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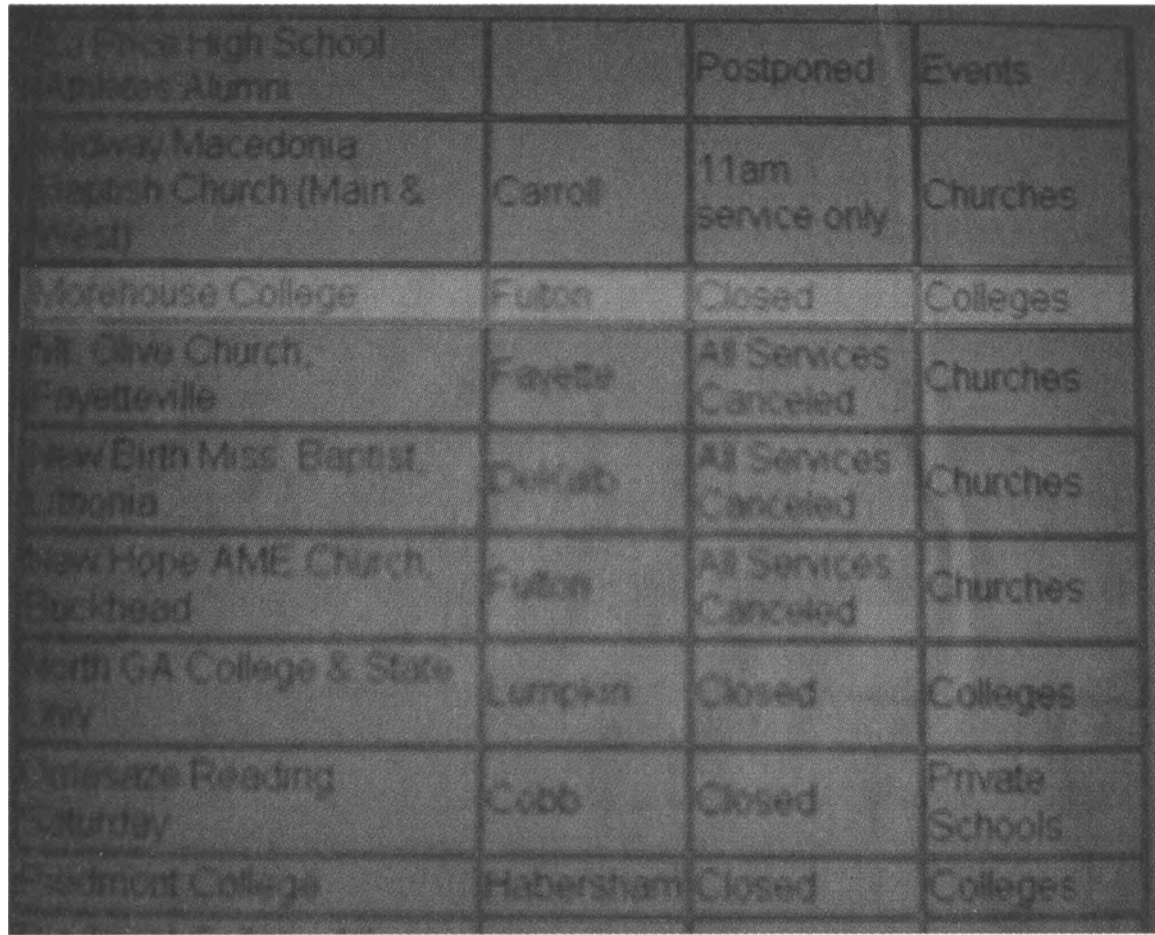
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## Twitter and FOX 5 confuse AUC students



A screenshot of the My FOX Atlanta website was taken late Sunday night. The posting caused many students to believe that the campuses of Morehouse and Clark Atlanta would be closed on Monday, but it was later revealed that there was a glitch in the website that caused several postings from the previous Friday to remain. My FOX Atlanta was the only news outlet that listed Morehouse and Clark Atlanta as closings for Monday.

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If you are a student in the AUC, you most likely heard rumors all throughout the weekend concerning the cancelling of classes this past Monday. Late Sunday night and early Monday morning, many AUC students were fooled when Fox 5 news had a list of institutions around Atlanta that would be closed on Feb. 15 due to "inclement weather conditions."

According to www.weather.com, Atlanta was supposed to experience snowfall beginning at 1 a.m. Monday morning. The snow was supposed to fall until 1 p.m. Monday afternoon. The weather channel had the chance of snow as high as 90 percent at one point between the 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. forecast.

According to a printout of the Fox 5 School Closing information page from 3:06 a.m.

Monday morning, Morehouse College was listed as one of the institutions that would be closed on Monday. As a result of this error, many AUC students began "tweeting" about the news of cancelled classes. According to several students, the Twitter madness regarding the cancellation of classes on Monday began around 1 a.m.

Jon Wall, a sophomore at Morehouse, said he first saw that Morehouse was closed on www.myfoxatlanta.com. Wall said that he also received text messages and saw that many students were talking about closed schools on Twitter.

"When I first heard rumors of school cancellations, I immediately went to Fox 5's website to see if any cancellations had been announced," Wall said. "Since the skies were clear, I wasn't expecting to see anything immediately, but to my surprise it said

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## Office of Housing and Residential Life begins training

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The Office of Housing and Residential Life is currently commencing their annual Residential Assistant Candidate Training Seminar. Soon, a number of applicants, who have successfully completed their training will be bestowed with the title of Resident Assistant (RA).

In this prestigious and vitally important position at the college, RAs will be able to perform various student life tasks. From professional development, to conflict res-

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## SGA Eradicating Student Apathy

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Town hall meetings are usually open forums where citizens of the community can voice their concerns on issues and question elected leaders of the community on what is being done to fix problematic issues. The Morehouse College SGA Town Hall meeting hoped to hear from hundreds of students; instead, it heard from about a dozen.

"This particular event was not attended the way we wanted," president of Morehouse SGA, Adam McFarland said. "There is a plethora of different reasons that are excuses that I am not going to offer."

Issues such as campus safety and SGA visibility and advertising were discussed during the 90-minute meeting. One student remarked that improved SGA advertising could help bolster student concern and participation in campus affairs.

One way the SGA is attempting to spread the word about its affairs is through the Internet. Brennan Hawkins and Garrett Auzenne are the two SGA junior trustees instrumental in the launch of the website sgacasathink-tank.com. On this website, students can comment on specific campus issues. Auzenne hopes that students

will use this as a tool to voice their concerns to the SGA.

"We know, traditionally, town hall meetings are under attended," Auzenne explained.

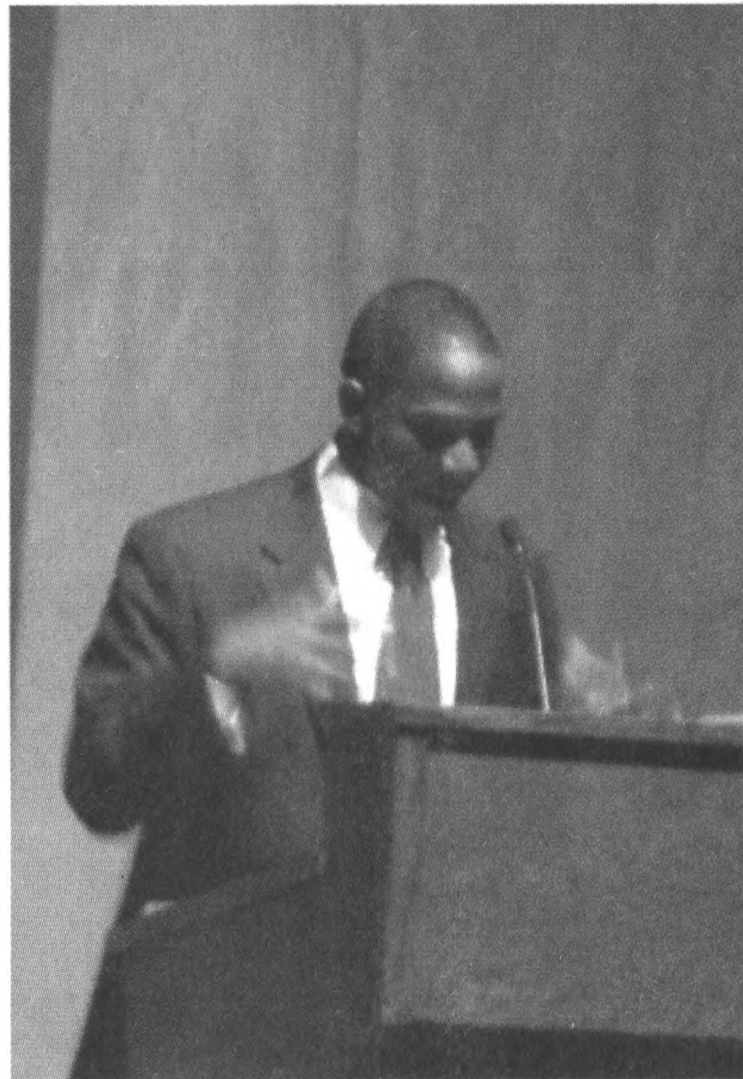
Auzenne noted that it was difficult to get students to attend town hall meetings and think tanks, so the SGA and CASA wanted to give students a vehicle for continuous expression.

"The website is like a traditional blog/forum. You go on and create a username and password, and we have different topics posted such as the dress policy and student safety," Auzenne said. "It enables students to have conversations online about the dress code, about student safety."

The SGA has used the website as a means of being continuously informed about student activity. Whenever a student posts a comment on the site, the response is immediately sent to an SGA officer. Auzenne has not received many notifications however, because the site has been underutilized.

By the end of the semester, the SGA hopes to execute initiatives like Google students e-mail accounts, where students would be able to use Gmail as a student e-mail address. This is an initiative that neighboring Spelman has undertaken.

Also, there are six community service events planned



Morehouse SGA President, Adam McFarland.

along with a "Financial Aid Awareness Week," which will take place during the week of March 15.

McFarland hopes that these types of events along with other improvements will foster better relations with the student body and elicit more student response and concern.

"At this point it is our responsibility to figure how to do better," McFarland said. "I think that the real issue that we are tackling and

battling in the Student Government Association is the feeling of apathy among students."

Auzenne believes that a key to success with the SGA and the student body is participation.

"We hope students see that there are avenues out there to participate," he said. "We hope that they will get the message that we are here and ready to work for you. Let's do it."

## Gmail comes to Morehouse student e-mail accounts

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After recent advances in improving TigerNet and campus wireless Internet coverage, the Office of Information Technology has released a long-awaited plan to improve the outdated Morehouse College student email service.

Google will now operate Morehouse's email system—similar to Spelman's "SC-mail." In March, IT will begin its marketing and orientation program. In April, IT will start assigning Gmail accounts.

"We are actively planning to roll out this plan with Google to offer Gmail to the student body right now," Vice President of the Office of IT Joseph Dixon said. "We want to acknowledge that there is a current student email [system], but we know that it is truly outdated by today's standard."

Morehouse students look forward to the change, especially those who hold official positions on campus.

"I am proud and excited that after years of pushing for this, Morehouse is investing in a top quality email system," Morehouse SGA Senior Board Trustee Garrett Auzenne said. "Students deserve this and I

feel [they] will be greatly satisfied."

Spelman students saw their transition to Gmail as improvement almost immediately after it replacing the old system completely in December.

"With Spelman offering Gmail, it makes it easier for students to communicate with the rest of the school due to the easy accessibility," Spelman junior sociology major from Los Angeles, Candice Manier said. "Most people sync their Spelman emails with their phones and it helps a lot for spreading the word on events."

Morehouse's current email system is not as friendly or useful, which prompted the discussion to use Google. Dixon considers the new email platform a critical resource. Therefore, prompt but careful planning was needed to insure the transition to Gmail has minimal error.

This summer will serve as a 'pilot period' to work out any service and availability issues.

"Because it is new, we have to take some care in the deployment," Dixon said. "We want students to get access to the email while they are still

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## Glitch in My FOX Atlanta website leads to student confusion over possible class cancellations

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that Morehouse College was closed."

DaniRae Baltzell, a junior at Spelman, said she stayed up late waiting to see if Spelman would cancel classes. Since it was apparently reported by Fox 5 that Morehouse and Clark were already closed, Baltzell said she figured it was only a matter of time before Spelman would follow suit.

"Like most of my sisters, I ended up going to bed early in the morning not sure if I was expected to be in class or not," Baltzell said. "Thank God for the people I follow [on Twitter] who informed me that we had to go to class."

One Morehouse student said he never believed the

rumors of Morehouse cancelling classes. Sophomore Derrick Davis said he didn't think the list was accurate since it contained church closings.

"I didn't believe it was closed because I still saw church closings on the list," Davis said. "I assumed it was the old list from the weekend."

For those students receiving their updates from Twitter, the Morehouse College Twitter account (@Morehouse) did not confirm that classes were cancelled until around 9 a.m. Monday morning.

The account tweeted students saying, "Classes are NOT cancelled today. Be sure to check the news and/or morehouse.edu for updates about school closings."

Leslie Duffield, Executive Producer of Fox 5 Atlanta, claims the confusion was a result of a malfunction with Fox's website.

"We were having issues with our site," Duffield said. "Corrections were made sometime after 5 a.m."

Many Morehouse administrators declined to comment on the issue, and an official statement has yet to be released by the institution addressing the confusion.

Elise Durham, the media relations manager in the Morehouse College Office of Communications, is responsible for informing news stations about school closings. She claims that she never made any calls to Fox 5 or any other news stations.

Durham sites the reason for Sunday night and Monday morning's confusion to "tweeting."

"The problem goes to tweeting," Durham said. "Students started tweeting inaccurate information."

For future reference, Durham advised students to check the Morehouse College website for confirmation before checking any other website or news station.

"The website will be updated before any calls are made to any news stations," Durham said. "[Therefore] the official place for students to go [for updates] is the Morehouse College website."

## Morehouse to update student accounts to Gmail; IT foresees possible delays with integration to TigerNet

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on campus so we can get feedback and understand the level of service [that they] need."

One of the biggest challenges IT will face during that period is integrating the Gmail system with TigerNet and WebCT.

"The plan is during the summer to upgrade WebCT to the

new Blackboard software," Associate Vice President of IT Dianne Alexander said. "For instance, when a class is added, it takes several days to reach Web CT. This new system is in real time so that when classes are added, they appear instantly."

IT assures that all appropriate customizations for the email service will be in place

by next semester and students will have the reliable email they need.

"At the end of the day the students are the business," Dixon said. "It's a whole lot to keep up with but we are committed [to the students]."

Terry Mills, Ph.D., dean of humanities and social sciences, believes the Gmail integration will make the lines of

communication much easier for both students and faculty.

"It's a challenge with all the personal emails students have," Mills said. "It's hard to manage all the information. With the features Gmail offers like spam reduction and contact management, it will make it a lot easier to communicate with students."

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## ORHL begins RA Training

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olution and mentoring skills, no price can be put on the essential training that the Office of Housing and Residential Life (OHRL) is putting the future RAs through.

Tomanika Redd is the administrative assistant to OHRL. She claims that the six-week seminar is to prepare students for the job as well as give the hiring parties an idea of who is qualified.

"65 students applied for the position," Redd said. "Depending on how many current RAs come back will determine how many trainees will be hired."

OHRL believes in preparing their student employees so that they will be well equipped to handle any situation that arises. In the weekly meetings, potential RAs will learn how to diffuse most situations and how to engage students to open up to a more fulfilling experience at Morehouse College.

Student ambassador and current RA trainee Dimitri White knows the skills that he acquires in RA training can also be used outside of the position.

"I applied because I wanted to help people. The incoming freshmen need someone to show them the ropes," White said. "I am a psych major, and in this position, I will get the opportunity to analyze different behaviors and incorporate them in my studies."

The training seminars are lead by current Morehouse

resident directors. Mr. Jarett Coger is the resident director for Mays Hall and believes the rigor of training is necessary.

"We teach our candidates the basics about concepts dealing with crisis management, conflict mediation as well as diversity training," Coger said.

Coger also knows the value of being in this leadership capacity.

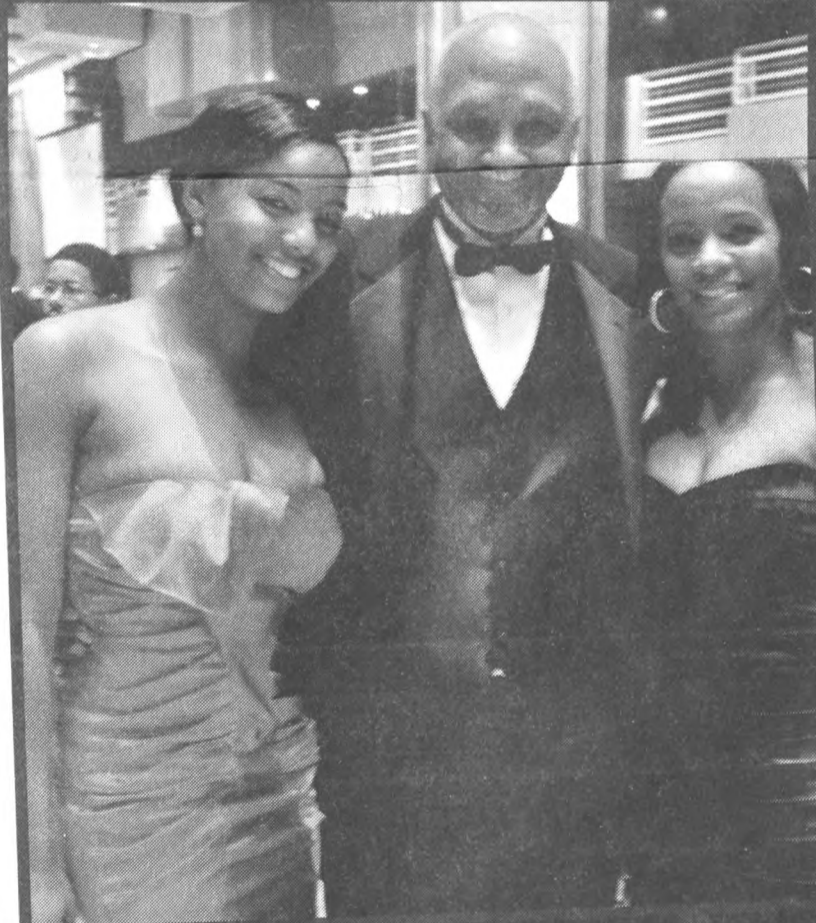
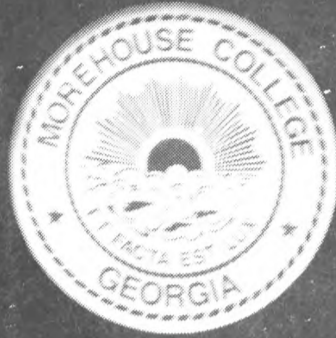
"I changed my career, going from a business background to residential life," Coger said. "This has been fulfilling because I can directly impact students and future leaders."

Graduating senior and Kilgore Hall RA Brian Rogers has been in this position since 2007.

"First I was an RA in White hall then I moved to Kilgore," Rogers said. "Being in this position, you deal with a lot of different personalities. The training prepared me for all of the different aspects of everyday life in the residence halls. When a resident lets you into their personal life and confides in you, that's the proudest moment of being an RA."

The quality of residential living is important to students at any institution. Therefore through RA training seminars, the Morehouse College Office of Housing and Residential Life is doing what it can to ensure that each RA is well equipped to effectively handle their duties.

## *The 22nd Annual A Candle in the Dark Gala*



# Features

## Remembering Civil Rights: "Blood Done Sign My Name"

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Few words were exchanged before hasty bullets hit the young, Black man, Henry Marrow. Even fewer words were exchanged when the white Teel family was acquitted of the murder charges. Thirty years later, Hollywood hopes that the words necessary to right such wrongs will be heard.

On Feb. 19, Real Folk Production's "Blood Done Sign My Name" will be released in theaters. This film, based on the novel by Tim Tyson and the life of Civil Rights activist Ben Chavis, Ph.D recounts the 1970 murder of Henry Marrow in Oxford, N.C. and the social movements that commenced as a result.

Chavis attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he became a statewide youth coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and later returned to serve Oxford, N.C. as a teacher and activist.

"Educators should be activists," Chavis said. "A lot of times we tend to see our vocations narrowly, but if an injustice happens in your

community then there is an opportunity to speak out and make a difference."

The impact that will result from the film of Chavis' life will be momentous, as past and present issues will be addressed.

"It's the small stories and the small heroes which make history," said Jeb Stuart, director of the film.

With the historically controversial material of the screenplay, the actors in the film including Nate Parker ("The Great Debaters") and Lela Rochon ("Waiting to Exhale") took on challenging roles.

"You either accept a role because it's something you want to be a part of or you love the part," Rochon said. "And for me it was something I wanted to be a part of, because I think that some of the stories I've done that were Civil Rights stories or true stories were my favorite and they are going to live on to be something that my children can see."

"As actors, our number one job is to put truth on the screen," said Parker who played Dr. Chavis in the film.

The film is a message of courage and action that Chavis hopes would be disseminated.

"It's like passing the ba-

ton; each generation has the last communication," Chavis said. "To young Black men and to young Black women, the message is there's a leadership role for you today."

Parker added that he felt the leadership responsibility among Black youth is needed most among young Black men.

"We need to join together to make a change by first focusing on the things that are destroying our community, one being the lack of fathers," Parker explained.

"It is with Black men first, that I think that our community will be turned around," Parker added. "We need paternity, and that's what I'm trying to do, be a surrogate father to the community."

As co-founder, president and CEO of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN), Chavis continues his activism by connecting the past to the present, teaching social awareness and involvement among Black youth.

"I'm optimistic. I think that the youth of today are the most intelligent and gifted generation," Chavis said. "But because they are the blessed generation and not the cursed generation, more is expected."

## Morehouse Education Association: Exploring New Avenues of Education

MEA examines education as service

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"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it," president of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman, once said. The men of the Morehouse Education Association (MEA) are upholding Edelman's words as they unite students with a passion for the classroom and a drive to change the educational system.

The MEA was recently founded during the spring 2010 semester. In the wake of President Barack Obama's platform for education, it is fitting that Men of Morehouse are rising to the occasion of educating today's youth. The association is working to mobilize Men of Morehouse in all aspects that affect education.

"One of the things we are trying to help Men of Morehouse understand is that going into education does not mean you have to work in

the classroom," MEA President Carlton Collins said. "Each board of education has a chief financial officer or someone who facilitates the finances of the district. Everyone has a psychologist, everyone has a lawyer."

MEA welcomes all students from all majors. As a new organization on campus, the association is working to recruit any students willing to help. Currently, the association meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

"We have many events and ideas planned that are in the works," Collins explained. "To briefly discuss two, there is the 'Kick-Off Reception' for the organization and 'Dialogue about Education' [event]."

MEA has been working to establish connections with local and national organizations outside of Morehouse. The Georgia Association of Educators and the National Education Association have agreed to partner with the organization to assist members with professional development.

MEA has also reached out to Atlanta public schools, of which 2007 Morehouse alumnus Courtney English is a newly elected board of education member. The organization is currently working with Dr. Charles Meadows, who oversees the Teacher Preparation Center at Morehouse and serves as the advisor to students who apply for teacher certification.

"We are trying to incorporate a system called Each One, Reach One," Collins said. "This is an attempt to drive the mission of the organization, but also maximizes the opportunity for building meaningful relationships while networking. Every person in the organization is reaching out to another organization and maintaining the relationship."

With community service projects and networking events these Men of Morehouse aim to become Morehouse Men who left their community better than they found it.

## Expected increase in U.S. Job market

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On the eve of Warren Buffett finally making it into the S&P due to his company's recent acquisition of railway operator Burlington Northern Santa Fe, economists from banks and top colleges predicted a slow hiring season for the next year.

According to wsj.com "Based on [recent] growth projections, over the next year economists estimate the U.S. will add about 133,000 jobs a month. That sounds good and it's certainly better than more job losses. But with about 100,000 new jobs a month needed just to soak up new entrants to the work force, that pace of job creation will only slowly

reduce the high unemployment rate."

Accordingly, with this, the U.S. if lucky could see unemployment drop 0.3 percent from 9.7 percent to 9.4 percent at the end of 2010. The unfortunate truth is that a quarter of the 8.4 million jobs lost during the 2008 recession are not coming back. Due to companies working more efficiently with outsourced jobs and smaller work forces, companies are deciding to stay the course.

"Right now we need jobs bad," president of the Economics Club, Ronnie Washington said. "133,000 is a nice number, but hopefully that number can increase on a blue collar level. I feel that even part-time jobs need to be increased in or-

der to create some type of income for families."

"The good news is that most jobs are cyclical," senior economics major, Alan Smith explained. "I believe the more demand picks up the more jobs will return to meet that demand. The issue is pushing the consumer to realize that the worst is behind us."

Although 2.2 million jobs have been lost over the course of three years, those jobs are expected to return. When demand stabilizes, factories usually increase workers to meet the demand. Economists are also predicting a slow upswing for the economy as a whole. Economic growth is expected to settle at about 3 percent in 2010, off sharply from the powerful 5.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual growth rate in the fourth quarter.

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## When Opportunity Knocks: An Experience in Teach for America

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Every morning I awake to one of the most unique opportunities I can imagine. I have been entrusted with the responsibility of moving 32 third graders towards their academic goals. However, my experience is distinctly different from the average teacher because my students face immense challenges.

As a Black male reared by poorly educated teenage parents, I will never forget the obstacles that I faced growing up. My ability to attain an excellent education was the factor that allowed me to transform my life. My concern for other young people who grow up in under-resourced communities inspired me to join Teach For America immediately after graduating from Morehouse.

When I began my two-year commitment, I reconnected with memories of my youth as I became familiar with the plights of my students. Some are poor and/or several neglected. Many families struggle to maintain residency,

while others are haunted by educational deficiencies.

Like many of my students' parents, my parents were not well educated and neither had high paying jobs. I understand the lonely shadow of displacement because I was once homeless for a year. My not-so-distant memories of life in Los Angeles remain fresh because I see myself in my boys and girls. Children whose lives resemble my own walk into my classroom each day, where they see themselves in me and are convinced that they too can use education as a springboard to success.

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Closing the achievement gap is the civil rights movement of our generation. All children in our country deserve a quality education. Through Teach for America, I am involved in the effort to eradicate the achievement gap by teaching for two years and eventually taking my experiences on to my future career endeavors. I know that I cannot eliminate this monumental problem alone.

In recent years, Teach for America's funding has increased, new regions have been chartered, and the mission has gained international recognition. I am committed to seeing more of our nation's most promising young people join us in reaching our dream of ending educational inequity in our country.

Academic underachievement runs sharply along racial and class lines, with Black, Hispanic and impoverished children most severely affected. As an HBCU alumnus, I know that many students on our campuses are sensitive to the problems in our low-performing schools. Subsequently, we must take action.

My time in the classroom has changed my life, while enhancing the lives of the children that I have been given the opportunity to teach. I challenge you to learn more about Teach for America and its mission in order to do your part to close to achievement gap in our country.

For more information please visit [www.TeachForAmerica.org](http://www.TeachForAmerica.org).

## 21st century Morehouse, more than just tradition

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It is our duty to become "creatively competitive in the 21st century." This is the sentiment Morehouse alumnus Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), espoused last week during his Founder's Day Convocation address. His oration, in light of staggering statistics regarding HBCUs, focused on the necessity of HBCUs and their responsibility in providing educational opportunity for minorities.

Listening to him, I began to think of what this meant in terms of Morehouse. Each instance that ran across my mind referenced Morehouse living in the past. Lomax seems to feel the same, using the word 'contemporary', to further describe the way HBCUs must have the competitive edge in order to survive and thrive as educational institutions.

In order to do this I believe it is imperative that we, not only as Morehouse, Spelman or Clark Atlanta, but as the consortium of HBCUs on a whole, realize that we are not competing against each other

for the best admission rates. And we should not be competing to see who sits at the top of U.S. News' Historically Black Colleges and Universities Ranking list. We are not competing against Harvard or Yale or any Ivy-League institution to develop the best leaders of our time.

We are however, competing against the notion within our community that education is useless, that it is less about what you know and more about who you know. It is our mission to combat such notions.

According to Lomax, Benjamin Elijah Mays didn't just look backwards as to what he would do, he looked forward as well. He lived in the now. In the same respect, we must not focus too heavily on our past in attempting to be competitive.

Anytime someone wants to reference the greatness of Morehouse, alumni from past generations are noted. We always recognize MLK Jr., Samuel Dubois Cook and Otis Moss Jr. Don't get me wrong, they are all great people in their own right and are titillating selling points, but what about referencing the Morehouse that currently is?

We have a vast amount of brothers still on campus and some that graduated a few years ago that are bound to be movers and shakers of our own time. What about the Markese Bryant's, the Jihad Kheperu's, and the Reginald Sharpe's? What about the Jacque Pape's, the Anthony Miller's, or the Katanga Johnson's? We are at a time when there is no longer a need to refer to Morehouse as the alma mater of MLK Jr., but as the current institution of so many others.

Lomax said it best, "Even sacred ground can lose ground," especially if its inhabitants are too complacent. It can "germinate, generate, or nurture or it can become arid. The future of HBCUs is in (our) hands. If (we) are bold and thoughtful, it will be bright. If not - you fill in the blanks."

There's nothing wrong with being rooted in our heritage. All I ask is that we be rooted in our heritage while cognizant of the present. Let's show that we are more than just Martin Luther King, more than just Spike Lee, more than just Samuel Jackson. We are Morehouse, a 2010 Morehouse.

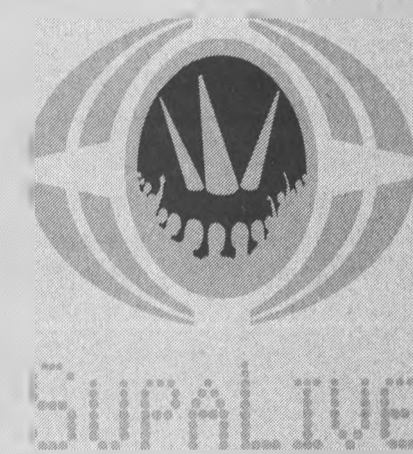
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# Opinions

## The dating scene: Analyzing someone's "dateability"

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Young, Black people have been turned against each other when it comes to dating. Society has taken on the role of matchmaker, telling us who and what we should want, in the form of unrealistic standards for looks and self-worth. Therein, as they say, lies the problem. Much of the commentary that I notice about dating and relationships remains blindly based on those expectations.

Society's demands warp what should be positives into weaknesses. We have skipped over positively acknowledging Black women's increasing status in the workplace and landed on "angry, intimidating and bitter." Black men have been steadily growing and expanding past the typical hyper-masculine image of Black manhood, yet somehow we have arrived at "he's either gay or likes white girls."

I have come to loathe dating advice in general, partly because it seems to focus on traditional conventions and generalizations. Dissecting lady- and lad-mags and ad-

vice from other "experts," a critical thinker should realize that men are reduced to shallow, one-dimensional creatures who think alternately with their penises, wallets and stomachs. Women, as it goes, are desperate, simpleton shrews who crave nothing more than the loving touch of a preferably rich man to stave off her badgering mother.

The popularity and strength in conviction of statements like "Never trust a woman who..." or "Everyone knows men that..." indicates to me that somewhere along the line, men and women started to view each other as just magazine prototypes instead of actual, individual people with broad ranges of experiences and preferences.

Someone's "dateability" is not determined by money or looks. People swear they "deserve" a model-slash-attorney with a deep fondness for cooking and practices Kama Sutra. As a result, we pretty much refuse to entertain anyone less than those standards and berate the men and women who don't (this is quite time-consuming, as very few people do meet them).

There is room for negotiation since we are in college

and probably not looking to get married right now, but still. From what I have gathered in my completely unscientific sociological studies, everyone who wants a mate deserves a supportive, productive person who makes him or her happy.

Men, are you happy leaving a fine chick who is emotionally unstable only to follow up with a "dime piece" who has limited conversation skills? Ladies, is the chocolate Adonis with control issues or the rugged Lothario with an inflated ego really someone of whom you would spend time and energy?

We don't live in a vacuum. The forces that shape society shape our thinking whether we know it or not.

If your desires honestly happen to be perfectly aligned with the ones that the media, advertising and celebrities push as ideal, then you are not to be faulted for that. But if you are constantly reproaching the opposite (or same) sex for their audacious refusal to meet everything on some arbitrary checklist, it may be time to open your eyes, tell society to step aside and start doing your own matchmaking.

## Campus security: the other side

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Last week the Maroon Tiger opinions section published an article "Tightened campus security leaves loose ends" in which the author, myself, severely criticized campus police in their efforts in garnering the safety of the Morehouse community.

Since then, campus security has expressed their disdain for being depicted in such a negative manner. It appears that Morehouse officers would have preferred the column to properly represent the force in a more balanced and less critical comportment.

In the article there were three incidents that questioned the integrity of Morehouse officers: one in which a student accused an officer of blatantly ignoring an altercation between he and a local resident, another in which a student was physically removed out of a Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta basketball game, thrown onto the street by Morehouse security and the more recent incident in which a student was robbed in daylight on Webster Street where officers were allegedly within close proximity.

Campus security was accused of negligently failing to carry out their duty as protectors of the student body by not being present at designated patrol posts, talking on Bluetooth's and ignoring the livelihood of the college.

In a phone interview, Chief of Police Vernon Worthy personally expressed his disappointment with the article, deprecating his concerns with the language and tone. Worthy asserted that members of the Morehouse police force were highly distraught by the accusations in the editorial. Worthy wished a more accurate portrayal of campus police were taken into consideration.

While the opinions section is utilized to express the viewpoint, no matter how biased, of the student body, it would have been valuable to also include the perspective of campus operations regarding allegations pinned by students.

According to Worthy, in regard to the Morehouse student who was robbed on Webster Street, the two suspects who purportedly stole the victim's cell phone were in fact found by Morehouse campus police and arrested.

Whether or not campus police could have prevented the incident is up for debate. However, they should at least be commended for their efforts in rectifying the situation.

Students' gauge of campus police's exertions are just as valuable however, sometimes as students looking from the outside in, we tend to habitually acknowledge what campus security is not doing as opposed to what they actually are.

Nevertheless, campus security should be open to criticism, for it can only motivate

them to execute the best quality of work possible.

When dissecting the issues of campus security, it is essential to keep in mind that Morehouse campus police are not gods. They cannot be everywhere at all times, and surely cannot predict an attacker's every move.

These men and women, like us students, sometimes falter. We cannot ask for anything more than their very best, and if they are doing just that, we can only be obliged to acknowledge their efforts—yet still holding them accountable.

While I may not always feel campus police are effectively doing their job, I could never stand in excruciatingly cold temperatures checking identification cards of ungrateful students who are more than likely apt to give you a hard time as opposed to actually comply with security policies.

We tend to take the presence of campus security for granted, constantly criticizing a sector within Morehouse operations that could actually be much worse than perceived by the student body.

The best way to understand the plight of another is to place oneself in another's shoe. So before we jump at the chance to attack our security, we should honestly determine whether our judgments are truly fair-minded or our expectations are just a bit too unrealistic.

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## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## Morehouse alumnus's short film speaks volumes

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“Good afternoon, ladies and gentleman. Sorry for the interruption. My name is Omari Jones and I ain’t selling candy for no basketball team. I’m keeping it real, trying to put some money in my pocket, do something positive and stay out of trouble. I’d really appreciate it if one of you could buy one. All I have left is M&M’s peanut and Starbursts. Would anyone care to buy? It’s only a dollar.”

These are the opening lines of Morehouse alumnus Myk-wain Gainey’s short film, “Loo\$e Change.” This 17 minute movie is a smart and witty coming of age story that

follows 13-year-old subway hustler Omari Jones on his unconventional path to self-realization.

Omari is growing up on the streets of New York, spending his days selling candy on the subway to support his “boug-ghetto” family and drifting through life with what seems to be no direction whatsoever. After his mother catches him and his friends smoking her food seasonings as if they were marijuana, Omari begins to realize that the time for childish behavior and immaturity are through. He must embrace his future and the idea of growing up or be stuck where he is forever.

The film is inspired by the Obama “post-racial” America and by the fact that Gainey

caught his own younger brother smoking. Gainey created an excellent commentary on what it is like not only to be young and on the cusp of maturation, but to be Black, young and on the cusp of maturation.

In addition to boasting an involved plot and strong themes, “Loo\$e Change” is also well-acted and well-filmed with the just the right amount of humor to balance out the serious topics in the movie.

The only major issue with the film is its brevity. Because of the short length of the movie, the poignant issues dealt with seemed rushed. For example, when Omari and his friends are caught smoking, they have a moment of rev-

elation after Omari’s mother gives them a sternreprimand. While this is a major turning point in the film, it seemed as if Gainey wanted to rush through the characters’ verbal realization in order to allot more time towards the depiction of the steps they take toward adulthood.

Gainey created a minute masterpiece in “Loo\$e Change.” Although the length of the movie does limit it to an extent, the short length of the movie is part of what makes it shine. In 17 minutes, he has managed to tell a poignant story that not only addresses key issues in our community today, but will also touch your heart and force you to take a closer look at your future as well.

## “The Wolfman”: Eat your heart out ‘Twilighters’

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“The Wolfman,” a reboot of the original 1941 film with the same name, makes the most recent bubble gum incarnation of werewolves in the popular book series “Twilight” seem like a bad joke.

“The Wolfman” tells the story of Lawrence Talbot, who has returned home to search for his missing brother after a long stint as a traveling Shakespearean actor. Upon his return, he begins hearing strange tales of a murderous beast that rips its victims apart. The film follows Talbot on his journey in solving the mystery, including his subsequent night-crawler transformation.

Watching this mystical film in theaters is like experiencing a wonderfully exciting nightmare. “The Wolfman” inspires a gleeful type of terror; it is uncorrupted classic horror at its best.

The use of computer-generated imagery was not completely banned from the film. It was used quite effectively – the best ever in years. The transformation from man into werewolf is nearly seamless. The effects add to the audience’s horror, rather than distracting from it.

As Lawrence Talbot, actor Benicio del Toro does not disappoint. One could fall in love with Lawrence Talbot not simply because he is beautiful, but because his dark soul, cursed and tortured, is captivating.

Anthony Hopkins is as delightfully devilish as Sir John

Talbot. His character’s dark sense of humor and twisted moral code is reminiscent of one of Hopkins’ best-known roles, Hannibal Lecter. Surely, that can never be a bad thing.

There is a subtle interrogation of cruel mental health “procedures” in the 19th century that were meant to cure insanity. It blends into the larger, well-executed subtext of the film: “What is it that constitutes a beast?”

The werewolves are physically violent, but the film effectively emphasizes just how monstrous human beings can be to one another, without the help of a curse and a full moon.

The Talbot Manor home and the surrounding woods are so alive and so central to the film; it may be appropriate to think of them as fluid, reactive characters, rather

than just mere settings. Talbot Manor becomes increasingly menacing as the film marches on, while the woods become less and less threatening.

As for the obligatory love story between Lawrence Talbot and his sister-in-law, it served its purpose. However, it might have fared better with an actress other than Emily Blunt since she and del Toro lacked chemistry.

Although the love affair was less than convincing, it did not spell Armageddon for the film.

It all boils down to this: they just don’t make them like this anymore. There was no 3-D, no pandering to a hysterical ‘tween’ audience and no ridiculous, unnecessary explosions. It is masterfully done, well-acted and worth watching – perhaps with the lights on.

## 20? questions

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1. Did you really think administration pulled the plug?
2. What does it say about Morehouse that that rumor was started by administrators?
3. Have you seen...?
4. Is this the Ms. Bennett pageant?
5. Should we be surprised since the Karate Kid advised the committee?
6. How did he ManAGE to “unduly reproach” his legacy?
7. Was that karma when he didn’t even get honorable mention?
8. Did you see karate kid snap on the Senate?
9. Does he know that no one cares that he was SGA President?
10. Aren’t you tired of him trying to claim Spelman as his sister school?
11. Are his days numbered?
12. Didn’t that article get the white trustee together?
13. Aren’t you mad that he spent \$1K of your money to print those reports?
14. For all that money, couldn’t he have at least spell checked?
15. Was it really a secret that he’s a candidate?
16. Hasn’t he been campaigning ever since he transferred in?
17. When did it become acceptable to wear cocktail wear at a gala?
18. For that matter, when did it become acceptable for candidates to wear jeans to convocation?
19. Why were only 2 of the 7 at gala?
20. Do you not take this seriously?

## Bonus:

21. Were you at the Council of Gables?
22. Wasn’t that a Birthday party befitting of a queen?
23. Wait, there’s less than 100 days left?
23. Do you realize that 2010 just don’t give a damn anymore?
24. Are you scared?

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# Sports

## Morehouse-Tuskegee Basketball Recap

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**Morehouse 77      Tuskegee 64**

**It was over when...**

Morehouse forward Roderick Williams blocked Tuskegee guard Lorell Friend's layup attempt, then sank two free throws putting Morehouse up by 10 points with only 58 seconds left to play.

**Game Ball...**

Goes to Morehouse center Joshiah Anabraba. The senior big man shot 50 percent from the field and pulled down 11 rebounds to go with his 20 points.

**Notables...**

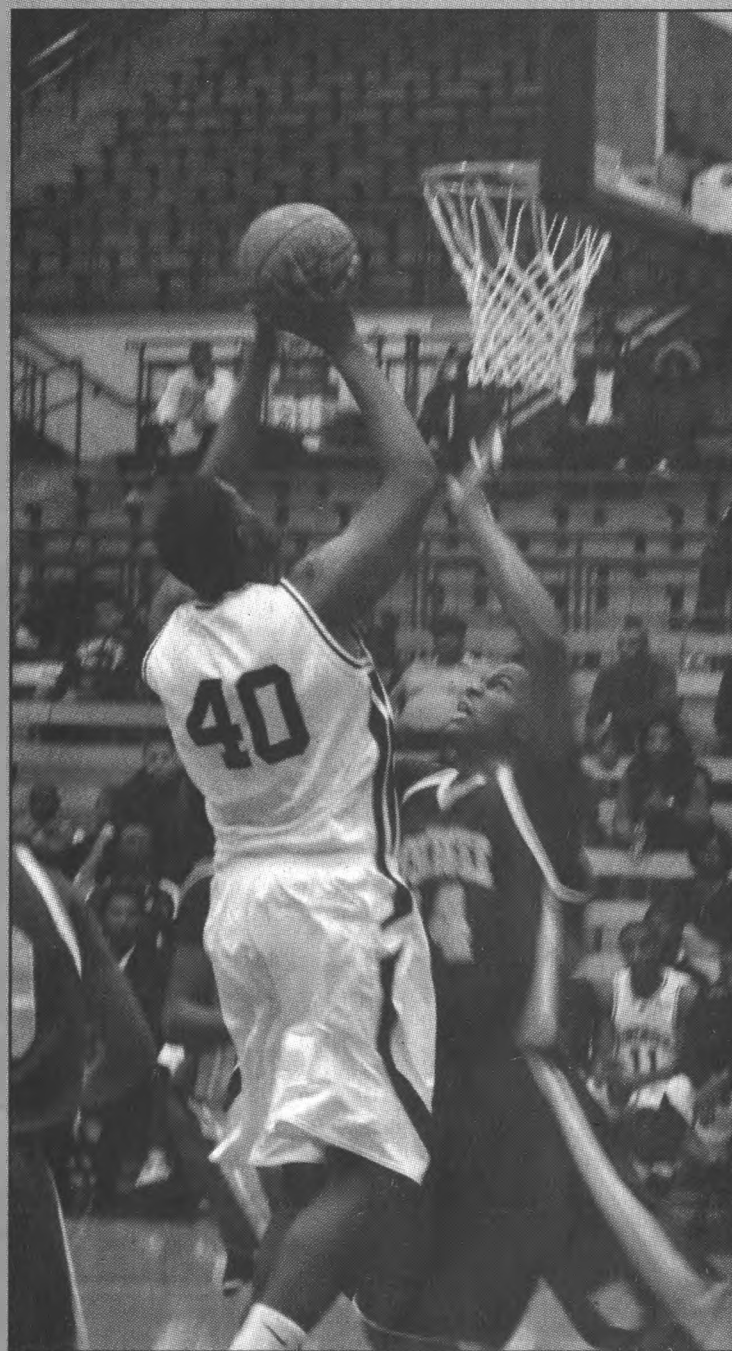
Morehouse had four players in double figures... Tuskegee never led the game at any point... Morehouse will take on Clark Atlanta, Sat., Feb., 21, at 3 p.m., in Forbes Arena

**Morehouse Maroon Tigers**

#	Player Name	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O	D	REB	PF	PTS
01	Webb, Michael.....	* 1-3	4-6	0	0	3	6	
11	Norris, DeAngelo....	* 0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
24	Williams, Roderick...	* 6-7	5-8	1	6	7	4	17
32	Allen, Shawn.....	* 4-5	7-8	0	3	3	2	15
40	Anabraba, Joshiah...*	10-21	0-1	3	8	11	1	20
02	Blackledge, Keon.....	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	3
03	Dunn, Gerald.....	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
05	Figures, Jelani.....	3-9	5-6	0	4	4	1	11
15	Carter, Carrington...	0-1	2-2	0	3	3	0	2
21	Curry, Michael.....	0-0	1-3	0	1	1	0	1
25	Wedge, Marcus.....	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0
34	Williams, Reginald...	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2

**Tuskegee Golden Tigers**

#	Player Name	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	O	D	REB	PF	PTS
03	Thomas, Calvin.....	* 5-15	0-0	1	2	3	3	13
05	Friend, Lorell.....	* 4-9	3-4	1	1	2	4	11
20	Morrow, Derick.....	* 0-2	0-2	0	0	0	1	0
23	White, Derrick.....	* 6-13	0-0	5	8	13	4	12
44	Ragsdale, Aaron.....	* 2-6	3-6	6	0	6	2	7
01	Lucious, Donald.....	1-4	0-0	1	0	1	1	2
02	Jackson, Jarrod.....	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
04	Fisher, Byron.....	0-8	1-2	1	2	3	3	1
10	Davis, Robert.....	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0
11	Williams, Jeremy.....	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	0	0
21	Bassette, Eric.....	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
33	Nelson, Andrae.....	7-10	1-2	4	3	7	1	15
35	Saint-Jean, Gregory..	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
42	Stangline, Jerry.....	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
45	Acoff, Michael.....	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0



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## Boston Celtics: Present or future?

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With the trade deadline approaching, NBA teams will ultimately make moves that will determine the fate of their franchise for years. Some teams will trade youth for experience. Prior to the 2007 season, the Boston Celtics traded a bulk of their youth for experience that would ultimately win the franchise its 15th NBA championship.

The results are clear. The Celtics are an elite team in the NBA today. But the question must be asked: Where would they be today if they had kept their lottery draft picks, Al Jefferson and Joe Johnson, instead of eventually trading for Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen?

The Celtics drafted Johnson out of Arkansas with the 10th overall pick in the 2001 draft. Johnson didn't play one full season with the Celtics before getting traded with Randy Brown, Milt Palacio, and a future first-round draft pick to the Phoenix Suns in exchange for league journeymen Rodney Rogers and Tony Delk. Rogers played just 27 games with the Celtics, averaging 10.7 points per game, while Delk played 89 games and lasted two seasons before getting traded.

Johnson went on to become a four-time All-Star, playing

for first Phoenix and now the Hawks, where he led the team into playoff contention for the past two years.

The Celtics acquired Ray Allen on June 28, 2007 during the NBA Draft. The Celtics traded Jeff Green, Wally Szczerbiak, and Delonte West to the Sonics for Allen and then rookie Glen Davis. While the presence of Szczerbiak and West wouldn't have made much a difference in the Celtics team today, I'm sure they (the Celtics) wouldn't mind having a young a very promising forward like Jeff Green.

Allen, who was 31 years old at the time of the trade, is in his third season with the Celtics. In a total of 166 games with the Celtics, Allen has averaged 16.9 points.

The Celtics acquired Kevin Garnett in July of that year. Among those traded for Garnett was power forward Al Jefferson, who has turned into one of the best power forwards in the league, and Gerald Green, who has continued to be a role player with a large amount of potential.

A case can even be made that Gerald Green would have

been a nice asset to keep. While he is still one of those players who has yet to fully develop, he has gotten better each year and his future is promising.

While the Celtics were NBA Champions of the 2007-2008 season and are still an elite team in the league, how much longer will they be at that position? Allen and Kevin Garnett

*“Would Joe Johnson and Al Jefferson have become the elite players they are today if they had stayed with the Celtics? Would the Celtics have still won a championship by this point?”*

will be 35 and 34 years old, respectively, after this season. Clearly their years left in the league are limited.

The current Celtics starting lineup consists of Rajon Rondo, Ray Allen, Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Kendrick Perkins. They also have key

reserves including Rasheed Wallace and Glen “Big Baby” Davis.

While this is one of the better starting lineups in the league, it could certainly be more youthful. The Celtics will only be an elite team for another two years—three years at the max.

As opposed to the aforementioned starting lineup, the Celtics could have a starting lineup that included Rajon Rondo, Joe Johnson, Paul Pierce, Al Jefferson, and Kendrick Perkins. Their key reserves would include Jeff Green, and whatever young prospect they would have picked in the guard heavy 2009 NBA Draft; Jonny Flynn, Ricky Rubio, Stephen Curry, DeMar DeRozan, or Brandon Jennings just to name a few.

Would Joe Johnson and Al Jefferson have become the elite players they are today if they had stayed with the Celtics? Would the Celtics have still won a championship by this point? Would they have been better built for winning multiple championships in the next five or six seasons, as opposed to just one or two?

All of these questions will unfortunately never be able to be answered. One thing is certain Danny Ainge, the Celtics' General Manager, was clearly more concerned with winning in the present rather than the future.

# What to Watch

**NCAA Basketball**

Thursday, Feb. 18  
(3) Syracuse at (8) Georgetown, 6:30 p.m. ESPN

Saturday, Feb. 20  
(2) Kentucky at (24) Vanderbilt, 6 p.m. ESPN

Sunday, Feb. 21  
(5) Villanova at (23) Pittsburgh, 12 p.m. CBS

**NBA Basketball**

Wednesday, Feb. 17  
Phoenix at Dallas, 9 p.m. ESPN

Thursday, Feb. 18  
Denver at Cleveland, 8 p.m. TNT  
Boston at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m. TNT

Friday, Feb. 19  
Dallas at Orlando, 8 p.m. ESPN

Sunday, Feb. 20  
Atlanta at Golden State, 8 p.m. ESPN

**NASCAR**

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at California, 3 p.m. FOX