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A CH-47 Chinook, similar to that involved in Sunday's incident, supports troops conducting a combat patrol in Iraq. The U.S. Army has used the Chinook helicopters since the Vietnam War.

US Soldier casualties rise in Iraq

by Marcus Newman
WORLD EDITOR

In the minds of some Americans, the war in Iraq is almost over and the rebuilding process has begun. However, on this past Sunday, November 2, 2003, the unfortunate crash of a CH-47 Chinook, a military transport helicopter that was carrying troops that were about to go on leave from an 82nd Airborne Division camp outside of Fallujah, Iraq, reminded Americans that the war is, indeed, far

from over. On that same day, three other attacks occurred resulting in the deadliest day for U.S. forces in Iraq since March 23. The incident in Fallujah, alone, killed 16 people and was the single most costly attack for U.S. forces since the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime. An official statement in regards to whom is responsible and what caused the crash have not yet been released but U.S. army colonel William Darley stated,

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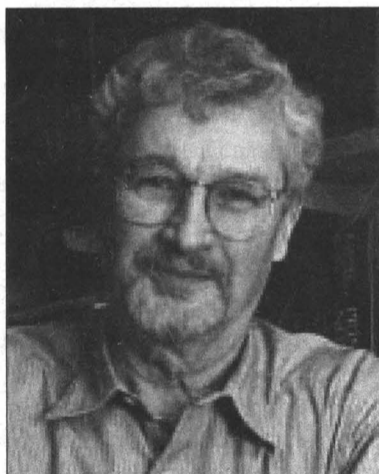
Harvard professors slated by biology department to teach neuroscience course

by Jordan Segue and
Matthew McNeil
STAFF WRITERS

Two world-renowned professors of neuroscience are coming to Morehouse College to pass on their knowledge to our students. Dr. David Potter and Dr. Edwin Furshpan, pioneers in the 50-year-old field of neuroscience, have answered a request from Dr. Peter MacLeish and Dr. David Cooke and will teach Principles of Neurobiology in the spring semester. Both are professors emeriti of neurobiology from Harvard Medical School and are known around the globe for their work.

This is a very exciting time for Morehouse, considering that neuroscience is considered one of the final frontiers in medicine. It is for that reason that many schools are beginning to invest heavily in the discipline, and Morehouse College is no exception.

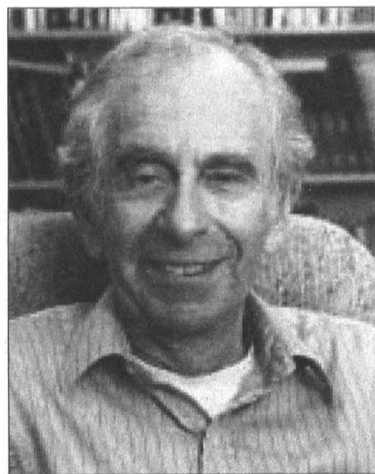
Recently, undergraduate students at Harvard demanded a neuroscience department. Harvard



Dr. David Potter

earmarked 45 million dollars to start the program. Although larger institutions, such as Harvard, have billions in resources, Morehouse can still compete academically as evidenced by our biology department's ability to schedule Dr. David Potter and Dr. Edwin Furshpan to teach Morehouse.

Dr. Peter MacLeish, Director of the Department of Neuroscience at Morehouse School of Medicine, was a student of the two visiting professors. When Dr. MacLeish



Dr. Edwin Furshpan

proposed the teaching arrangement to Professors Potter and Furshpan, they jumped at the opportunity. Not only were they excited to teach undergraduate students, they also wanted to teach at the institution that taught Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both are dedicated advocates for peace and non-violence and are students of Dr. King's teachings. While at Harvard, Dr. Potter and Dr. Furshpan worked to help minority

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Tigers defeat CAU for Homecoming

By Italo M. Brown
SPORTS DESK

On Saturday, November 1, there was not an empty seat in all of B.T. Harvey Stadium. Fans, alumni, students from other universities, and even celebrities came out to watch Morehouse put on a homecoming show reminiscent of the good old days. In an exciting offensive battle, the Morehouse Fighting Maroon Tigers overpowered the Clark Atlanta University Panthers, 48-33.

This win not only established a three-game winning streak for the Tigers, it also provided an excellent homecoming environment. The "no holds barred" match was a non-stop adrenaline rush, complete with back-and-forth scoring patterns by both teams. But in the end, Morehouse's 111 total rushing yards and 352 passing yards snared the Panthers. And as always, among the men walked giants of the gridiron. Sophomore quarterback Duwan Burton threw for a whopping 335 yards (18-35), simultaneously clinching the win and the record for most passing yards in a single game. After the game Burton responded, "We wanted to put on

a show for the fans, but we also wanted to put one on for ourselves." Following his performance, sophomore running back J.D. Washington rushed for 106 yards on 26 carries, showing his true ability to move. In addition, senior wide receiver Jeremiah Thompson was the leading receiver of the game with 99 yards under his belt.

Other sports reel highlights include a miraculous bobbling catch by wide-receiver Raymond Johnson, a player who is steadily becoming more of an integral role in the Tigers' offense. Junior Chad Allen contributed a nice 94 yard touchdown off of a fumble recovery, ending the play with a nose dive into the end zone. This overall homecoming performance was outstanding enough to make veteran leaders like Andre Warren and Daniel Cramer feel on top of the world.

When asked about the game, Coach Scissum replied, "Clark played well. We were able to throw more effectively and be more competitive. We're content with the win, now we're getting ready for the next

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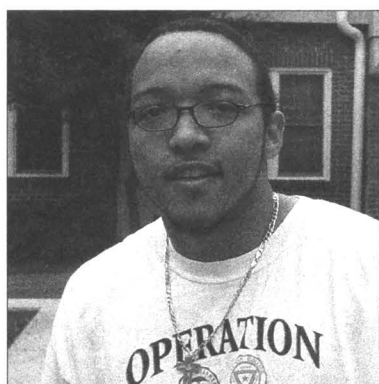
DeShazier named King Scholar

By James V. Mercer
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The King Scholar program has been in existence since 1990 here at Morehouse College. For the 2003-2004 school year, the position has been awarded to Julian DeShazier. The junior sociology major from Chicago, Illinois will be working closely with Dean Lawrence Edward Carter, dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, as well as with the rest of the chapel staff.

The King Scholar position is an award that has been made possible by the Shiolo Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Birthday Committee, both of Columbus, Ohio. The King Scholar position allows individuals to explore their spirituality more and gives them a chance to reach out to the college and community. Dean Carter hand picks the King Scholar, and to be eligible, one must have a working relationship with the chapel, be a good speaker and biblically literate, be serious about his academics, and must be a spiritual presence on campus.

"Dean [Carter] called me in his office one day and gave me a book called *An Act of State: The Execution of Martin Luther King*. I didn't even know why he called me in there, but after I opened the book I saw that he



Julian Deshazier

had inscribed something like 'You're going to be the best King Scholar ever' in it. That's basically how I found out that I got the position," DeShazier said. He will assist Dean Carter with research, as well as preach in the chapel from time to time. One task that DeShazier has to do as King Scholar is review certain books, pamphlets, and periodicals that Dean Carter assigns him. The articles will cover topics that Martin Luther King would address such as war and discrimination, making it an appropriate assignment for someone called upon to continue Dr. King's legacy of peace.

In January, DeShazier will fly to Columbus, Ohio to attend the annual Martin Luther King Birthday Breakfast, the largest sit-down meal in the world that is held in honor of Dr. King's life. There he will present

a speech in front of the committee that sponsors the King Scholarship, as well as the 10 to 15 thousand people that attend. In his speech he will show his gratitude for the award and present a historical statement on the relevance of King's life in today's society. Julian's speech will also be printed in a local newspaper that covers the event.

Growing up in a Baptist church and in a Christian family, DeShazier stated that Morehouse has influenced him by allowing him to see that there are other things beside Christianity, and it has made him a more tolerant and well-rounded individual. "A major thing that I've learned here from King Scholar," says DeShazier, "or being with the chapel or working with Dean Carter is love. That's what God is...love...period." When asked to comment on DeShazier, Dean Carter stated, "Julian is a very serious and dependable person. I am happy with the relationship that he and I share, along with the relationship he has with the chapel."

DeShazier has been in the chapel since his freshman year and was the Director of Spiritual Affairs for the Student Government Association for the 2002-2003 school term. He is an aspiring gospel hip-hop artist and has

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Professors: Furshpan, Potter set to lead elective course for science majors

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students.

The course, Principles of Neurobiology (BIO 317), is an elective for psychology, biology and chemistry majors. The class will convey the many details about the structure and function of the brain and nervous system—from individual nerve cells to the complexities of various neurological systems.

It is important to understand neuroscience from a medical and intellectual standpoint. It has been estimated that as many as one in three

people may suffer from some form of neurological disorder. This affects everything from eating habits to psychosis. Many different disciplines are impacted by the research conducted in this field. That is why a cast of teachers from the AUC is being pooled to help teach the class. Although the course will be primarily taught by Dr. Potter and Dr. Furshpan, Dr. Gianluca Tosini (Neuroscience, Morehouse School of Medicine), Dr. Timothy Moore (Psychology, Clark Atlanta University, Dr. Peter MacLeish (Neuroscience,

Morehouse School of Medicine), and Dr. David Cooke, chairman of the Department of Biology here at Morehouse, will assist in teaching the class.

Morehouse College boasts one of the most current and disciplined biology departments in the country and the revitalization of its Principles of Neurobiology course adds to that legacy. Although the College's competitiveness is not to the tune of \$45 million, Dear Old Morehouse still holds its own in the arena of scientific heavyweights.

OUR WORLD

Democratic race heats up in Detroit

by Maurice Lucas
STAFF WRITER

The nine candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to run in the 2004 presidential election intensified their campaigns last week in their fifth debate in seven weeks. The debate was held in the Fox Theatre in Detroit, Michigan, and was sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Institute.

Foreign policy concerns dominated the debate, with President Bush drawing open fire on the issue of Iraq. All nine candidates agreed that the President has mismanaged the war, though that issue would be one of the few points on which they found consensus as the night went on. Senator Joe Lieberman (CT) quickly turned the focus inward, criticizing fellow Senators John Edwards (NC) and John Kerry (MA) of inconsistent voting regarding the war in Iraq. He

2004 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Amb. Carol Moseley Braun
Gen. Wesley Clark (Ret.)
Gov. Howard Dean
Sen. John Edwards
Rep. Dick Gephardt
Sen. John Kerry
Rep. Dennis Kucinich
Sen. Joe Lieberman
Rev. Al Sharpton

asserted that both senators opposed the President's request for \$87 billion in postwar funding, after they both voted in initial support of the war. Lieberman voted yes to both resolutions.

"Retired General Wesley Clark," continued Lieberman, "has taken six different positions on whether going to war was a good idea."

Clark later stumbled when Carl
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Afro-Latinos visit AUC

by John Thomas
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ATLANTA, Georgia—Spelman College recently capped off its "Year of the African Diaspora" by hosting a summit in which Afro-Latinos from around the world spoke about the social and cultural differences that exist within the African Diaspora. From October 19 through October 25, educators, researchers, and community leaders from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, shared testimonies with their American counterparts in a number of curriculum workshops.

A constant theme throughout the conference was the misperception that African-Americans have of the African Diaspora in America. "Recent media reports assert that Hispanics have replaced African Americans as the largest 'minority' in the United States, presenting a

misleading and false dichotomy that suggests that people who speak Spanish are, by definition, not of African origin," stated cultural anthropologist Dr. Sheila Walker, Cosby Chair in the Social Sciences and organizer of the Year of the African Diaspora at Spelman College.

In addition to hosting curriculum workshops for Atlanta public school teachers, the conference participants also hosted several movie screenings, as well as speaking tours, throughout Atlanta. Twenty-year Afro-Colombian rights activist Juan de Dios Mosquera commented, "I wanted to come to the place that produced Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.—an important role model for our movements."

The conference resulted in several video interviews as well as a temporary curriculum development

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DeShazier: 'It gives me an opportunity to reach out...'

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just completed his album entitled *Feed the Kids Mix Tape*. He is currently working on getting the promotions for his album out, then the album itself.

After Morehouse, DeShazier plans to go into seminary and do youth ministry. "If the music thing looks promising, then I'll do that. But if not, then I want to do youth ministry. That's

what I care about, the kids. We were all in a place where we needed someone to help us."

DeShazier is also scheduled to perform at the Holy Hip-Hop Awards in January. As for the King Scholar award, he stated, "It's a good position, it's...it's a blessing. It gives me an opportunity to pay for school a little more and reach out to the community, and harness all (of my) spiritual talent, so that's always good."

Harvard Business School visits Morehouse

By James V. Mercer

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whenever someone thinks about quality education and institutions with reputations for producing successful graduates, nine times out of ten, the name Harvard will come to mind. Fortunately, when Harvard thinks of respectable undergraduate institutions to recruit their future alumni from, Morehouse College is on the list. Because of this common bond, Morehouse and Harvard have begun a promising relationship with each other, starting with the Morehouse Business Association and the Harvard Business School.

For the past couple of years, Harvard Business School (HBS) has been coming to Morehouse to inform students on the education and life-long relationships that are waiting for them at HBS. This year the information session was held during October in Wheeler Hall, marking the second year in a row that HBS has done a joint project with the Morehouse Business Association (MBA). The individuals who orchestrated this program were Jason Toliver, a senior marketing major who also has the honor of holding the position of MBA President/CEO for the 2003-2004 term, Marcus Newman, who is the Director of Meetings for the MBA and a Morehouse alumnus by the name of Jonathan Wilkins.

This year's general body meeting was an improvement over last years. Last year's session was very informative, but the turnout was not very large. However, the topics discussed last year were those of great importance and caliber. Not only was this year's program able to produce a slightly larger turnout, but HBS was also more prepared to answer any questions that the students might ask. The general body meeting was fortunate enough to have a panel of Harvard Business School representatives there to enlighten the audience on any topic that may have been presented. The panel consisted of the HBS Assis-

tant Director of Admissions, Juan Jimenez, as well as three Morehouse alumni and a Spelman alumna, who all attended and graduated from Harvard Business School. The session began with discussion on the intake process and continued through such topics as the method of teaching at HBS, the work environment of the institution, and the social relationships that African-American students create on campus. Each panelist also dictated what they believed were the key elements to getting everything you can out of Harvard and have a comfortable time there.

The relationship that Harvard and Morehouse is building looks to be a promising one for both parties. "We hope to see more come out of these sessions as the years progress," commented Toliver. "We've planted a seed and have begun to water it. Now all that's left is for it to grow." Toliver was very pleased with this year's program, and did not hesitate to give credit where it was due. "As for the panel of alumni, that was all the doings of Jonathan Wilkins and Marcus Newman. I just stepped to the side and let them handle that, let them do what they came to do, and the results were more than anything I could have asked for."

The Morehouse Business Association is looking forward to working with Harvard again in the future, and MBA has already started planning more information sessions with other graduate business schools. One thing that Toliver touched on was a comment made by the Assistant Director of Admissions, Juan Jimenez, and that was networking. "Be sure to spread your network while you are here. Start talking to your advisors, professors, and deans because they are the ones that will write your recommendations to get into graduate school, no matter what field. Then, after you get into graduate school, continue to network because the people that you meet are going to be the ones you call on when you need something in the outside world."

OUR WORLD

Democrats: candidates face extreme scrutiny during recent debate

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Cameron of Fox News Channel asked him to explain specifically whether his comments praising some decisions made in Iraq were supposed to be forgotten during the race for the democratic nomination. The retired general responded, "I am a fair person. When this administration has done something right, whether they were Russians doing something right, Chinese doing something right, French doing something right, or even Republicans doing something right, I'm going to praise them."

Clark's popularity has apparently not been hurt by his convictions. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll released on October 27 found Clark currently in second place in the Democratic race, with 15 percent of registered Democrats favoring him for the nomination. Former Vermont Governor Howard

Dean led the pack with 16 percent of the vote. Representative Dick Gephardt (MO), Lieberman, and Kerry rounded out the top five candidates with 12 percent, 12 percent and 10 percent of the vote respectively.

Last Monday, Howard Dean continued to rally support, winning the endorsement of the 140,000-member International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. The Iowa-based union, which could potentially act as a catalyst for a Dean victory in a very important primary state, previously backed Representative Gephardt in his 1988 presidential bid.

On Sunday night, however, Dean could not escape the scrutiny of Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, who accused him of running slanderous television ads. Kucinich declared that Dean's ads falsely imply that all of the other Democratic candidates in some way supported the decision to attack Iraq. Kucinich asserted that he was

completely against both of Bush's resolutions regarding Iraq, as were Former Illinois Senator Carol Moseley Braun and Rev. Al Sharpton, the other candidates present at the debate.

According to Morehouse sophomore Keith Jackson, "the first casualties of war are civil liberties." It was a point that Sharpton brought up, noting that the debate took place on the second anniversary of the Patriot Act, which he went on to criticize as perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the Bush administration's actions. The act challenges the Bill of Rights, basing itself on a broad definition of domestic terrorism and allowing indefinite detention of citizens without formal charges being brought against them. Rev. Sharpton concluded, "[Americans] cannot let this Justice Department have the type power where they can play politics with the judicial system in the name of the Patriot Act."

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Members of the Iraqi military's Fedayin march to downtown Baghdad.

## Soldiers: US infantry death toll in Iraq reaches 382, majority of deaths have occurred since Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1, 2003

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"We are aware of eyewitnesses seeing what they presumed to be missile trails". The helicopter that crashed was one of two twin-rotor Chinooks that was transporting nearly 60 personnel to the Baghdad International Airport.

In response to the news, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told ABC news, "The deaths are tragic. The people who are resisting the U.S. led occupation of Iraq and the establishment of a new government are going to be beaten eventually." He went further to say, "We're going to have tragic days. But they're necessary. They're part of war that's difficult and complicated." President Bush responded to the news on Monday in a speech in Alabama scheduled to discuss the nation's economy, but rather focused on Iraq.

"The enemy in Iraq believes America will run....America will never run." Mr. Bush continued, "Some of the best have fallen in service to our fellow Americans. We mourn every loss. We honor every name. We grieve with every family. And we will always be grateful that liberty has found such brave defenders." Despite, the confidence and resiliency from the Bush Administration thus far, recent polls conducted by the Guardian show that the majority of people disapprove of Bush's handling of both the economy and Iraq. Democratic senator John Edwards also responded on the casualties in Iraq on Sunday. "In recent days the attacks on our troops have increased in numbers and intensity. As long as the Iraqi people view the reconstruction effort as run solely by the United States, our troops will be at ever-increasing risk and we will not

achieve our goal of securing a stable, self-governing Iraq."

In other related news Monday, a US soldier from the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was killed as his vehicle hit a mine in Tikrit. On Tuesday, three rockets, one hitting a camp stationed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment and two others struck near Central Baghdad wounding four.

Including the deaths occurring Sunday, the total number of US troops who have died now stands at 382. However, this fails in comparison to the number of Iraqi civilian deaths between March 20 and April 20 according to an Associated Press conservative estimation of 3, 240 Iraqi civilian deaths. Of the 382 US casualties as of November 4, 242 troops or 63% of all casualties have died since President Bush declared major combat operations over on May 1.

## Diaspora: Afro-Latinos attempt to unite people of African descent throughout the Americas

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guide for the Atlanta Public School Systems. More summits are being planned in the future to increase awareness and connections with African descendents in the United States and African descendents throughout Latin America.

The summit was the second part of a United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Cross-Hemispheric Program Grant begun in March 2003 at Borlovento, Venezuela to aid in developing connections among people of African descent throughout the Americas. It is estimated that 200 million people of African descent live

throughout North and South America, with the United States and Brazil accounting for approximately 120 million. Many of these populations are not recognized by their national governments, nor by the Encyclopedia Britannica, which claims that no Afro-Argentineans, Paraguayans, Bolivians, or Chileans exist.

## Street Beat >>

by Timothy J. Cunningham and Robert Gaines

### What did you think about the cover of issue #7 of *The Maroon Tiger*?



"I think this picture was a little too provocative. The first thing I think of when I see this is a flyer you would see for a party. It doesn't necessarily look like anything related to breast cancer at all. I think there are a lot more medical pictures that could have been used. But then again Morehouse is an all-male school. If this is what it takes to get a man's attention to be aware of breast cancer, then that's what it is. I would think better of Morehouse students."

**Cyrenea Boston**  
Senior, History  
Spelman College  
Portland, OR



"It was alright, but this picture right here of the lady with breast cancer should not have had the text box around it because it took away from everything else. All the emphasis should have been on this particular article."

**April Robinson**  
Freshman, English and Political Science  
Spelman College  
Columbia, SC

I think it was a sexual picture. If there is something that a little boy can look at and be all aroused by, then it's sexual... some gay females will look at that and be aroused by it... it's something that should not have been on the front of the paper... It's a beautiful picture... but you could have chosen something a little more conservative.

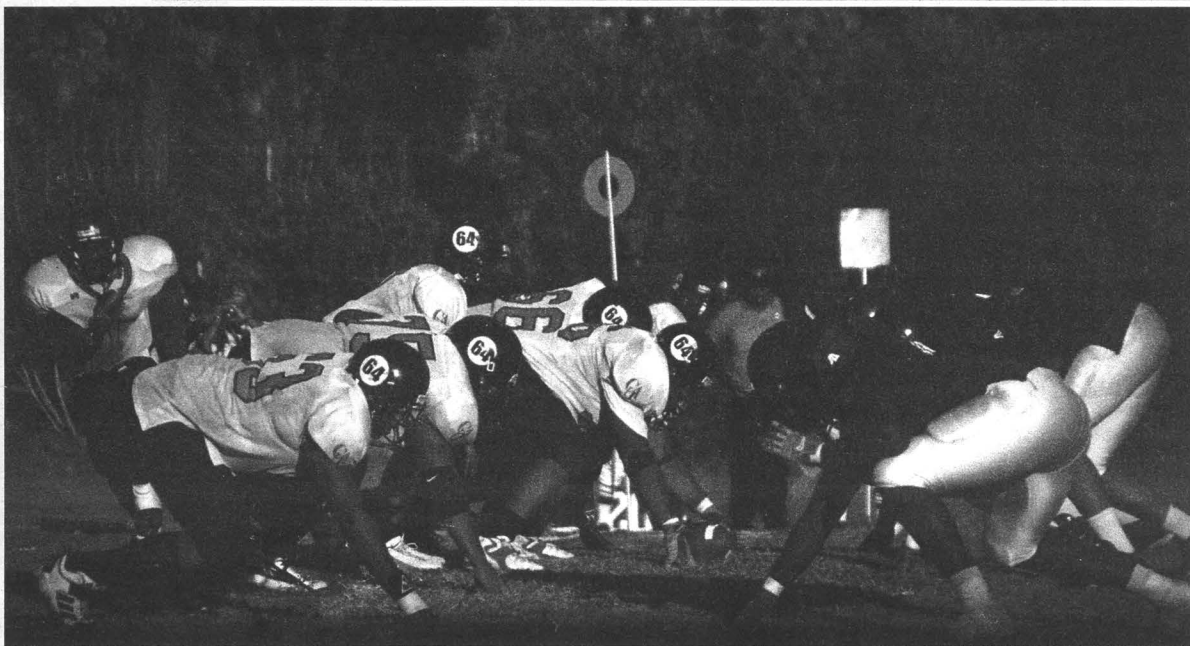
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It was artistic; I thought it showed womanhood and femininity. If you have a problem with it, just think about how much skin we show everyday.

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# SPORTS



ROBERT GAINES/MAROON TIGER

Ready, set, hike. The Tiger defense sets up to pounce on the Panthers.

## Tigers: defeat Clark, rack-up third straight win

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game.” The coach isn’t the only person content with the win, so are the onlookers. Amidst all the tailgating, fans in the stands, on the track, and even those whom panoramically surrounded the field felt free to immerse themselves in the vibrant aura of

Homecoming football.

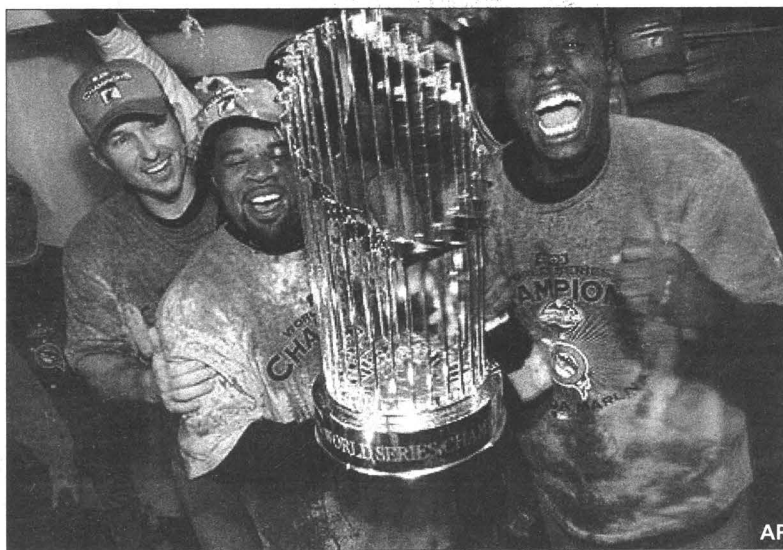
Actor Chris Tucker provided his outlook on the occasion, stating in a high-pitched Detective Carter-like tone, “Yeah man, I just think this shows the great spirit of black colleges.” With the House of Funk, Mahogany in Motion, and the Tigers Cheerleading Squad, all with their re-

spective alumni performers, joined in with the crowd to create an overwhelming sense of school spirit. As the weekend wound down and classes slowly reemerged, all those who were in attendance that Saturday know in the back of their mind that Homecoming truly felt good.

## Marlins win the World Series

by Eric Garner  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Who would have thought at the beginning of the 2003 Major League Baseball season that the Florida Marlins would be the World Series Champions? Well, I didn’t. The Marlins are currently champions of the baseball world, and I guess the question to ask ourselves is, “Should we really be that surprised?” After they defeated the New York Yankees in Game Six, one baseball commentator said that the Wild Card Marlins should not have been the team to win it all. This comment probably echoes the thoughts of many sports fans who witnessed favorite powerhouse teams such as the Yankees, Braves, Cubs, Red Sox, Giants, A’s, and Twins exit make untimely exits from playoffs. However, although the Marlins were considered the underdogs throughout the playoffs, they proved that they were just as good, and even better than the teams favored to win. So, to those baseball commentators and sports fans who are collectively saying to themselves, “The Marlins got lucky! Another team should have won,” here are five reasons why the



Victory. Lenny Harris and Dontrelle Willis of the Marlins hold the trophy.

Marlins are our current baseball champions:  
**Josh Beckett.** The 23 year-old World Series MVP was amazing in the postseason. He came back after only three days of rest to pitch a complete game shutout against the Yankees in Game Six. He was also the lifeline for the Marlins during the Chicago series, in which he shutout the Cubs with the Marlins facing elimination. In Game Seven of that series, he came off a short rest to pitch four innings in relief to lead the Marlins past the

Cubs and into the World Series.

### Defense

The double play combination of Alex Gonzalez and Luis Castillo is probably the best in baseball. Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez always discourages the opposing team’s running game. It also helps to have Derrick Lee, a Gold Glove candidate, at first base.

### Team Speed

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## Piedmont Pigskin becomes latest sports craze

by Kyle Scoop Yeldell  
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SPORTS EDITOR

It started as a hobby between Paul James, a junior, and Jason Strickland, a sophomore, who spent their high school days playing street football in their hometown of New Orleans. “We played one game last year at Piedmont Park,” says James. “We just wanted to bring it back this year.”

“Bring it” is an understatement; these games are live-or-die. Tenacity and toughness take center stage every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at Piedmont Park. The rules are as follows: five downs, three-man rush, no punts or field goals, and no pads. They play with mostly nine players per team and the games last three hours.

“At first, it was just a game, but now we have girls coming out to watch, a trainer, a cameraman and even an alum that plays with us,” says James Pulliam, who plays quarterback and defensive back. The ’83 grad is known simply as “Throwback,” in reference to his retrospective football practice pants with no pads and his overall old-school game.

Everyone on the field has a nickname, from Nasser “Big Bang Theory” Haddad, and Jamar “Warren Syrup” Mitchell, to Jason “Michael Strick” Strickland and Tori “The Flying

Hawaiian” Kinsey. “I love football,” says Haddad, who plays defensive lineman, running back and safety. “It’s addictive.”

“We have some guys here that could play for Morehouse,” says Pulliam.

Reese appreciates the opportunity that the Sunday games give him to relive the feeling he used to get when he played football in high school and at Morehouse.

Hard hits, though, are what make these games the weekly spectacle that they are. The list of injuries is extensive. John Hargrove needed four stitches after being kicked in the eye with Marigny’s cleat. James suffered a strained knee ligament after being hit by Bourgeois. Another player needed eight stitches after a head butt with Pulliam. Kinsey broke a nail and is now out for the “season.” Haddad, however, has them all beat. Having yet to receive stitches after busting his lip during a collision, he injured his shoulder and neck recently and will be out for two weeks.

Despite (or perhaps because of) all of the blood, sweat and injuries, the games are worth it. “It’s just a good time with the guys,” says Reese. “It’s good exercise.”

After all, pain is temporary, but friendship and football go a long way.

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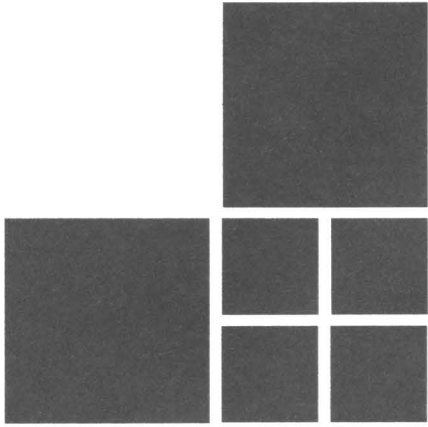
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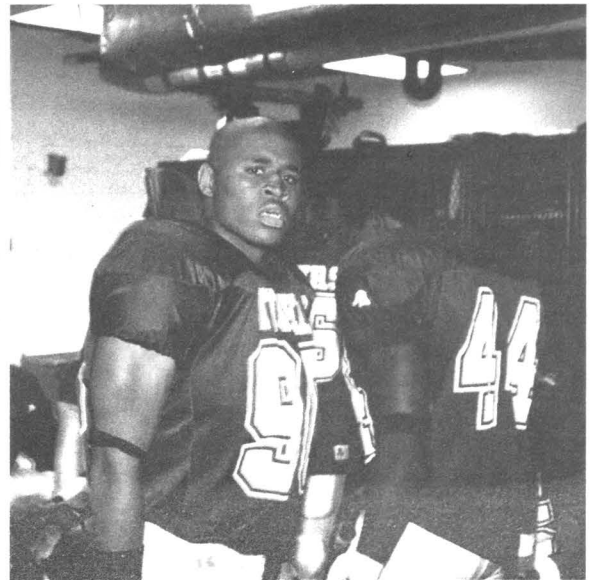
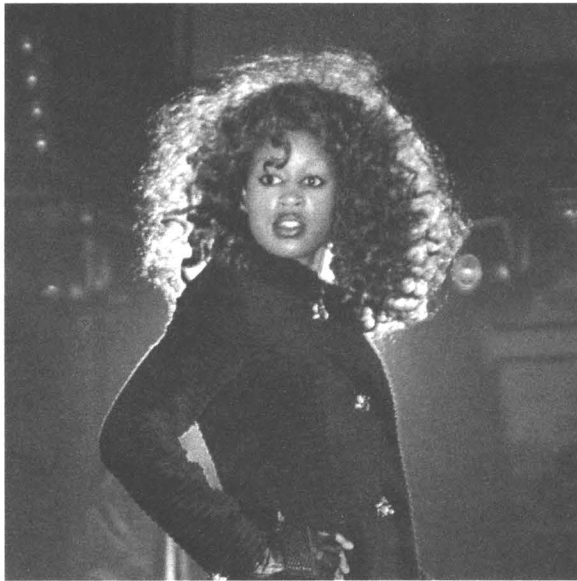
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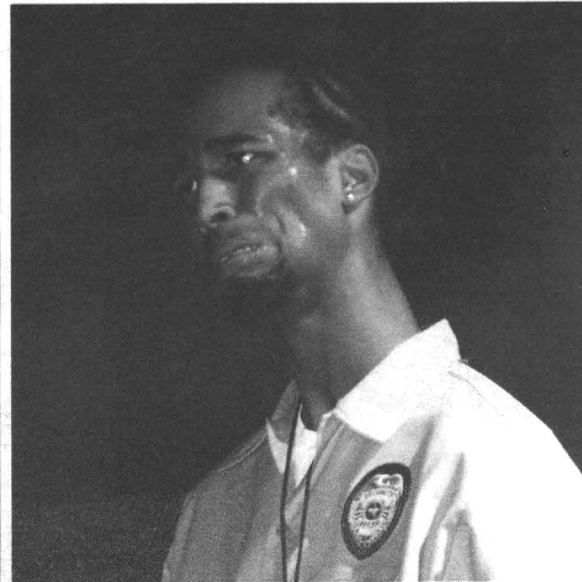
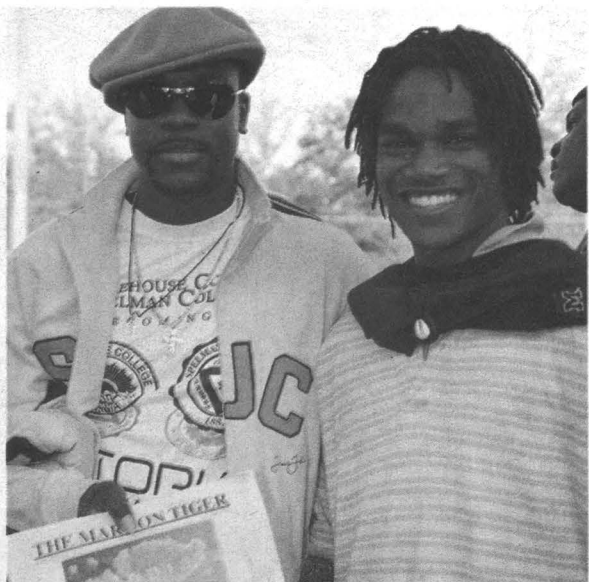
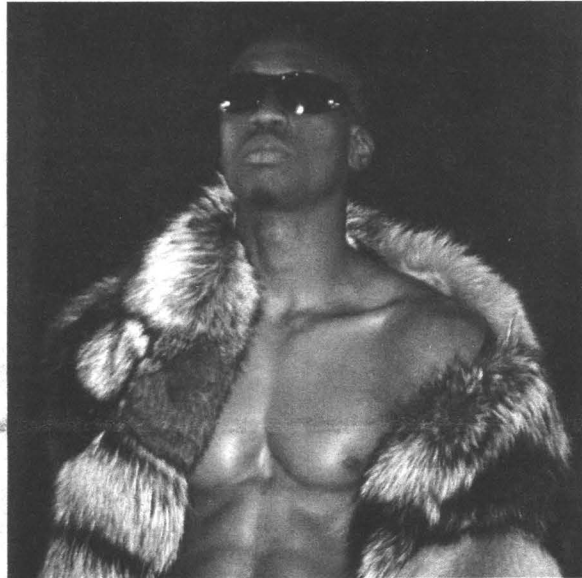
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## SPORTS

## Marlins: defeat Yankees, clinch second World Series win in six years



Jeff Conine scores on a sacrifice fly by Juan Encarnacion in the sixth inning to give the Marlins a 2-0 lead during Game 6.

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Because of their great speed at the top of the Marlins lineup, Juan Pierre and Luis Castillo present a problem to any opposing pitcher. If either one were to get on base, he would have an opportunity to get himself in scoring position for RBI hitters like "Pudge" Rodriguez, who played clutch all postseason. The fact that almost

everyone in the Marlins lineup had the ability to steal a base, made it easy for them to do what they did best: manufacture runs.

### Dontrelle Willis

In the beginning of season, the Marlins were ten games under .500, and their season was looking as if it was going to be a failure. Then, a vibrant rookie



call-up from the minor leagues provided a spark that gave life to the team. Willis arrived to the big leagues and went 11-1 by the All-Star Break, catapulting the Marlins into the wild card race.

### Jack McKeon

After assuming the role as manager in mid-May, the 72-year-old manager, the oldest man ever to lead his team to a championship in any major professional sport, provided guidance and inspiration for his young players. Shortly after McKeon became manager, the Marlins began their winning ways, posting the best record in baseball between mid-May and the end of the season.



So, I guess we should not be surprised that the Marlins are World Series Champs. As they proved by their stellar performance, they are simply that good.

## Bama works their magic in Birmingham

by Bryan Wallace

SPORTS DESK

With nine seconds left on the clock and no timeouts left, Alabama State snapped the ball on the 35 yard line to quarterback Tavaris Jackson, who dropped back hopelessly looking for the open man as the defense broke the line. With five seconds left, Jackson's pass was foiled as A&M players mauled him in mid-extension, causing the ball to drop free. With the dramatic fumble, the Alabama A&M Bulldogs defeated the Alabama State Hornets 20-17 in the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual "Magic City Classic."

In a game that will surely go down in the record books, two of the top teams in the South Western Athletic Conference (SWAC) battled it out gridiron-style as a reported 63,117 on-lookers packed Birmingham's

Legion Field, with an estimated 4,000 swarming the surrounding parking lot for a tailgate extravaganza that could only happen at a "classic."

The competition between these two teams matches such longstanding rivalries as Alabama and Auburn, the Lakers and the Kings, or Morehouse and Clark, with each team's alumni and students shouting boasts about their respective alma mater back and forth. A&M, victorious in the last five meetings between the two teams, made sure to bring their 'A' game against the victory-hungry Hornets.

ASU's quarterback Tavaris Jackson was giving lessons on the short gain as he passed for a total of 218 yards. Aiding Jackson was wide receiver Brandon Horace with his camp on catching techniques as he earned five catches for a total gain of 69 yards. Not to be outdone, Bull-

dogs quarterback Johnny Keith played as if he were training for the Olympic javelin throw event, throwing 15 successful passes for a total of 248 yards.

Kicker Rashad Cylar gave tutorials on precision and accuracy as he went four for four on his field goal attempts, which made up the bulk of A&M's final score. Supporting in defense was middle linebacker Johnny Baldwin, who wrote the book on how to "bust heads," coming out of the game with 11 tackles, seven of which were solo, including a pivotal sack in third quarter.

As the stats show, this game was close all the way to its nail-biting end. According to Kyle Yeldell, junior at Morehouse, "That was one of the best black college football games I'd ever seen." Surely the other 63,116 onlookers would agree.

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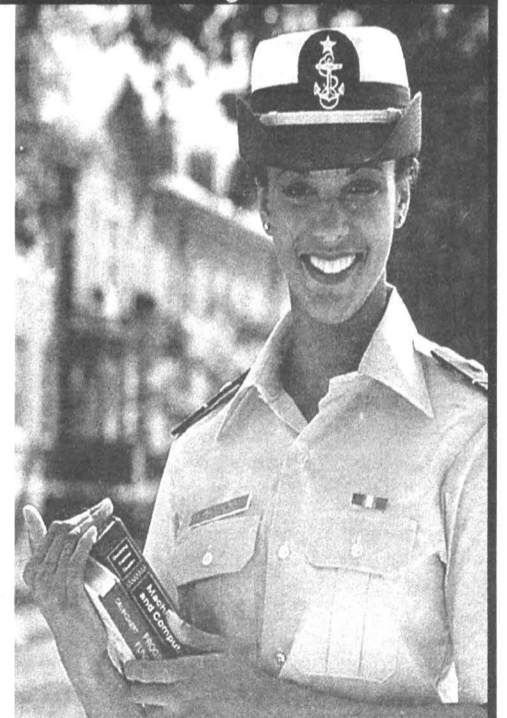
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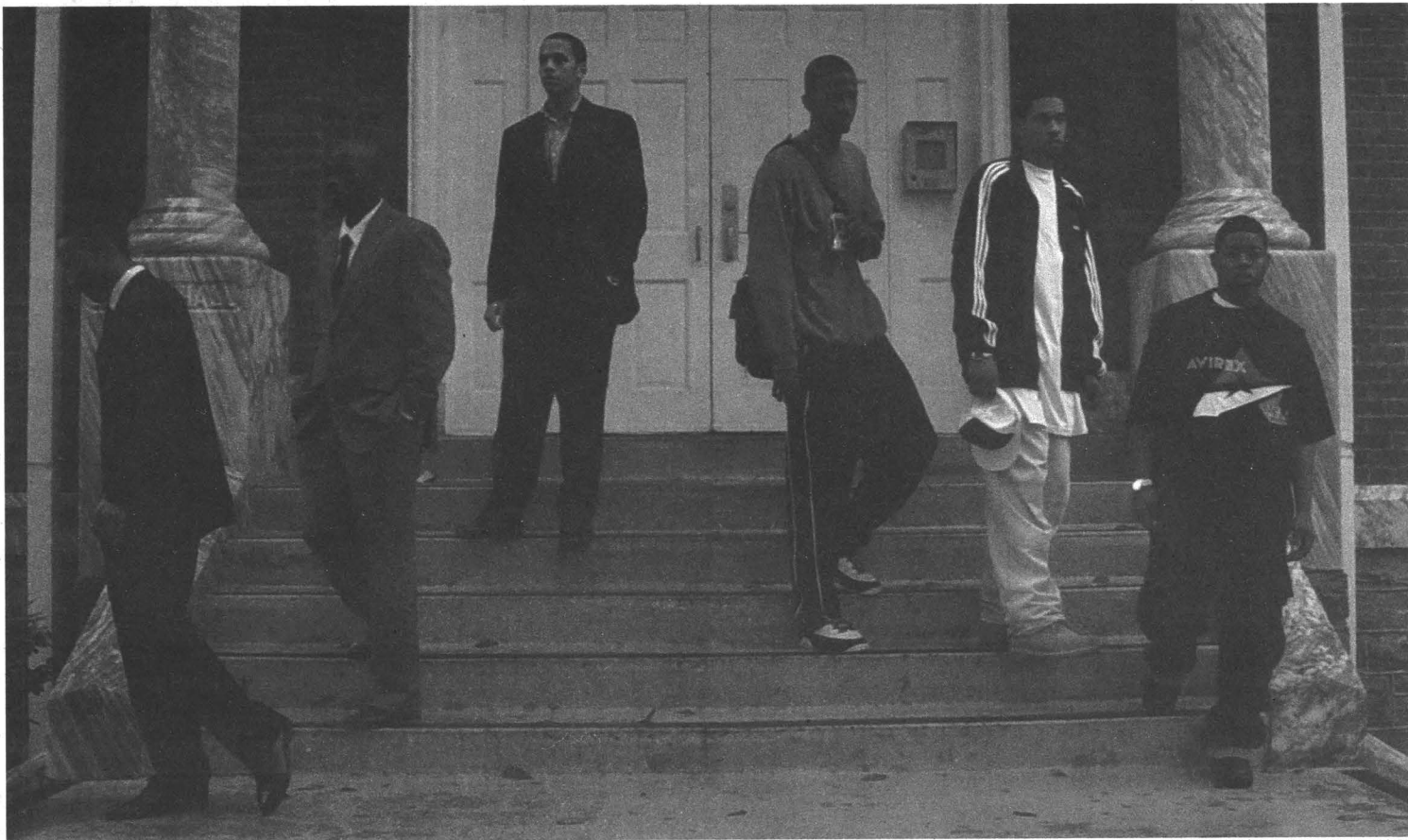
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# LIFE

## Old School

Back in the  
day at the  
House...



ROBERT GAINES/MAROON TIGER

by George Shelton

FEATURES DESK

Picture, if you will, a different time. A time 40 years ago when the Morehouse campus, though much smaller and less populated, was throbbing with excitement and pulsing with the activity of the Civil Rights era. Now that Homecoming 2003 is over, spend a few more minutes remembering the time that may reasonably be called the heyday of Morehouse College.

### Social Life

Several students during the time of Benjamin Elijah Mays remember the Atlanta University Center as an enclosed community. Most of the students and many faculty members were on or immediately around campus. Dr. Marcellus Barksdale '65, professor of African-American Studies, remembers that most students lived on campus; imagine the entire freshman class of the day fitting into Graves Hall. He and his 3 roommates of the time disagreed and argued, but they became as close as brothers—with all the corresponding advantages and disadvantages. It was not uncommon for one of them to wake up and find his blazer already in use by any of the others.

Despite a troubled social climate, the area surrounding the campus was abuzz. In Atlanta, Auburn Avenue and Hunter Street (present-day Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) were thriving business areas. There were shops for clothes and shoes, movie theatres, barbershops, and drugstores—one of the most popular was Yates and Milton, which occupied the corner on which the Clark Student Center now stands. Hungry students would trek over to Hunter Street to have a snack at the popular Frazier's Café Society. If they did not want to go that far, many eateries and restaurants were within close reach on what

is now Fair St. The artsy bohemian crowd, however, preferred Parmesan house for coffee and poetry readings.

Despite the many attractions, social life centered in and around campus. In the mid-60s, most dances occurred either at Morehouse's Archer Hall or Spelman's Reed Hall. At every social event, there were several faculty members there as chaperones. For formal dances, held in Archer Hall, women wore long ball gowns, gloves, tiaras, and other jewelry, while men wore tuxedos with tails. To attend these events, many women walked from Spelman in their high heels and evening dresses; few students at the time had cars. A few formals took place at the homes of faculty members and alumni, and dinner etiquette and social graces were always observed.

Some things haven't changed about student life, however. Dr. Barksdale remembers that, on several occasions, the chaperones would follow students to the bathrooms "if they felt there was something to sip on in your coat!"

A Spelman woman could be at Morehouse only if there was a special occasion or if escorted by a student of the college, but the Morehouse men preferred spending time across the street. Barksdale recalls, "One of the fondest memories was us being in the bathrooms here at Morehouse preparing to go over to Spelman. Combing your hair back, making sure the crease was in your pants, and putting that Canoe cologne on. Evidently, the preparation worked because Morehouse Men tended to marry more Spelman Women than any other group of women." Of course, for those who had stayed out too late or had gone out on a night when the weren't allowed to, an unpleasant surprise often awaited on their return in the form of Dean Archer, waiting to pounce on the errant Casanovas.

Many of those dates consisted of a conversation in the Spelman dorm lobby or a walk around the Spelman Campus. Regardless of

where they came from, or how much money they had, the students prided themselves on being sophisticated. Part of this etiquette explosion took place on Sunday afternoons at the Henderson Lounge. There, students would sit talking softly and enjoying each other's company while some talented one of their number played classical or jazz music.

### More than a Teacher

Until the 1970s, the great majority of faculty members at the college were alumni. These were men who had received their graduate degrees from institutions in the northeast, midwest, and west, since southern universities did not grant them to black students. The racist policies worked in the college's favor to a certain degree, because the brightest and best black scholars would end up at HBCUs, since other institutions would refuse them professorships.

Dr. J. K. Haynes '64, dean of the division of sciences and mathematics, remembers Dr. Roy Hunter, an inspirational man and teacher. "You could always see his light on in the evening. He had polio when he was a kid, so he required crutches to get around campus. Yet, he didn't seem to be inhibited by it one scintilla."

Another of those professors, Dean Brazeal, stressed the importance of manners and dress. He taught students to tie their ties a certain way and to behave as gentlemen—on any given day, one would find half of the students of Morehouse wearing coats and ties. Other sticklers for discipline and deportment included Dr. McBay and Dr. Dansby. Dr. Barksdale muses, "Everywhere we went, they corrected grammar and speech: in, swimming, gym, walking the campus, even people in physical plant were correcting our grammar."

Dr. Tobe Johnson '54, professor of Political Science, agrees that faculty members played a much greater extra-curricular role in the '50s and '60s. "They engaged in dialogue, told us when

we were doing wrong." Most of the faculty, including Dr. Mays, lived close by. Almost every evening, Mays dialogued with students as he took his constitutional around the campus. "The thing that drove most of us was not the facilities or teachings, but, the expectations that we should not fail."

One of the oldest facets of the Morehouse tradition is Crown Forum. In the time of Mays however, it was known as Chapel and lasted for a half-hour each morning—rough calculation gives a figure of about 40 hours of Chapel per semester during the '60s versus six hours today. On-campus students were required to attend on Sundays, and freshmen on Saturdays. The focus of the student-body meetings, however, has remained consistent: issues dealing with various groups around campus, performances by the glee club and jazz club, powerful sermons from the pulpit from figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Howard Thurman. Dr. Mays' Tuesday address in Sale Hall, however, was a highlight of each week, and students flocked in to hear the renowned orator teach them about life and living.

### Food for Thought

Students today may claim that cafeteria food is atrocious, disgusting, inedible, nauseating, and a number of other adjectives that do not bear repeating for decency's sake. Yet the Morehouse Men of yesteryear say that the food served up in Chivers Hall is a vast improvement on the fare of the '60s.

Located in the basement of Robert Hall, the cafeteria did not boast a variety of offerings on any one evening; there was no burger line, pizza station, or fancy guy with four skillets cooking before your eyes. Tablecloths covered the poor workmanship of shoddy dinner tables. Students lined up in a single queue and ate what was served

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to them that evening. When the basement got crowded, the line stopped until those seated finished their meals. On dreary, rainy days, the line snaked up the steps of Robert Hall. And all this for food Dr. Barksdale remembers as being "awful."

Given the harshness of these conditions, one may well imagine the elation of students when Dr. Mays opened the new dining hall. There was more space. The food tasted better. There was more variety, and favorites like spaghetti and even filet mignon would make appearances on occasion. The improved ambience and food were also welcome because the dinner table was not only a place to grab a bite, but also the venue for evening debates and the place to practice proper etiquette. At no time, during those days, did a student's downtime from class not coincide with a part of his overall education.

## Hotlanta Indeed

The 1960s were a significant time for Morehouse students in that, during this period, political and social activism was more pronounced than any time before or since. The action phase of the Civil Rights Movement

began with four North Carolina A&T students sitting in at a Woolworth Lunch Counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. This student-led movement caught on. Within days, students in the Atlanta University Center, especially Morehouse, were becoming very active in the Civil Rights Movement. Two major Morehouse student leaders of that time were Lonnie King, former National Alumni Association President, and Julian Bond, former Georgia Representative. Spelman student Ruby Doris Smith also advocated for greater involvement in the AUC. This advocacy and political awareness resulted in several protests, marches, and sit-ins on Peachtree Street, Forsythe Street, and around downtown Atlanta.

Imagine scores of students from the AUC marching on the state capital, singing "We shall overcome!"

Another impetus for action was the presence of Dr. Martin Luther King as a speaker and professor of philosophy on the Morehouse faculty. When word got out that Dr. King was on campus, students excitedly sought him out to shake his hand. When he was going away to a big march or event, students from Morehouse went to the airport to send him off and support him. This was especially the

case when he left for Oslo to receive his Nobel Peace Prize.

In the period during and immediately following the 1960s, organizations such as 3rd World Caucus, Black Panther Party, RNA (Republic of New Africa), and the Black Muslims were gaining in influence. The 60s and 70s were very heady times, and heated discussions occurred with how to change power relations, not only here but in the world at large.

Dr. Haynes states that one of the best things about Morehouse is that the residue of this activism will always remain: "Students are aware of problems in society; evidence of that is in lyrics of hip-hop music. As long as black folk continue to suffer the deprecation that they do, and racism is still present; Morehouse has students thinking seriously and creatively about those issues.

"It is especially important to a Historically Black College to make sure students fully understand the tradition we come from, the struggles we have mounted, the successes we have achieved, and why we are in the position we are in. History is a powerful teacher and we owe it to ourselves to make sure that students understand that history."

## The Homecoming

by Artemis Booner, with special guest appearances from Wyatt Earp & Double-Double

1. So, what was supposed to happen after the Band played? 2. And if they feel the need to carry canes, why don't they step with them? 3. If they're both supposed to carry canes, aren't they both supposed to step with them? 4. But didn't those ladies make you feel more like you were watching a Broadway show? 5. And if this were Spel-House, wouldn't the Deltas have been the only team walking away with a check? 6. Now that it's all over, can we all go back to being friends? 7. Besides that, can we hate, even if it does look like a gravestone? 8. Didn't Thursday and Friday's performances provide an indication that both SGAs need to spend less time and money on coronation and more on campus decorations? 9. Oh, and will someone please tell him his importance ended right after the closing worship service? 10. But didn't it feel great to have Market Friday back, if only for one week? 11. So, did anyone even make it to the game on Saturday? 12. 'Cause, I mean, wasn't it the tailgate that reminded you of what you used to think college would be like and ultimately what it should be now? 13. Shouldn't we all take this time to detox at least until Midterms? 14. What, we had midterms already?!?! 15. What is it about the magic of homecoming that convinces us that our schoolwork won't pile up Monday morning? 16. Are they really a couple? 17. And if so, why is everything on the hush? 18. We know George, we know Scott, but who is this year's Mr. Maroon & White? 19. Wasn't it great to see Jeanne and Jenn with Mahogany one more time? 20. And wasn't it good to see Tiffany Edwards and Keisha McCauley anywhere? 21. But, by the way, would the dance have been any better if her strap had stayed fastened? 22. Don't you miss her already?

# Grammar upheaval in the English department

by **Marc Muneal**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Shaken by a number of serious allegations, English grammar is now facing one of its toughest times ever on the Morehouse Campus. At the center of the latest discord is a centuries-old institution of language as we know it, the Apostrophe.

"I can't take anymore of this," sobbed the Apostrophe, who last week was vacationing in the New St. Martin's Handbook. "It's as if no one even respects me anymore. What have I done to deserve this? I'm not a machine, I can't be expected to do more than my fair share."

The Apostrophe is claiming that, in recent times, people have been working him to the point of exhaustion, inexplicably expecting him to function in a number of awkward ways.

"Plurals! They want me to do plurals! The only clause in my contract that has even the slightest thing to do with plurals is the one about plural possessives. The boys' toys. The girls' books. The bees' damn knees! I never complain about those. That's my job. But then they want me to do one dog, two dog's. One boy, two boy's. I don't belong there!"

The apostrophe went on to explain that its other regular duties include the possessives of singular nouns and a number of pronouns, filling in for missing letters in contractions and slang speech, and, in a few isolated cases, even some regular plurals: "I have no problem saying that in Scrabble there are more E's than A's," he said.

"But then I'd be resting for a couple of minutes and someone calls me to work in *who's* when it should be *whose*. On the scary word *your's* when only *yours* is required. I don't mind it when they make me fill in on the possessive *its* as much, however, because just as often I get unscheduled time off from *it's*."

This last point raised the question of whether or not the Apostrophe has, in fact, been shirking some of his

regular duties. A number of possessives have recently been spotted with a noticeably absent Apostrophe. "When you work as hard as I do, sometimes you just can't cope," was his reply. In response to allegations that he sometimes slightly modifies his appearance and moonlights under the alias "Single Quotation Marks," the Apostrophe sharply snapped "No Comment."

The Apostrophe's claims are only the latest in a series of upheavals in the world of grammar. Recently, at a campus event, a number of Prepositions cried foul after they were seriously abused and mistreated.

Some other stalwarts in the language have spoken out against the Apostrophe, calling him a rabble-rouser and troublemaker. Renowned workaholic the Comma was livid.

"Yeah, so what? We all have to put up with that sometimes. He should walk a mile in my shoes. I have to work after introductory phrases and clauses, in the middle of compound sentences, setting off information parenthetically, in lists that can go on for hundreds of items, in dates, titles, and addresses. I always have to hang out near Quotation marks, if I'm needed. And that's just some of what I do. Do you hear me complaining?"

The Comma stated that the Apostrophe is a "hypocrite."

"Don't think I didn't notice the comma splice up there in his comments," he added. "But I don't go getting in everybody's face like a little wimp saying that it's not my job. I deal."

The Apostrophe said that attitudes like the Comma's are responsible for the low levels of respect for punctuation in recent years. "He should take a stand and refuse to splice sentences. It's because he likes the spotlight, I bet. But then again, people know who he is. You know how hurtful it is when someone calls me 'that comma thing up in the sky?'"

Attempts to obtain comments from the Period proved unsuccessful because he was engaged in a four-man job....

## Bama: A&M beats out State, rankings favor Bulldogs to appear in championship

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Johnny Baldwin, sophomore middle linebacker for A&M, had this to say: "We just wanted to come out hard and lay it all on the line to get to the next step, the championship."

With such star performers on both sides, each team has a good chance of victory in Birmingham again, as the SWAC Championship draws near.

Coming off of this victory, A&M, now tied with ASU at 3-2 in divisional rankings, are poised to make their way into the championship, though their performance in their next game, against Jackson State, will be a very determining factor.

Ahh, the "classic." It's a beautiful thing, and the best thing about it is that it happens all over again next year.

# COMMENT

## The Miseducation of the West End

by Alan Clarke

Since 1867, Morehouse College has remained an institution of prestige and accomplishment, boasting successful alumni and exceptional students as a consistently top-ranked HBCU. Through intense study, students learn in a controlled environment to ascend the social ladder and affect change in an erratic, unpredictable world that devalues and discredits the accomplishments of Black men. And through severe trials both manufactured and incidental, the Man of Morehouse eventually transforms into the Morehouse Man.

Throughout the years Morehouse graduates have been challenged to uplift the ailing social status of the African-American. However, Men of Morehouse have become increasingly idle and docile in the sheltered confines of the campus. Morehouse College is a microcosm, self-sufficient and unhindered by the immediate and imminent issues of the city of Atlanta, a safe-haven against the turmoil facing an unstable economy led by an aggressive, imperial president. But Morehouse College remains not in peaceful solitude, but rather in willful isolation from the dilemmas that should be actively rectified by such an esteemed institution. Specifically, Men of Morehouse remain willfully and adamantly ignorant of the pertinent issues of violence and poverty that engulf the West End community, instead of struggling vigorously against

rampant socially enforced inequities and injustices.

Turning a deaf ear, Morehouse College ostensibly sends graduates to uplift the global community, while locally, the West End suffers from sub-par education, dilapidated housing, rising unemployment, and extreme violence resulting from social marginality and instability. We simply do not consider ourselves (and are thus not considered) as a part of West End; rather, we perceive ourselves as dissimilar entities linked only by geography and actively separated by

brick walls and chain fences. But some argue that these dividing barriers are not even necessary, as the relationship between West End and Morehouse continues to deteriorate through fear and mutual resentment. How else would one explain the violence that has ensued between Men of Morehouse and West End residents? If Morehouse College were actively and personally involved in the rejuvenation of the West End community, would such violence continue to exist? I sincerely doubt it; such a relationship would only foster mutual respect and understanding.

As Morehouse students, we must

work to establish connections to the West End community by improving local schools, beautifying and restoring the neighborhood, contributing resources to needy families, assisting in expanding small local businesses, and most importantly, by projecting the image that Morehouse College is committed to extending progress beyond Fair St. and Westview Dr. As individuals who have been exposed to a great and rare opportunity, we are charged with the responsibility of uplifting other African-Americans to a higher status. Effecting change through personal success is nearly impossible and irrelevant, because it has been contemporarily demonstrated that the success of the Black individual affects very little the success of the entire Black community; in this day and age, the more that Blacks succeed, the more they forget about the simpler neighborhoods and humbler beginnings that cradled them and nurtured them to attain such elevated positions.

**"...we (students) must work to establish connections to the West End community by improving local schools, beautifying and restoring the neighborhood, contributing resources to needy families..."**

extending our opportunities to those who have not been as blessed or as lucky. Only then will Morehouse truly fulfill its mission, and only then will the Morehouse Man truly become the leader of Black men.

## A Price by any other name

by Aaron Price

I'm sure we've all had the notion that as unique as our names might be, there might be one other individual on this populous planet earth with the exact same name. With my rather simple name, I've had this thought quite often. Little did I know that once I crossed the threshold of our illustrious institution, I would come face to face with my namesake—my initial-sake, even, given that our middle names both start with the letter "J," his being James, mine being Jordan. The novelty of this discovery soon wore off, however, as this interesting coincidence soon turned a bit sour.

Anything and everything that Morehouse could possibly confuse was confused, and then some. In many cases, we were assumed to be one entity. We had one P.O. box, and our room assignments were totally botched up. In

all the headaches and confusion, however, we found ourselves on common ground. We became very used to the mayhem, and we became really cool friends in the process. I was "A. P." and so was he; our only difference lay in the fact that he hailed from the Windy City, while I'm a Florida Boy, born and raised in the Palm Beaches. Who would have ever thought that we would meet at school in Atlanta?

As time went on, people seemed to catch on to the name discrepancy, and most of the confusion started to settle down. We were just two different guys with the common goal of becoming Morehouse Men. However, it seemed that right when I was getting comfortable, things got really complicated. My namesake found himself in some heavy legal problems. He was thrust into the public eye and subject to judgment throughout the AUC and beyond. Aaron J. Price had

become a possible criminal. But wait, that's my name isn't it? I thought that since I'd done nothing wrong, no one would get the wrong idea and confuse our identities. Yet, my name was getting me attention I didn't at all want. I was being incriminated (and in some cases applauded) for something I had nothing to do with. It was absolutely the worst way the situation could have turned out. I was expelled from school. People at home thought I had really lost my mind; my mentor was questioning my character. I felt like it was a curse to be named Aaron J. Price. I ended up having to re-invent myself to everyone all over again. The looks on people's faces when my name is called are worth a thousand words.

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## READER'S THOUGHTS

### KUDOS

#### To the Editor:

I very much appreciated your editorial in the October 21 issue. College students do indeed need to keep up with current events. It is decidedly a part of being an educated person—and an informed citizen and voter!

**Professor I. S. Immel**, Modern Foreign Languages Department, German

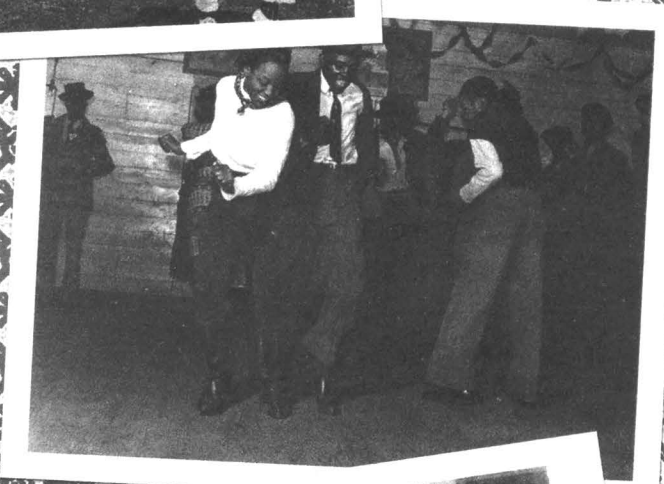
### SUICIDE

#### To the Editor:

I just picked up an old copy of the Maroon Tiger here at GSU and had to write in. I never met Daniel Brown, but your feature on suicide prompted me to send in my thoughts. When I was a senior at Purdue University, two close friends of mine committed suicide in the span of six months. My dear friend, Kristine, overdosed on her depression medication, and my roommate, Blair, hanged himself. In both cases, depression was the de facto source of their deaths. But, what I did after their deaths, is what I want to caution the Men of Morehouse from doing against - self-treating my sorrow with alcohol. This began an ugly year-long cycle, where I drank to overcome my grief, but getting drunk only made me more sad, more lonely and more depressed. In fact, I started to feel suicidal. Alcohol is never a healer. Only God, love, close friends and time can heal all.

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