehouse does not have a universally required course, or series of courses on Black history and culture. As Spelman has its required "African Diaspora and the World" course, Morehouse should institute similar courses required of all freshmen. Some have even suggested a required course on Morehouse history. Nonetheless, this initial step must be taken.

Regarding the curriculum, Dr. Willis Sheftall, the Vice President of Academic Affairs said, "A clean-slate review of the College's general studies requirement has just gotten underway with the organizational meeting of the Core Curriculum Task Force which was held on April 16th. I fully expect a significant amount of the Task Force's review to focus on the African/African American content of our curriculum. This will be the first comprehensive review of the core curriculum in a number of years."

2. Morehouse should be

ashamed that it has no archives that house the relics and historical artifacts that document our history. Because of this great absence, thousands of priceless pieces of Morehouse memorabilia have been lost, stolen, deliberately destroyed,

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thrown away, and disintegrated because of poor handling. Whereas most colleges are able to constantly acquire newfound historical artifacts, Morehouse cannot. Furthermore, the few things that have been salvaged are in terrible shape and are being inappropriately stored. Not one college in the country with the caliber and history purported by Morehouse lacks archives.

3. Morehouse does not adequately support the symbolic, yet

serious celebrations of Black History Month and the Martin Luther King holiday. February after February one would be much more likely to find the top scholars, activists, and lecturers on issues relevant to Black people at Emory,

Agnes Scott, or even Georgia State than they would at Morehouse. Even our own famed graduates frequent campuses other than our own through Black History Month.

This same sad situation happens every King holiday. Besides the musical celebration and a few small-scale community service events that are put on, Morehouse completely closes down on the day that celebrates our greatest graduate. Our school should lead the nation with the quality of our annual King celebration. As a matter of fact, so many people that assume we do lead in this area arrive on our campus every year only to find out the best celebrations with the best folk are elsewhere.

4. The campus of Morehouse College grossly underacknowledged for its own historical value. Although some dialogue exists about the greatness of

Graves Hall and all of the great graduates that stayed there, no descriptive plaques or markers clarify this for students or visitors. Consequently much of what is said about the history of the building is guesswork. Buildings like Robert Hall, Hope Hall and especially Sale Hall are known to be old and important, but few people know that Dr. Mays spoke in Sale Hall over 1000 times, that W.E.B. DuBois and Martin Luther King spoke there often, that John Hope had his offices there, or that Muhammad Ali trained in Archer Hall when he was preparing to make his famed comeback. Informative plaques should be displayed throughout the campus.

With many students (and now graduates) that don't know the school song, the year the school was founded, the year Dr. King graduated, that Dr. Mays is not a Morehouse graduate and other basic facts on the history of the college, Morehouse must make changes. When students do not know a thing about African history, when slavery started, when it ended, cannot identify Marcus Garvey from Booker T. Washington, Morehouse must make changes. It is going to take the push of students, faculty, staff, graduates, college supporters, and others for these changes to happen.

Morehouse is extremely student friendly

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Most Morehouse brothers have absolutely no idea how student friendly our college truly is. I often hear disgruntled students with an axe to grind fuss about the rights and privileges of brothers on and off campus, but I have found that the students that complain the most are students that have not taken advantage of the countless opportunities open to any and every brother on campus.

Although I have not attended any institution other than Morehouse, I have attended conferences at many colleges, networked with college students from around the world, and even read comparative studies about offices of student services across the country. The sum total of my college experiences makes me think that

Morehouse is amongst the most student friendly institutions of higher learning in the world. Below are 10 factors that influenced this conclusion.

1. Out of the 1000s of colleges and universities across the country, Morehouse is the ONLY institution to have three (3) students with full membership on the Board of Trustees. These brothers are expected to be active contributors and sit right alongside the likes of men like Maynard Jackson and Lerone Bennett in private meetings and conferences. Rather or not these three students make a significant impact changes from year to year, but this is a huge opportunity.

2. Morehouse students have excellent access to high-ranking administrators. Any student on campus could meet with any / every campus official if a meeting is properly scheduled. Every Morehouse brother has at least one or two administrators that they have developed a working relationship with. This just doesn't happen very many places. Even Dr. Massey has open office hours on a regular basis, but the reality is that most students simply don't take advantage of the chance to chat with him.

3. The budgets for the SGA,

The Maroon Tiger, and the Torch Yearbook are above average for an institution our size. Considering the fact that our school has such a modest endowment it is amazing that these budgets are as high as they are. Our SGA budget dwarfs the other AUC SGA budgets and rivals the budget of Emory and other wealthier institutions.

4. The SGA is given almost absolute autonomy with how it uses its budget. Although the SGA may be questioned or hassled by the likes of Dean Blackburn or Dean Phifer about how the money is spent, the brothers almost always get their way. Furthermore, brothers gain invaluable leadership experience that few students in the country ever receive.

5. Respected students other than the trustees are almost always included in on policy level meetings, caucuses, and discussions that determine and influence the future of the college. I know

brothers on some of these important college committees and I serve on some of them myself.

6. Morehouse listens to the concerns of students more than most brothers think. It may take time, but Morehouse normally responds to student complaints and concerns. When I arrived at Morehouse,

brothers wanted a new and improved cafeteria - it was built. Brothers lobbied for a parking a deck - it is being built. Brothers lobbied for improved customer service and the college has made great strides toward providing this. Five years ago the registration process stunk, but brothers lobbied for improvements and they were definitely made. Morehouse may not address every concern, but if you are persistent and present your case things will happen.

7. The Maroon Tiger (and the Torch Yearbook) are given a journalistic freedom that surpasses any college publication I have ever seen or heard of. We are always allowed and even encouraged to voice our opinions - no matter how controversial they may be. In spite of feathers being ruffled by our writers issue after issue, the most we ever get is an important

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Ms. Davenport:

In Volume 16, number 7 of the *Spelman Spotlight*, you wrote an excellent piece on your opinions on *Apex Magazine*.

As *Apex's* Senior Editor, I feel it necessary that I write you back and answer some of the interesting claims that you laid on *Apex*.

First, thanks for the disclaimer about "not to attack the publication, but to question..." Far too often, we as African Americans are not critical enough of each other, and more often than not we bristle at any criticism that comes our way, so thank you. We needed that. The points of views we've heard from individuals like yourself, working journalists and others have been positive, so it was time for something negative, or rather more critical.

However, I question you on a few points. Never, that I'm aware of at any time did you question any of us about *Apex*. Never did you ask us our points of view on the magazine, its direction, its inception, or anything. Very carelessly you naturally assumed a number of things. I do understand that you wrote an opinion piece, but it must be said that opinion pieces are weak if they are at least not backed up by some background information and research. Either way, before you publish something in a college publication, at least have the journalistic integrity to do some fact checking. That's advice. Now, if you just wrote to write, still, always check your facts.

I agree with you, we went over the top. We did it that way though because at Morehouse, we are taught not to be sheltered by limits set for us by society. I'm sorry, but I will not apologize for my penchant for Brooks Brothers clothes, Aramis, or the warm feel of my peacoat. And Ms. Davenport, African Americans of all socio-economic levels have been playing golf for several decades now, so please don't be so hidebound in your thinking to write off one's passion for golf as an attempt at doing something "white."

As aforementioned, we went over the top, because we were having fun. We did it not with your money, but the money given to us by Morehouse College. If you don't like it, you don't have to read it. It's not yours anyway.

Yes, it was made for men in mind. We are a campus of men. So, we made our magazine with men in mind after such great models as *Esquire*, *Code*, *Details* and *Gentlemen's Quarterly*. And thanks for realizing that it does take a tremendous amount of effort to make a magazine, because Ms. Davenport, it does. It took the hard work and efforts of many Morehouse men, and the advice and efforts of Spelman women to produce our first issue.

Now, it is opinion that we want to be like Larry Graham's *Our Kind of People*. Not only is it your opinion, but it is quite unfounded. What in our pages reflects the pages of Mr. Graham's work?

The point your missing is that we were having fun. We weren't nearly as serious as you are taking us. And that means that on some level we spoke to you about something inside of you. Now, what that is, I don't know, but remember, we were having fun.

Every man should read a book, and that's why towards the back of the issue, there were book reviews by Roger Humphrey and Dave Yarnall. You may never know the feeling of wearing a great men's suit, but Ms. Davenport, when wearing one at the right time and moment in life, it's worth it. One's suit, in business is almost as important as what one is saying or projecting. No, we're not saying that these items will add up to a perfect life for you, but they damn sure will make you feel better. Who doesn't want to dress nice, smell nice and feel warm? Relax. There is a key to success in knowing where to shop. For a successful man pays for quality, not just the label or the image of what it is he's buying. And the things written about in "Might We Suggest" are quality products that will last.

Now, "Every Man Should" was merely a caricature of itself. There are people who will never be able to witness the activity of Central Park. It is sad but true. We're simply saying that we feel every man should be able to. If one is inclined to play golf, which in business is an unspoken requirement, then a perfect tee shot says as much about you being an athlete and being committed to excellence as the business deal being discussed on the course in the first place. A perfect tee shot is the epitome of practicing at something over and over again until it's gotten right, not unlike a free throw or a serve in tennis. We chose a tee-shot because golf is more of a universally appealing sport in the world of business. Don't limit what Black men should do simply because you feel they shouldn't do something. Running a tab was a joke. Basically it represented having a good time and buying drinks for everyone. And, Ms. Davenport, I don't expect you to know the warm feeling, the ecstasy filled moment of experience, when the right woman refers to you in the loving way that would connote the term, "baby." However, it's enough to make your knees shake, your heart melt and your mind go to mush, especially if it's because of a Black woman.

In reference to other pieces like "Afrotrash" and "My Favorite Tie," those were simply jokes or homages to certain things we see. When Raj wrote "Afrotrash," he was comically looking at a part of society that he feels needed some sort of critical analysis. He didn't intend to hurt anyone, and if you had asked him about it, you would've known that he wasn't looking down on those who use oils and incense, but merely poking fun, like so many others do. It's called satire, and I'm sure you're well-versed in the Swiftian model, so there's no need to explain further.

"My Favorite Tie," written by yours truly, was homage to what I've seen in countless fashion magazines: a 300-word story on one article of clothing. I did it. It was full of pretense, but decidedly so. It was full of airs, but on purpose. It was supposed to make you laugh and think. But, no self-respecting man can tell you that he doesn't own at least one tie that makes him feel invincible. You always have favorites.

Now, in reference to Abercrombie and The Gap, that, like everything else, is your opinion. However, there are an overwhelming number of college students wearing Abercrombie and Fitch's clothing, just like they do with Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, Sean John, Rocawear, J. Crew, Nautica, Calvin Klein, etc. We chose to highlight Abercrombie...once again, it's our magazine.

The culture we're trying to create is one without barriers. The culture we're trying to create is one without the preconceived notions that are woven beautifully within your opinion piece. The culture we're trying to create understands humor and satire and has a keen sense of self to the point that we can laugh at ourselves. The culture we're trying to create doesn't think one way. It doesn't use the word, can't. The culture we're trying to create is full of individuals who know that if they want a \$125,000 car, then they can work their tails off and afford it one day. The culture we're trying to create may not include you, or those who think like you; we're not recruiting, we're creating.

And I implore you to continue to create. I implore and applaud you for being critical of us. I implore you to keep asking questions, and seeking truth and knowledge, someday our paths might cross; our culture and your opinions, and we'll all be the better for it.

Sincerely,

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Apex Magazine

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED AT MOREHOUSE

By

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1. The aggressive person is never in control. 2. Only fools wait in line. 3. If she stays on the first floor of LLC, leave her alone. 4. "No" means "ask somebody else." 5. "Ask somebody else" means "no." 6. Federal work-study checks are a gift from God. 7. Nothing beats a Spelmanite in a Morehouse T-shirt. 8. "When you acknowledge a man, you honor him." 9. The true danger lies in believing you are what you portray yourself to be. 10. Brevity is a virtue. 11. In Gloster Hall, money talks but parents talk louder. 12. Student introductions at the Candle in the Dark Gala are nothing more than "DuBoisian" double-consciousness personified. 13. It is better to practice strolling and twirling at home. 14. It is imperative that Anderson knows you by name before he issues your grade. 15. After labor day, stay off of the strip. 16. Do not pay Woodruff Library fines; wait for the amnesty period. 17. Don't be disappointed if you don't meet your wife at Spelman; the wedding photos in *Jet* magazine can be misleading. 18. The *BAP Handbook* will come in handy one day. Buy it. Support a sister. 19. Never be afraid to pronounce "ask" properly. 20. Win by your actions rather than argument; no one is offended, and you will prove your point. 21. Morehouse "preacher speak" doesn't translate to mainstream audiences. 22. Dorags and Morehouse NSO key chains are not clothing accessories. 23. Morehouse is a short man's campus; Napoleon would have been proud. 24. "Keeping it real" is not an employable skill. 25. Most present-day "Black leaders" (except for Julian Bond, of course) are nothing more than outdated, reactionary protest strategists who have yet to find other viable sources of income. 26. Bean pies taste better than they look. 27. Even with a 3.8 GPA and 120 credits, a Morehouse graduation is still not a guarantee. 28. Bright-colored, super-sized logo, designer fashions should never be worn in public (unless you are from Detroit). 29. Your suit should never have more buttons than fingers on your hands (unless you're from Detroit). 30. It takes courage to achieve. 31. Be bold in all things. 32. Introspection is good; isolation is dangerous. 33. Success is relative. 34. You make money by saving it. 35. Brilliantly exploit your talents. 36. A fraternity line jacket can open up a world of opportunity. 37. Even when you know your professor is an ignorant racist, remember that your "A" is more important than the satisfaction you might get from making him see things your way. 38. You shouldn't wear any Morehouse paraphernalia if you've got less than a 2.0 GPA. 39. If you don't have a car, do not rent an apartment in Austell. 40. Campus Hair World's Mr. Cortez is the best professor in the AUC. 41. Tuesday/Thursday 75-minute classes should be avoided at all costs. 42. An extra "sir" or "ma'am" can go a long way. 43. The true task lies in being your best perceived self. 44. Lean not on your own understanding. 45. Be nice to everyone you meet; you will see them again. 46. Guard your reputation at all costs. 47. Do not mix friends with business. 48. The further you see, the more powerful you become. 49. You are the company you keep. 50. Plan for the long-term goal instead of the quick victory. 51. Learn to use the knowledge of the past. 52. The irreparable damage that the crass commercialization of Black culture (read: hip-hop and rap music) has done to our community has yet to be realized. 53. Being older does not necessarily make one worthy of respect. 54. "Act as if..." 55. Give more than you take. 56. Those who claim to be humble really aren't. 57. The illusion of choice is more powerful than the real thing. 58. Dr. Clark White is your GPA's best friend. 59. Good leaders follow. 60. It is not the person who has little, but the person who always craves more, who is poor.

And finally, my last words ...

To *The Maroon Tiger*: There is always more news to be reported. The intellectual discourse on the yard is insipid and uninspiring; be a catalyst for change. Remember the charge!

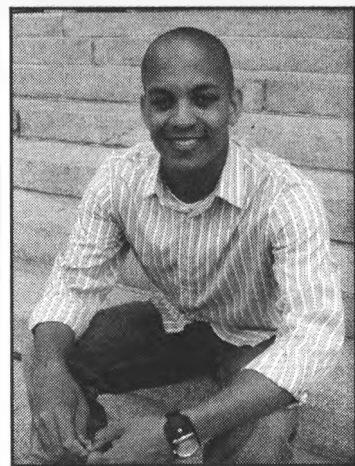
To *Apex*: What started as a lofty idea is now yours. Do with it what you will, just keep it bourgeois!

To the Nupes: You have taught me the meaning of altruistic sacrifice. It's only been a year, and we've got plenty of war stories. (It was definitely hard but fair.) I am a better person for having known each of you.

To Graves Hall: Have fun and don't get caught.

To Gary: Thanks for showing me how it's done. I wouldn't even be at Morehouse if it weren't for you.

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When one drink is enough

*Doc Simmons reports on the dangers
of consuming too much alcohol*

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The time is now 3:15 a.m., and you find yourself slowly making your way out of the Martini Club after several escapades to the bar. Driving is not an option; you can not even walk while keeping your composure.

At that very point in time you realize you have a test the next day, and suddenly someone volunteers to drive you back to campus. The next morning you remember nothing, and you find your self waking up in your car and you proceed to class in those same clothes you wore the night before in the club. At what point during the night do you realize you might need to stop drinking or that you might have had one drink to many?

For some people, one drink might be enough for their basic modalities to be impaired, for others, it may be 3-5 cups of that great punch served at the most popular beer-bashes on Friday afternoons.

Certain driving skills - such as steering a car while, at the same time, responding to changes in traffic - can be impaired by blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) as low as 0.02 percent. It has been stated that men handle alcohol better than women? Of course that can not be true after observing the festivities of Atlanta's club atmosphere in Buckhead.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a 160-pound man will have a BAC of about 0.04 percent 1 hour after consuming two 12-ounce beers or two other standard drinks on an empty stomach.

The first lesson is that one should never drink on an empty stomach. Furthermore, the more alcohol you consume, the more impaired your driving skills will be, every Morehouse Man should know that.

A standard drink is reported to be a 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one 5 ounce-glass of wine or 1.5 ounce of 80-proof "distilled spirits". Al-

though most States set the BAC limit for adults who drive after drinking at 0.08 to 0.10 percent, impairment of driving skills begins at much lower levels.

In many cases alcohol impairs your speech, coordination, as well as decision making.

More than 2 million Americans suffer from alcohol-related liver disease as stated by the Department of Public Health. Some drinkers develop alcoholic hepatitis, or inflammation of the liver, as a result of long-term heavy drinking. Its symptoms include fever, jaundice (abnormal yellowing of the skin, eyeballs, and urine), and abdominal pain.



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Alcoholic hepatitis can cause death if drinking continues. If drinking stops, this condition often is reversible. About 10 to 20 percent of heavy drinkers develop alcoholic cirrhosis, or scarring of the liver.

Alcoholic cirrhosis can cause death if drinking continues. Once the status of cirrhosis is obtained, this particular disease is not reversible, however if one stops conditions do improve. Those with cirrhosis often feel better, and the functioning of their liver may improve, if they stop drinking.

Although a liver transplant may be needed as a last resort, many people with cirrhosis who abstain from alcohol may never need liver transplantation. In addition, treatment for the complications of cirrhosis is available.

For African Americans, the biggest defect of long-term drinking is heart disease. Moderate drinking can have beneficial effects on the heart, especially among those at greatest risk for heart attacks, such as men over the age of 45 and women after menopause. But long-term heavy drinking increases the risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, and some kinds of stroke.

For many years the African-American community has been plagued with various diseases that hinder our basic daily living, however some of our very disorders and acquired disease can in fact be prevented. So be safe during Senior Week and the events following graduation.

Copy editor speaks of "larger issues"

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Okay, most of you reading this don't know me ... which speaks to larger issues in itself. I digress. But don't worry about it; I just proofread. I proofread and I observe.

My observations, especially over this, my last year at this beloved institution of

higher learning at the apex of African-American intelligence, are my reason for sitting at the computer as I watch AJ butcher all of his lines on 106 & Park (It's FRAternity, not PAternity, smart guy.)

In spite of everything, I love Morehouse. I love the AUC. I wouldn't change my decision to come here for anything. But, like any other campus, we have problems. I'm not going to sit here and complain about everything because we all have our different qualms with administration, the registrar, dorm life, campus police, classes, professors and a host of other College entities.

I'm going to point at something that I admittedly don't normally like to, the man in the mirror.

We need to stop this finger pointing. True, the registrar's office has its shortcomings, and let's not even talk about financial aid, because although Morehouse is in the business of raising men, I still need to call my mommy for anything to get done. And that speaks to much larger issues.

We all know very well, however, that after freshman

year you have absolutely no excuse to not stay on top of your information and the processing of it. Use it as a life lesson. Stay on top of you and yours because if you don't, you'll end up just getting your semester sticker around the final drop deadline.

In the same spirit of staying on top of you and yours, my fellow AUC members (yeah, this is you

iam Mayo) with no fuss made over him by those that can make the fuss speaks to larger issues.

But I'll stop preaching, don't want to hit anyone's conscience with my observations.

Listen kids, really, the point is this: we are students of the AUC. We are men of Morehouse. We love to tell everyone what school we go to and wait for the amazed

reaction of the peon in front of us as they "ooh and ahh" at the 'nalia we are wearing, right?

The name and the 'nalia will mean absolutely nothing soon if you, the person who stares back at you in the mirror, doesn't do something to continue the proud tradition.

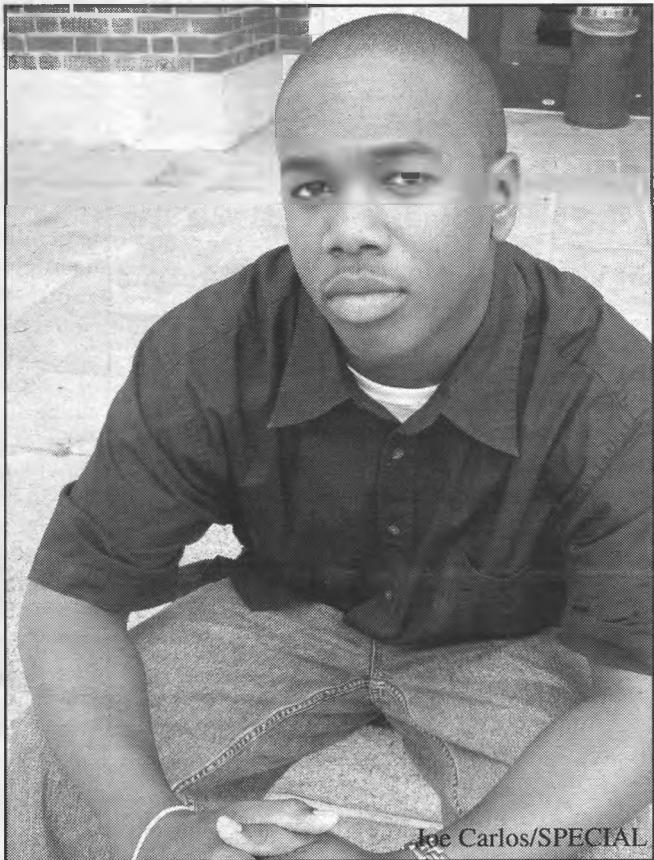
Venture to Clark and Morris Brown instead of talking about them like they're our stepchildren. Things aren't nearly as bad now as they were when I came for PSS before my freshman year, but they can still get

better. The fact that physical altercations are expected when an inter-AUC game is played speaks to larger issues.

I've certainly learned that no one else is going to help us but us, so with that in mind, I'll do what I know to do to make sure that all of those conversations about whether HBCU's are necessary or not stay just that, mere conversations.

So with that, much love to the Mays third ward alumni '98-'99 and the crew: B-money, Orgee, and Pretty Boy Country. I love you mama. Peace and blessings to all.

focus more on the issues presented in it. The fact that there is an innocent man that STILL sits in jail (read: Will-



Joe Carlos/SPECIAL
Johnny Anderson, a man for all occasions ... but mainly cheap ones.

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- Robert E. Johnson, '48

Morehouse athletics: a year in review

Highlights from one of Morehouse's most successful seasons

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Technically, I'm supposed to be reporting on the latest occurrences in Morehouse athletics. Obviously with that stated I am not. But somewhere on this page, I will mention a few highlights of the end of the school year.

What I'd like to do instead is ... well, what I did was knock the dust off my treasured collections of *Maroon Tigers* and analyzed what has been an interesting, if not better described by the word "turbulent," collection of athletic seasons.

To begin...

A controversial call at

was at it again, traveling up and down the lower eastern shore board making its presence known. Intramural football took to the field as well and ended with a lovely group of Gravediggas taking home the crown. But let us not forget another set of champions, the cross-country team who took home the SIAC title along with coach of the year, Coach Willie Hill.

Oh, and let's not forget the new scoreboard. Nice, huh?

As the temperature began to drop, we decided it would be best for us to play inside ... play basketball that is. It's funny how things work out sometimes. At the beginning of the season, Morehouse was predicted to be number one, win the tour-

sult, I'm almost terrified at what they might accomplish. This was also the time of the introduction of the new head



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A successful free-throw leads to a Tiger win.

next year. Are we going to the big dance?

Intramural basketball also took to the court in its traditional fashion. I unfortunately, missed the championship game and heard that my team got the shaft. Oh well, congratulations are in order for the victors.

Spring. I always have to make that statement when the season comes around. It is a time that speaks for itself in regard to Morehouse Athletics. It is a word that says so much that writing articles about the accomplishments of the teams active during this beautiful point in the year becomes severely redundant.

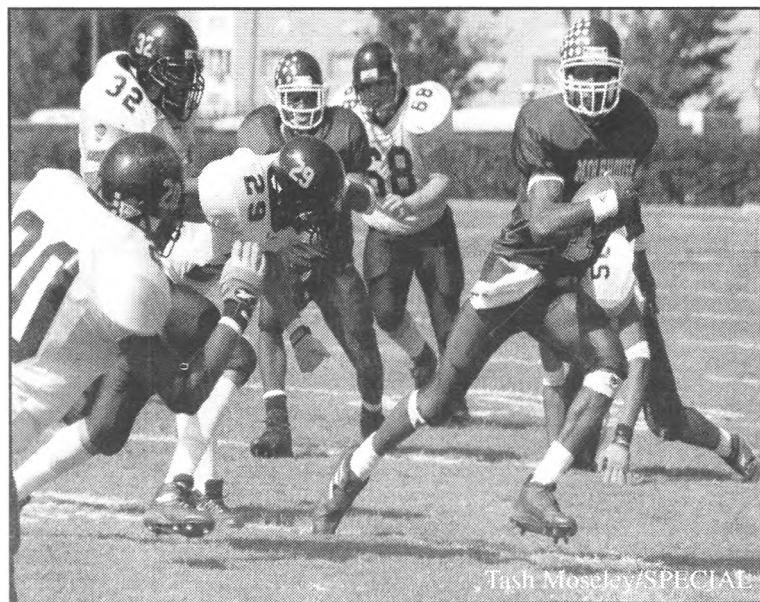
But I'll say it here, just to make it official. The track

coach of the football team right in time for spring training.

But I'm sure as much of a surprise as it was to hear that Coach Jones was leaving, the attitude of the team is understanding. "When you become a winning team you have to do whatever it takes to get the job done, we understand that, so there is no added pressure, just a constant pressure to perform," said teammate Robert Smalls.

The pressure each team faced this year was a heavy load to bear. Yet the victorious nature of each season demonstrated that in all battles, Tigers fight back.

Oh and how could I forget the competitions in which



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A fast break leads to a touchdown.

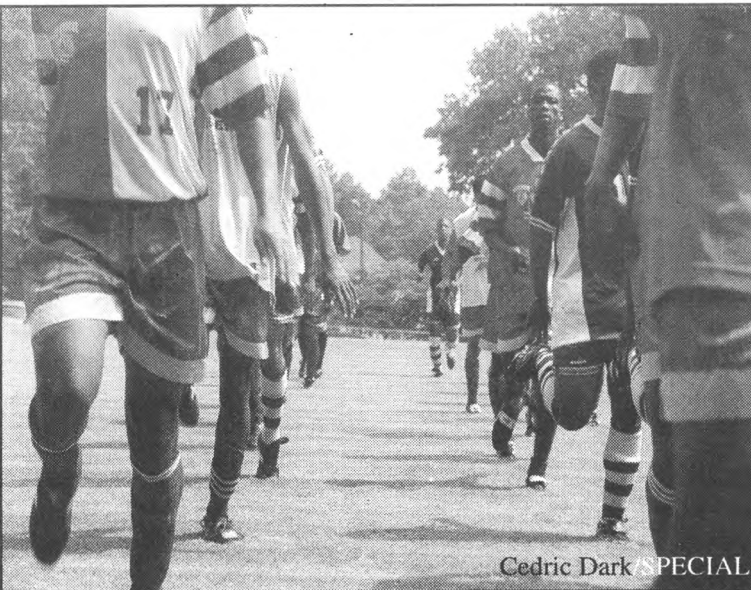
the end of regulation sent the Fighting Maroon Tigers into an overtime loss against Fort Valley State, which would later serve as the basis of controversy as to who really is (was) the 2001 SIAC Football Champions. The Tigers' football season was plagued with even more hullabaloo when it defeated Stillman College in Tuscaloosa by default of bad weather.

But to make another point in regard to who is (was) the 2001 SIAC Football Champions, one must question, with the All-SIAC team filled with members of the Maroon Tigers and the coach being the SIAC Coach of the Year, then by default alone, aren't the Tigers well deserving of their trophy?

Also during the wondrous fall, the soccer team

and have Darius Wade listed as the possible candidate for SIAC Player of the Year. One out of three isn't bad, right? But the way in which ending the season as number one came about was...frustrating to say the least.

Wade incurred a season-ending injury that forced freshmen guards into senior positions without the experience of SIAC competition. However, often times one would never recognize that these guys had not seen this form of contest before. It was as if they put into their minds: "This is basketball and I've been playing it for years. So, no matter what level, this is my game, and I came to win." And they did. But unfortunately, they couldn't win it all. As a re-



Cedric Dark/SPECIAL

The Maroon Tiger soccer team takes to the field.

and tennis teams both did extremely well, as usual. Oh yeah, and I must not forget the spring was also blessed with an aquatics invitational.

the Maroon Tiger faced throughout the school year, yet remained victorious. The plaques are on the wall.

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pep talk about integrity.

8. Most professors make a ton of time for students - sometimes to their own professional detriment. Many a Morehouse professor, especially the revered Morehouse legends (like Drs. Davis, Barksdale, Rahming, Grimes, and others) can be found every single day for hours meeting with brothers talking about every type issue under the sun. At many schools this time is spent in seclusion far away from the population, but not here. I have received constant encouragement and support from many professors and expect these bonds to remain past the walls of our college.

9. Morehouse is often very lenient on brothers that commit a myriad of infractions against school rules and even local laws. Chief Worthy and Major Bourda have kept countless Negroes out of jail (a whole different story) and have been at the jail for many other brothers (another story) that gave in to poor judgment. Few schools have any officers at all that care about you as a person - Morehouse has many.

10. On a personal note, Morehouse has treated me like a king. Despite having to withdraw and re-enroll Morehouse has always kept my scholarship warm. Morehouse has completely paid for me to attend conferences in Miami, Boston, St. Louis, Orlando, and South Africa - with a little money in my pocket. When I was SGA president, my room and board was paid for by the college. When I had surgeries I received get well cards, messages, and mementos from well-wishing administrators. Dr Massey opened up his house to me numerous times and even cooked some steak and potatoes before we discussed politics and Dear Old Morehouse.

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Morehouse College. College officials must not scapegoat Engineer Book Company for its own negligence in ensuring the quality of student services.

Furthermore, the human component of managerial changes is an aspect that Morehouse officials seem to ignore, since the current bookstore staff was given only a few weeks notice about their impending lay-offs.

During last week's book buy-back period, many students expressed their disappointment with the management change.

"The bookstore staff is our family. The value of a warm hug, friendly smile, and free sodas does not have a price tag attached. What price is Morehouse willing to pay?" said junior Tony Spratt.

Track star looks forward to future in the fast lane

Olympic hopeful rejuvenates career at Morehouse

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Terrance Wilson, a former 2000 Olympic trials qualifier and team USA track and field member, is now a man of Morehouse and a current member of the Morehouse Track and Field team.

Wilson is a former Division I All-American and the most decorated athlete to compete for Morehouse since Edwin Moses and has overcome numerous obstacles in his collegiate career.

After a stellar high school career, during which he was a member on the Junior World Team, Wilson began his collegiate career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At UNC, Wilson was an All-American, the Tar Heels team captain, and he took UNC to an Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

He is currently ranked second all-time in the men's 400-meter intermediate hurdles and fourth all-time in the men's 110-meter high hurdles at UNC.

However, Wilson's troubles began when he was prematurely pulled off of medical redshirt to compete in a track meet; as a result of the competition, he aggravated an existing hamstring injury. The injury also prevented Wilson from competing in the 2000 Olympic trials, for which he had qualified.

The incident, combined with a turbulent relationship

between him and his coach, caused Wilson to assess his future at UNC.

"After speaking with my athletic counselor I decided to remove myself from an unhappy situation and transfer,"

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said Wilson.

Wilson had narrowed his transfer choices down to the University of Illinois and the University of California at Los Angeles. Unfortunately, before he could accept a scholarship from one of the institutions, he was involved in a debilitating car accident.

"The truck was going 45 miles per hour and had 95,000 pounds in its trailer, said Wilson. "I was at a complete stop waiting for the traffic to move, and all the other vehicles around me were at a complete stop also. There was no way for me to prevent impact," he added.

After the accident, Wilson was told that he would never be able to compete again. Although he could not compete, Illinois and UCLA still extended their offers, but he chose to attend Morehouse College instead.

While meeting with his Morehouse financial aid counselor, Ms. Angela Toles, she noticed his USA Track and Field jacket and asked about the situation.

After hearing his story, Toles relayed his situation to school officials. Henry Goodgame, Director of Alumni Affairs, was one staff member particularly interested, and he convinced Wilson to continue training and physical therapy.

Currently, Wilson's rehabilitation is ahead of schedule. If he remains healthy, he will run the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, 110 meter high hurdles

and the 4x4 400 meter relay.

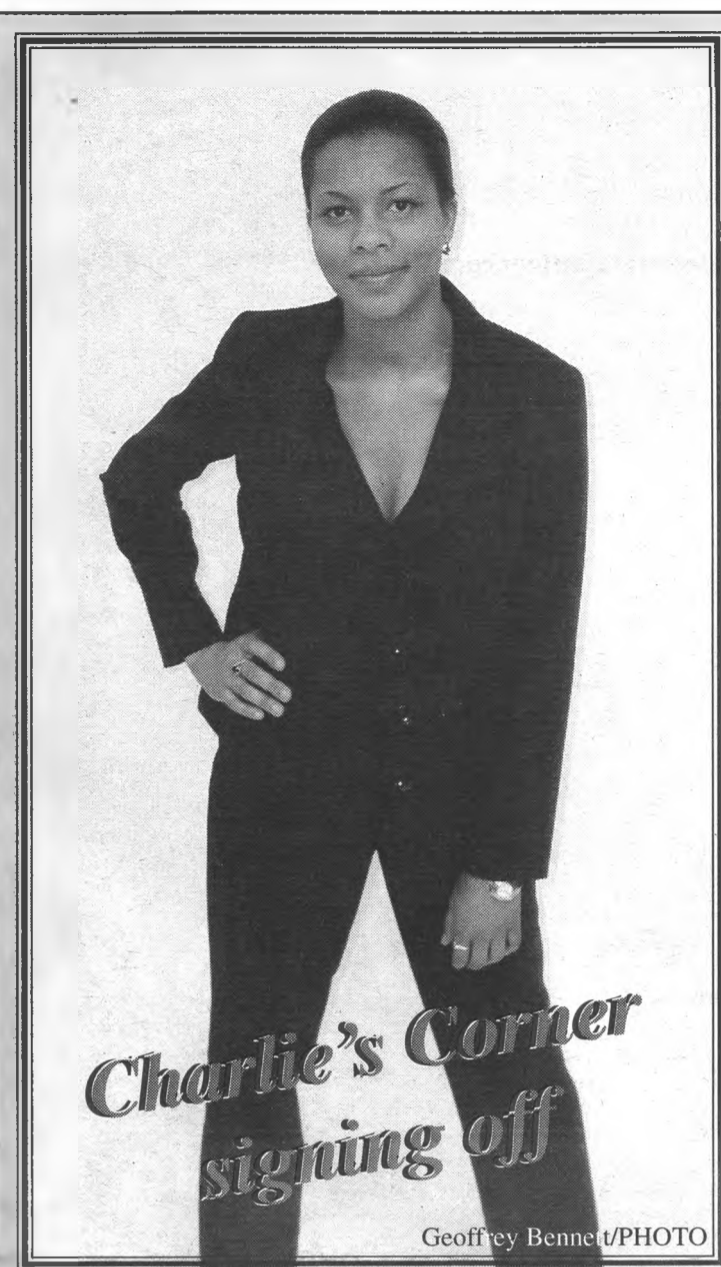
Wilson hopes to add another dimension to the Maroon Tiger track team.

"I hope to bring experience and a higher level of work ethic and competitiveness that will hopefully inspire the my teammates," he said.

While Wilson is happy to be running again, he has assumed a different outlook on life.

"My faith in God has kept me positive throughout the whole ordeal. I pray constantly and thank God for allowing me to make it out of the accident alive," he said.

As for his Morehouse College experience Wilson said, "I am just enjoying being a student here at Morehouse. For the first time, I know all of my professors and they know me as Terrance, not the student runner."



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to document as much of it as I was humanly possible.

The fact that I was able to document it says a lot about history, in general. And I'm thankful.

Nevertheless, now it's time to say good-bye to my position at MT. Hmm...nawh, I won't convert the Mickey Mouse song like that.

I turn the ranges over to Demetrius Smith, the next year's *Maroon Tiger* sports editor.

Despite the fact that he still believes in the Bulls (Hey, he's from Chicago), I think he'll do a good job. He's been around the *Tiger* for a while, and I think he understands the underlying mechanism that causes this paper to be a reaction with good product yield.

If there's one last thing I must say before I complete my last article in the archives of *The Maroon Tiger* it is ... *The Maroon Tiger* is an entity, a Mecca, a home for great minds to come together by way of words and the message must be conveyed.

Always read between the lines.

For two school terms I have made this office a haven (Well, that's somewhat debatable in regard to the last month or so).

I won't know if I'm going to miss it until I'm gone. But I do know that it has been an experience unlike no other.

In other words, or in laymen's vernacular, "it's been real," and I give thanks to Calvin, Joe, Shaun, Geoff, Mike, Sterling, George, Henry, Phil, Faraji, Brandon, Spence, James, Johnny, Dorian, Shawn, Chris, Kasi, Cedric, Howard, Mike, Hamadi, Carnegie, Elliot, and the advisors (Is that everyone?) for allowing me to put the doorstop in the door.

I must also give thanks to the entire Morehouse athletic department. The past two years have been two of the greatest in Morehouse history. I'm proud to say I was able

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Morehouse Athletic Director

ANDRE PATILLO

for his unwavering commitment to his student athletes and this record season of wins!

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Rashaun M. Lewis

- a true leader among leaders -

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints.”*

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