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MICOLAS AZIZA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To the Men of the Class of 2015.

Welcome to Morehouse College; an institution that has the ability to transform you in ways you could never imagine.

You are about to embark on a journey that many wish to travel on. It is a journey that will take you through the same campus and hallways that some of history's greatest men have walked through. It is imperative that you realize what sits before you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share the story of a young man with whom I am quite familiar. Three years ago, after deeply wishing to attend Morehouse, this young man received a letter informing him that his application for admission had been denied. According to the letter, his academic record and profile

did not forecast a "successful experience" at this institution.

After a brief period of discombobulation, this young man decided to appeal this denial. And after a lengthy process, he was granted admission on a probationary

From the moment he opened his letter of acceptance, he made a promise to himself, his family and Morehouse to show them that the right decision was made. Three years later, this young man is entering his senior year and on track to graduate with honors. He became the youngest Editor-in-Chief in the school's 144-year history and serves as President of one of the campus's honor societies.

He has also had the privilege of traveling to 10 different countries with this same institution that once told him he would never have a successful experience. I share this story with you to show the endless possibilities that are available to you at this college. You will have the opportunity to direct and mold your life over these next four years, so I urge you to not take these

years lightly.
I'd like to thank my staff and Kreemo, Inc. for their
diligence in putting together this amazing issue.
I'd like to thank my family for their continued love and
support throughout my college career.

And last, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank Morehouse College for giving me the chance to create the successful experience that they originally thought I was incapable of having

incapable of having.

Gentlemen, your journey begins now. Enjoy and maximize these next four years to the fullest.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Brierre Aziz '12 Editor-in-Chief, *The Maroon Tiger* 

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world." —Mohandas Ghandi LAMCE DIMOM

MANAGING EDITOR

Dear Class of 2015,

I extend a humble and confident welcome to you as you begin this journey at the premier institution of higher education for black men. When I arrived in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall of 2008 it seemed more like an odyssey rather than a journey. Simply put, your time here will pass faster than you may anticipate. The year 2015 may seem distant, but there is a great deal to be said about the "fierce urgency of now."

At Morehouse College you will meet a great brotherhood of men willing to encourage and challenge you. You will argue and debate, support and frustrate one another, build lifelong friendships and grow in ways that may seem unimaginable. Do not squander your chance to build your network as soon as possible. The men you meet here will be similarly bred for success.

As you grace the halls, and walk the campus that was once traversed by notable alumni, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Howard Thurman, Samuel L. Jackson, Spike Lee and many more prominent figures, you must remember to leave your "stamp" on Mother Morehouse. You will become a part of an enduring legacy of greatness and social impact. You will be a part of experiences that will make you the envy of many.

You will face challenges, experience sleepless nights, encounter challenging questions and witness the unexpected. It is my hope that these years will serve as stepping stones as you climb to heights and opportunities you may have deemed impossible. As daunting as this may seem, this year will set a foundation for your collegiate career and for your life following graduation, so welcome these experiences; you will be grateful for them.

I wish you great success, but that should be implied since you have chosen to attend this great institution. Remember, my brothers, why you are here and what it takes to remain at this institution. Work hard, enjoy Atlanta and prepare for the most transformative four years of your life.

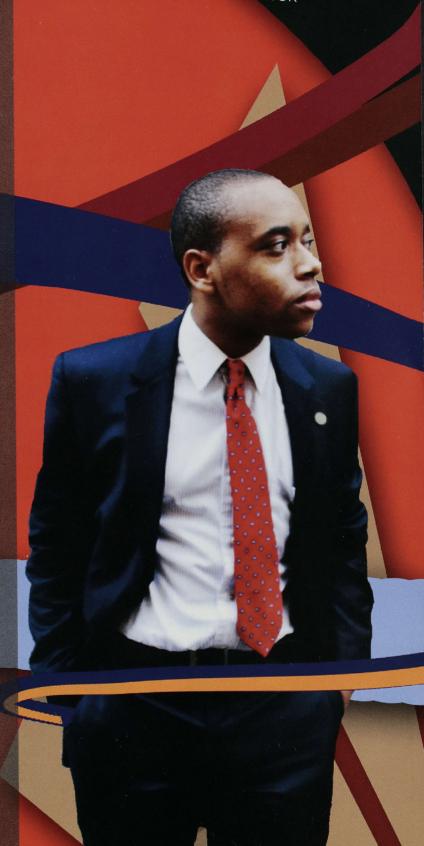
Welcome to Mother Morehouse my brothers of the Class of 2015. As she extends her arms to you; embrace her.

The world is yours, and the world needs you.

Lance Amir Dixon '12 Managing Editor, *The Maroon Tiger* 

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

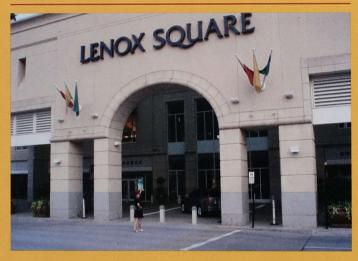
-Howard Thurman '23



# ATLANTA

s a new resident of Atlanta, you will find out soon that there is always something going on. Atlanta is filled with tons of places to be entertained, shop and to eat. As a new Man of Morehouse, it would be unjust to not totally immerse yourself in all that the city of Atlanta has to offer.

#### LENOX MALL



The historic Lenox Mall is one Atlanta's main attractions; it is the second largest mall in Georgia. It will probably be one of the first places you visit. It consist of more than 250 stores which include Macy's, Brooks Brothers, Urban Outfitters, Banana Republic, Apple Store, Zara, Foot Locker, Game Stop and many more stores. Anything you possibly need is at Lenox Mall.

#### LITTLE FIVE POINTS



Known to many as the center of Atlanta's "hipster" culture, Little Five Points is a lot more than this. Little Five Points is a great example of just how eclectic and eccentric Atlanta can be. Filled with consignment stores, record shops and great places to eat, it always makes for a good time. For any music lover's make sure you check out Mood's Music and Criminal Records for most of your music needs. Anything you may want to buy, chances are they are at one of these two stores. Rag-o-Rama is one of Atlanta's best consignment stores; you are always guaranteed to find a gem when shopping there. Also check out Wish! and Vinnie's boutique for your clothing needs.



#### PIEDMONT PARK

Looking to get off campus for a while to go for a walk? Piedmont Park is the perfect place for this. The scenery is nothing short of amazing.

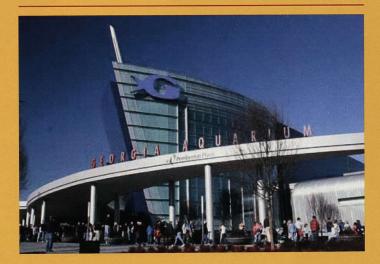
BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS



#### WOODRUFF ARTS CENTER

#### GEORGIA AQUARIUM





more than 100,000 sea creatures. It is unlike anything else in the world. Though it is a bit expensive, tickets are a little over \$40, it

#### BY ZERITA BUCHANAN

class of 2015 to Atlanta! Exclusive Eats is an amazing online guide to the trendicest and tastiest restaurants in Atlanta! We want to help you find the best food in the city while helping you stay on a budget! To ease your transition into the city we have highlighted some of the tastiest restaurants in the city that are all Marta accessible. Visit us at www.exclusiveeats. com and follow us on twitter @Exclusive\_Eats for all of your food needs in Atlanta!

### Lenox Mall (Lenox Marta Station)

- . California Pizza Kitchen (\$) Casual restaurant perfect for large parties.
- Truffles Café (\$\$) A versatile restaurant that offers sports bar vibe, but is also perfect for dates.
- 3. Houston's (\$\$\$) A staple restaurant Atlanta that is known for their amazini spinach dip!

### Atlantic Station (Arts Center Marta Station)

- 1. Which Wich (\$) A casual restaurant that offers scrumptious sandwiches.
- 2. Copeland's Cheesecake Bistro (\$\$) A perfect 1st date restaurant with a vibrant and tasty menu.
- Strip Steaks and Sushi (\$\$\$) An upscale dining environment perfect for birthdays and celebrations.

#### Midtown (Midtown Marta Stati)

- 1. Flying Biscuit (\$) An orgage restaurant that Atlantan's Icl
- 2. Taco Mac (\$\$) Atlanta's Balabar! Menu has wings, burgers and much more!
- 3. Shout (\$\$\$) One of Atlantic Asian restaurants.

### Lindbergh City Center (Lindbergh Marta Station)

- Smashburger (\$) Specialty burger spot that is taking Atlanta by storm!
- Wet Willies (\$\$) Sports bar but make sure to call ahead after a certain hour they are 21+.
- 3. Il Bacio Pizzeria & Trattoria (\$\$\$) -Trendy authentic pizzeria that is sure to impress!

#### Downtown Atlanta (Peachtree Center Marta Station)

- 1. Hooters (\$) Typical sports bar in downtown Atlanta.
- 2. Hard Rock Café (\$\$) You are always guaranteed to find a table and this affordable restaurant.
- 3. Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint (\$\$\$) Live Jazz with southern cuisine. This restaurant is a must try!!

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# THE CULTURE OF ATLANA

BY KATRYNA MAHONEY AND TAYLOR WILLIAMS

he city of Atlanta is a fusion of young, educated and innovative people. Because of the number of colleges and universities in Atlanta, the culture is rich in assortment of people to meet and spend your time with. With a plethora of colleges including the Atlanta University Center (comprised of five colleges and universities), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and Georgia State University just to name a few. There are young artists, hipsters, nature lovers, club goers, music lovers and many more.

Going anywhere in Atlanta will most likely lead you to a different scene. Churchill Grounds, is a very cozy jazz club which is perfect for those evenings when you want to relax and vibe to smooth sounds. Little Five Points has something for the hipster in all of us; with thrift stores like Rag-O-Rama and Criminal Records, which serves as a record and comic store. Also, Piedmont Park is a great alternative for those of you who enjoy nature or just want to spend time outdoors. Whatever is it that you enjoy doing or want to experiment with, Atlanta has it

Atlanta is also widely known for its prominent hip-hop/rap scene as it boasts artists such as Gucci Mane, Roscoe Dash, and Travis Porter. The sound that these artist and many more possess are unlike anything else. It is a style that many try to emulate, but often come up short. This sound is a huge part of Atlanta and the AUC.

Though hip-hop/rap and R&B is the prominent musical scene in Atlanta, it is definitely not the only one. Rock, jazz, R&B, dubstep, and pop are all styles of music that people take pleasure in.

There are concerts happening all the time in Atlanta. You will most likely attend many concerts whether they may be at homecoming or at venues such as The Loft, Center Stage or Masquerade. It is definite that music is one element you cannot escape while being a student in the AUC.

Another large part of Atlanta's culture is its amazing cuisine. With places like Busy Bee's, The Flying Biscuit, and Yeah Burger, Atlanta boasts some of the most unique and delicious restaurants. With access to this many restaurants watch out for the "Freshman 15" because it is easy to obtain.

Atlanta is also rich in arts, filled with many aspiring singers, dancers, rappers, writers, and painters. It is not uncommon to find yourself going to an art exhibit or spoken word show.

The culture of Atlanta is unlike any other city in the United States as there is truly something here for everyone. You should take advantage of this diversity if you'd like to truly maximize your four years in Atlanta.









# CLASSOF 2015.

student's time at college is considered by many to be a rite of passage. It is a new chapter in a young scholar's life in which his intellect is tested; but more importantly his morals and values. The freshmen year is perhaps the most important because it allows him to be open to new and exciting opportunities that will help set the standards for his college career. Listed below are some of Morehouse College's newest students and their plans for achieving success and the many expectations they have for their journey.



Will Singleton Hometown: Shreveport, LA Major: Biology

Why Morehouse College?

I chose Morehouse College because of what it represents and the history behind it. Multitudes of great men have graduated from this school and gone on to do things that changed our country and even the world. I also know men personally who have attended Morehouse. I saw a direct change for the better after they came back, and that is what I hope Morehouse will do for me. I want to not only get an education, but also I want to be a leader in whatever aspect of life I enter.

#### What are you most excited for at Morehouse College?

I am excited about the all-around college experience, but I am mostly looking forward to seeing the brotherhood bond and the bond that we have with our Spelman sisters. Every time I ask someone about the greatness at Morehouse they always tell me how every one is incredibly close and how they feel more connected with each other than most students do at other schools.

#### As you begin Morehouse, what are you most nervous about?

As of right now, I am nervous about if I will be able to schedule my time right. I know my major will be extremely difficult, but I also want to have the full college experience and be able to enjoy myself...but not at the expense of my studies.



**Artesse Conley Hometown:** Atlanta, GA **Major:** Biology

#### What are you most excited for at Morehouse College?

I am most excited for the experience as a whole; the friendships I will gain throughout my years and the knowledge I will attain in the process.

#### What is your favorite quote?

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." —Confucius

#### What do you plan on doing to continue the Morehouse legacy?

To continue the Morehouse legacy I plan to become a renaissance man by obtaining the "5 Wells." I will lead a life of leadership and service while making impact on the people around me in the process.





Reggie McCrimmon Hometown: Columbia, South Carolina Major: Business Management Minor: Drama

Why Morehouse College?

Morehouse was exactly what I was looking for in a college. It is a small school that is big on leadership and has proven alumni. When I took my campus tour I felt a peace about being here which settled that this was the place for me.

When the coursework seems overwhelming, what will you do to relax? During this past summer I have become and avid bowler so I will most likely go to the nearest bowling alley and roll some strikes.

What is your favorite quote?
"When you empower a Morehouse
Man you empower the world."
—Oprah Winfrey



Isaac Shaw Hometown: Dallas, TX Major: Political Science

Why Morehouse College?

I chose Morehouse because it is more than just a school. I believe there are universities, trade schools, junior colleges, military and then there is Morehouse. It is in a category all by itself. What are you most excited for at Morehouse College?

To be honest that is hard to decide; the mystique, the brotherhood, the rigor, the leadership, the Spelman girls, and the education. I want Morehouse to transform me into a better person.

What do you plan on doing to continue the Morehouse legacy?

I plan to submit to the true standard of Morehouse. It has kind of sunken in the past few years and its not spoke of much among incoming freshman but if I have anything to do about it, it will not die. I didn't come to Morehouse to take part in the death of greatness.



Jalen Law Hometown: Silver Springs, MD Major: Film

Major: Film Minor: English

As you begin Morehouse, what are you most nervous about?

I am most nervous about the workload and not being able to keep up with all the work.

What are you most excited for at Morehouse College?

I am most excited about being apart of a network comprised of the top African American scholars in the country. I'm also excited about getting away from my home in Maryland and seeing what Atlanta has to offer.

Who is your favorite alumnus of Morehouse College and why?

Spike Lee in my opinion is the greatest African American filmmaker. His films brought to light a lot of topics and problems that most filmmakers are afraid to do such as: race relations, racism, classism, crime, and political issues. "Do the right thing" is my favorite film of his. He wasn't afraid to make films that caused controversy. I plan to be just as good a filmmaker in today's society.



o, you've made it. After four trying years of diligently working your way through the proverbial maze that is primary and secondary education, you have managed to surpass some of your greatest naysayers' lowest and wildest expectations. You are attending college. And not just any college, but the "illustrious" Morehouse College; an institution with a history of helping to develop some of the brightest and most creative minds. Congratulations to you! You've come with your backpack of hopes and dreams, a measuring stick of expectations in hand, and perhaps a feeling that you have reached your due season. You have successfully managed to come from whatever background of which you were bred and overcome hardships. You've made your mother proud, become the light of your inner circle's eyes, and have essentially achieved all of your parents' aspirations for you in one dedicated decision. If anyone is owed a debt of gratitude it would be you, right?

Well, welcome to Morehouse College, where you are now amongst the "cream of the crop." You are currently among some of

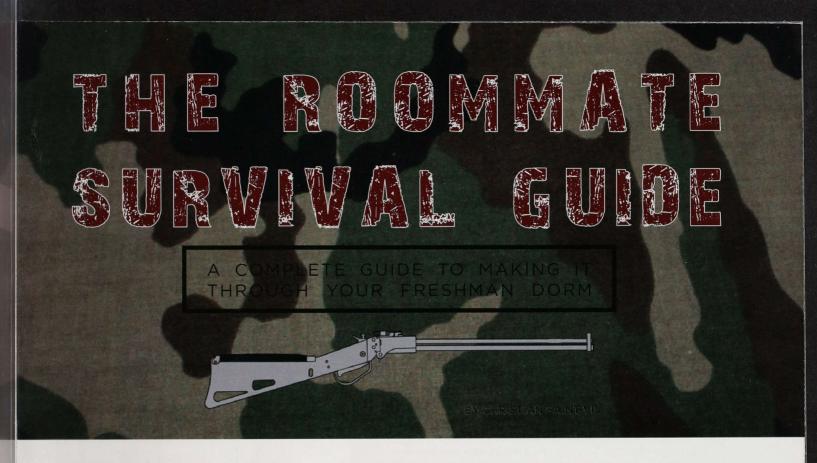
the most intelligent, well connected, and eloquent young men in the world. You are surrounded by men of distinction at an institution where a grade point average is only as high as it is relative to that of the man standing next to you. In your presence are future doctors, lawyers, entertainment executives, entrepreneurs, scholars, theologians, and so much more. Needless to say, you, my brother, are among greatness. That is not to say we are not individuals. As much as we are the same in the foundation of our goals and objectives, we are a diverse group of men. We come from different parts of the world and hold different beliefs and ideologies. We have different interests and hold entirely different perspectives on the rest of the world. We are a melting pot of young men who, even with our differences, have all arrived to this place with the breadth of promises beneath our very toes.

While it is great that you have achieved so much to be here, do not expect an abundance of praise. Not because those here are not proud of what you have accomplished, but because it is known, and even expect-

ed, for you to be at Morehouse College you are the best of the best. Here, my brother, we are not interested in where you have been; we are interested in where you are going.

A Renaissance man is a man who is committed to prominence and positive influence. He works tirelessly both in the classroom and community. He excels not only in academics, but in life. He expects the most of himself despite any doubts others may have.

In choosing Morehouse College, you have chosen an institution of self-prosperity, not just an institution of books. Everyday will be a lesson full of trials while you walk the path toward a man that exudes all of the "Morehouse Wells." However, each morning, you will wake up a bit wiser than you were the day before. As your brothers, we will see to it that you utilize the teachings you learn in your everyday life. It is not our prerogative, but our duty to challenge you. Welcome to Morehouse.



aïve and overly optimistic when it comes to living with complete strangers, many college freshmen enter their residence halls hoping to become best friends with their roommates. While this is possible, it rarely happens. Roommates are not chosen with the care one would think or hope. You may be a non-smoking, introvert who regularly goes to bed at 10 p.m., while your roommate may be an aspiring Bob Marley who enjoys hosting "socials" that have a tendency to last way past midnight. Despite the small chance of being friends, it is still possible to have a tolerable living environment with your roommate by taking the proper precautions.

#### Don't assume that your roommate will be a psychic and will know everything that you may find bothersome.

Beginning with your very first meeting, be honest with each other. Let your roommate know your living preferences and any idiosyncrasies that you have. Do not hide who you truly are like you may have when you filled out your housing application because you thought no one would want to room with you.

For example, "I need to have the air conditioner on at all times because I sweat like a pig when it is hot!" In turn, allow your roommate to inform you of their behaviors or preferences while you listen without any sneers of judgment. If you do not wish to grant one of your roommate's requests, offer a compelling suggestion and compromise.

Remember not to be a dictator in presenting your own needs, because this isn't a landlord and tenet situation.

#### Have respect for your roommate's belongings.

You and your roommate may be Morehouse brothers, however, you're not sharing a room with your thirteen-year-old brother any more. Borrowing without asking, is no longer permitted. Your roommate's belongings are just that, your roommate's belongings. Treat them as such. You may find that your roommate is an only child who has never had to share his belongs and doesn't take too kindly

to you touching his things without his permission. Regard his things, including his furniture, as you would regard sculptures at a museum. Yes, they are there for you to look at, but do not touch unless told otherwise.

#### Mind your hygiene!

Embracing personal hygiene may seem unnecessary to mention, but believe me it is. Many roommates have been divided because of hygiene. While you may grow accustom to your own must and clutter, your roommate may not find it to be pleasant. It is imperative that you shower daily, wash your clothes weekly (or more if you are an athlete), and clean your room every chance you get. For both you and your roommate, it is embarrassing when someone walks into your room and the first thing they say is, "Man, what is that smell?"

#### Give your roommate his privacy!

Don't be alarmed by your roommate asking you to leave to "entertain" his female guest. As my freshman year resident advisor once said, "It happens to the best of us!" In fact, be smart and take advantage of the opportunity that has presented itself. Your roommate is asking for time alone with a guest. If you are free and willing to leave, use that to wager with your roommate for something you want in the future.

#### Consult your resident advisors and not your buddies.

If you are having a disagreement with your roommate that cannot be resolved, please consult your resident advisor. Although it may be tempting to ask your friends for input, do not solely listen to their advice. Your RA is trained to deal with these issues. Many times bringing one of your peers into the argument only makes matters worse.

Bummed out yet? Don't be! Your roommate may not be that ideal person you were hoping for. In your eyes, he may not even be worthy of your friendship and that is just fine. There are eight semesters in your undergraduate college career and luckily you only have to live with him for two.

# top gadgets

BY O'KOYEA HUFF-BOONE

ike most colleges, to graduate and remain in the loop during your time at Morehouse you will need to keep up with today's technology. Below are some of the most essential and popular gadgets that you will find students using within the confines of Morehouse's gates.

- A laptop is an essential gadget for anyone studying this century. Acer offers no frills models for low prices and even Apple has a low-, but still high-, end MacBook for average consumers. Portable options include Asus's Eee PC and high-end options are Alienware's M17x R3 or Apple's MacBook Pro. Clearly the market is flooded with options, so it is important to do a fair amount of research before making your final choice. Some manufacturers even offer discounts for college students.
- After a long day of class, you may need some time to isolate yourself from your roommate or dorm mates. The Bose QuietComfort headphones effectively reduce outside noise by erasing sound waves over many frequencies. They also provide higher quality audio than most earbuds or on-ear headphones.
- Currently in its fourth generation, the iPhone continues to be the best-selling smartphone on the market. The current model is available in capacities of 16 and 32 gigabytes with color options of black or white. However, don't rush to buy this model. Apple is expected to release its fifth generation iPhone this fall.
- For those who already have a phone, but want to take their music and movies on the go, there is nothing as small, convenient, and well priced as an iPod. Variations include the shuffle, nano, touch, and classic.
- From parties to random nights in your dorm, you will want to have a camera near to capture those moments. Sony's Cybershot DSC-WX9 combines solid performance and portability with a low price tag. A similar, but more expensive alternative is Canon's ELPH 300 HS.
- Apple's iPad 2 is the best-selling tablet on the market because of its sleek design, ease of use and, above all, it is an Apple product. The only tricky thing about this gadget is distinguishing when to use it over your other Apple possessions.
- One of your most used gadgets during your time at Morehouse will undoubtedly be your flash drive. It is imperative to keep one near at all times. Compact and affordable, this piece of technology can be purchased in a variety of styles and capacities to suit your personality and storage needs. SanDisk's Cruzer is perfect for those seeking a basic flash drive.

















# IT'S NOT JUST FANCY GARMENTS...



BY KENNETH MCKOY

Being "well-dressed" is more than the new pair of oxfords you decide to wear to Crown Forum, that two-button double vented blazer that you purchased for the Coronation Ball, or even that Yves-Saint Laurent tie that you caught sight of for your next interview. Being well-dressed consists of the way you carry yourself and the way others perceive you. Your appearance is one of the first things someone notices before you are even given the opportunity to utter a single word. Furthermore, this is a new chapter in your life where you have the pen and the power to tell your own unique story.

Understanding the importance of appearance will only enhance your story for a more rewarding ending. There are certain things that a Renaissance man understands when it comes to being well-dressed. One of those being that proper attire dictates the seriousness of a man. He would never wear athletic socks with dress shoes, wear suspenders and a belt at the same time and he is aware of the difference between a suit jacket and a blazer. Use this time to enhance your knowledge and dress accordingly.

Your wardrobe should include at least one suit, minimum. You cannot wear khakis and polo shirts every time you are told to dress up. Quite frankly, that idea should be locked away in your locker back at your high school. When purchasing a suit, establish when and where you will wear it. This realization is critical when it comes to deciding the fabric, color, number of buttons and cut of both the pants and the jacket.

Knowing your measurements is just as important as knowing your social security number. Find a tailor and establish a close-knit relationship with them. It is amazing how garments that actually fit make you look and, more importantly, the proper fit brings about a new level of confidence that every well-dressed man should encounter everyday as they saunter down the street. When wearing a suit leave the backpack in your dorm room and opt to carry a messenger bag or a briefcase. Nothing is worse than ruining the structure of your suit because of a heavy backpack that neither compliments nor adds value.

Lastly, buying expensive clothes does not make you well-dressed. Mixing expensive and discounted, well-known and underground is the key to a wardrobe that is current and affordable as well as transitional. There are so many places in Atlanta to shop that offer different things for a variety of people. Always remember to be creative and smart when it comes to budgeting your money. Never hesitate to showcase your personal style and get noticed for all the right reasons. Also, be sure to find the common ground between being you while being conscious of what is appropriate.

Personal style adds to the overall worth of your brand. Set a tone, remain consistent and leave a mark that will be difficult to imitate and impossible to forget. Remember that fashion as a whole should be looked upon as an art. Use what you know and learn the things you don't to create a portrait that you find beautiful and others find enticing. My brother, take this time to embrace the true essence of what being a well-dressed Man of Morehouse College is all about.







JACKSON '56



**BOND** '71



SULLIVAN '54

# MOREHOUSE MEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

STARTING WITH ATLANTA

BY NICHOLAS BACON

"Over the heads of her students, Morehouse holds a crown that she challenges them to grow tall enough to wear."

—Dr. Howard Thurman '23
Educator, Minister, Theologian,
Philosopher and Author

o say attending Morehouse College is an honor would simply be an understatement. Students are not only held to the highest of academic standards, but they are also expected to develop spiritual strength, moral courage and sound character. Upon admittance to this institution, one is expected to be a representative of the school along with all of mother Morehouse's ideals.

One important aspect of attending Morehouse that is often overlooked is that our institution is in a symbiotic relationship with the city of Atlanta. With Atlanta serving as the focal point for the Civil

Rights Movement, Morehouse Men provided great leadership in defeating the Jim Crow laws once plaguing the South. Often referred to as the "Black Mecca," Atlanta would not be the prosperous city it is today without the contributions of some prominent figures from the Morehouse family.

Serving as the first black mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Jackson '56, used his determination to advance equality raised the bar the city's long term development, helping mold the sprawling metropolis of today.

On top of being chairman of the NAACP from 1998-2010, Julian Bond '71, helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and Committee on Appeal for Human Rights while still attending Morehouse College.

Louis Wade Sullivan '54 is the founder of the Morehouse School of Medicine, the same school that ranked #1 in 2010 in terms of social mission. He also served as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under President George H. W. Bush

Past alumni have undoubtedly proven their leadership, but what is there for the current Men of Morehouse to accomplish?

One need only look across the street into the West End to see that we have been given an opportunity that many in our city lack. As Men of Morehouse, it is our duty to not only serve our institution, but the community that it resides in as well. Academic achievement and community service are both paramount to rising up tall enough to wear the crown of our predecessors.



BY LANCE DIXON

ust like popular forms of music such as jazz and hip-hop, the AUC has plenty of exclusive lingo that could be confusing at first listen. Here's a guide to some of the most popular phrases so you'll be ready to converse (not "conversate." That's a word you should toss aside now) with your fellow freshman and the more seasoned upperclassmen.

**20 Questions | `twen•tē `kwes•chans|** *n*. List of seemingly vague questions that reveal truths, or not so true revelations to the AUC community. The Maroon Tiger's most cherished gem. Finding the answers is the hard part. Students understand it more and more as they advance in the AUC. You probably don't want to be one of these inquiries.

Brown Street | broun strēt | n. The main street on Morehouse's campus. It runs from King Chapel up to Graves and Brazeal Halls. The street's main attraction is located right outside Chivers-Lane Dining Hall, where students congregate to do everything from discuss The Maroon Tiger to debate politics. If the school has a "runway" this is it. Whether you choose to dress fly or frumpy for your next class, someone will take notice.

Club Woody | klab `woŏd•ē| n. Alternatively, the Robert W. Woodruff Library. Set up as a place to study and socialize, it received this nickname because the latter is often (usually) all that takes place there. It was recently renovated to include a café and is home to the Martin Luther King Jr. Archive Collection. Just don't forget to get a little studying done when visiting.

Crown Forum | kroun `fôr•am | n. The Morehouse community's weekly assembly in King Chapel. The name of the assembly comes from a popular quote from Dr. Howard Thurman '23. These sessions typically involve dynamic guest speakers, and while you may feel tempted to skip out on these keep in mind—it is a class that you can pass or fail!

Hump Wednesday | hamp `wenz•`dā; -dē | n. A block party style-event that occurs on Wednesdays outside the steps of Kilgore. One of the main attractions for incoming students who are looking for a way to blow off steam in the middle of the week. It's Spelman companion "Market Friday" takes place on Fridays outside Lower Manley and features vendors...and Spelmanites.

**Low-Key** [lō·kē] n. A popular expression or phrase that outwardly expresses what most people secretly know is true or occasionally a difference in opinion. "High-key" serves as an exuberant compliment to the phrase, stating something that is very obvious.

Matriculate | mə•trik•jə•leit | v. To enroll as a member of a body and especially of a college or university. In terms of the AUC, a phrase that often deviates from the denotative meaning and is instead used to express the act of advancing in one's collegiate career.

The Move | ðē moov | n. THE event, party, function or place you want to be at, usually on weekends, or following an event on campus. Said location is passed through word of mouth, social networks or text messages. If you've found it, you'll know.

**Pre-game | pre • geim |** v. n. To "prepare" oneself for a party or social event. People often overdo this and embarrass themselves. Can also describe an event where people gather to "prepare" themselves together.

**Probate** [`prō•`bāt] n. An event where new Greek fraternity and/or sorority members are "unveiled" to the AUC community. News of these will often be secretive and coded, so stay up if you plan to attend. Also, once you find out the time and location plan to arrive early, you might (will) wait a while but you'll have a good vantage point.

The Shuttles |ðē `shə•tls| n. 1. The Woodruff library shuttle buses. Stops on the shuttle include Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta's campuses, the library and the West End Marta station. Just make sure you're heading in the right direction. 2. The primary transportation for many freshman to parties and clubs on the weekend. Because freshman cannot keep cars on campus initially, if you are unable to find an upperclassmen connection they will be your main option. They are often very packed and when you're at the party make sure you listen for the call for shuttles or you may be stuck.

The Strip | õe strip | n. Street that runs from Spelman's gates to the Woodruff Library. Formally known as "The Promenade," this and Jazzman's Café (near the college bookstore) will be where you will spend quite a few late nights getting to know Spelmanites and Clark Atlanta students.

Stroll | strol | v. n. A frantic dance or routine performed by Greek fraternities and sororities, and also [NOTE: or in the past, not sure what the RHA has ruled] by freshman residence halls. These routines can often be volatile; the best bet is to clear the way to avoid an elbow or two.

Tailgate | 'tāl•gāt | n. A social gathering that occurs on the Saturday of Homecoming week. It is filled with Spelman and Morehouse alumnae and alumni and students alike. It's a highly anticipated event, for reasons we can't fully disclose in print.

#### BY CURTIS JACKSON III

#### FOOTBALL

The Morehouse football team had a fantastic season in 2010, which included them being ranked as high as number 16 in the D-II national coaches poll. During the four years coach Rick Freeman has been at "The House" he hasn't disappointed. His "play hard, smart, and fast" mindset helped the team reach an 8-3 record and Morehouse's first ever playoff appearance last year.

Although the Tigers lost their star defensive tackle Derrin Nettles, defensive player of the year for the SIAC, they will be returning six all-conference players including standout running back David Carter. Carter rushed for 1,400 yards last season as a sophomore, and will be looking forward to leading his team deeper in the playoffs this year.

#### BASKETBALL

The basketball team is slowly becoming one of the athletic programs students and faculty look forward to seeing play. Major improvements were made last season from the Morehouse basketball team, improving their 7-20 record in the 2009-2010 season to 14-14 (14-10) during the 2011-2012 season. The team won four of their last five games to earn the sixth seed in the SIAC men's tournament, but their season ended in the second round of the tournament against (3) Tuskegee.

With only three seniors graduating last year, the team is looking forward to returning several players with game experience, including several starters. Coach Grady Brewer should be looking forward to leading this team to its first winning season since 2006.

#### BASEBALL

With a tremendous lack of support from the students and the school, the Morehouse College baseball team is not one of the chosen teams to watch. Even though they are put on the backburner, the team still works as hard as the other athletics programs on campus.

The team finished the 2011 season with a 13-22 (4-14) record. Not being able to have a winning record at home (9-10) and constantly losing on the road (4-15) will not help a team in the long run. Also, their inability to bring in runs and a horrid 7.53 ERA was their downfall.

Sophomore first baseman and pitcher, Brandon Lowe, believes they have a better chance of qualifying for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament this year because of the number of players they have returning. Be on the lookout for pitcher Robin Bailey and outfielder Michael Young – voted second team all-conference players by the coaches in the SIAC – to lead their team to a better record in 2012.

#### TENN

The tennis team is another athletic program at Morehouse that has gotten used to winning championships. The Maroon Tigers captured their 29th championship trophy in 34 years against (1) Stillman College. The last marked their third trophy in three years as the number two seed in the SIAC tournament.

Michael Thomas '14 was named tournament most valuable player, and head coach Terry Alexander was named outstanding coach of the tournament. Students should definitely be keeping up with the continuance of this dynasty when they start their quest for title number 30.

#### IRACK AND FIELD

For the sixth straight year in a row, the Flying Maroon Tigers dominated the SIAC in track and field. This last title tied Albany State for the most track and field titles in the SIAC with 17. Head coach Willie Hill was awarded coach of the year and Novian Middleton was named men's most valuable track performer.

"The Morehouse College track team is more than a team, it's a family," Warren William, sophomore from Winston Salem, NC, said when asked about the Morehouse track team.

The track and field team has definitely earned the respect of the Men of Morehouse, as well as people throughout Atlanta and the entire country. William believes they will win title number 18 because of the work ethic of the team and the number of athletes returning in 2012.

BY MALCOLM TYLER

#### MUST-SEE EVENTS

**Event:** Morehouse College Vs. Howard University

Date: September 10, 2011

One of HBCU's most popular rivalries will be renewed when the Morehouse Maroon Tigers take on the Howard Bison in the Nation's First Football Classic on September 10 in Washington D.C. Presented by the United Negro College Fund, the Washington Convention and Sports Authority, the game will be played for the next three years at the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington D.C.

"The Morehouse Community is very pleased about the renewal of the much anticipated Nation's Football Classic," Robert Franklin, president of Morehouse College, said. "Alumni from both legendary institutions are excited."

**Event:** Morehouse College vs. Benedict College (Homecoming)

Date: October 22, 2011

This is what students not only at Morehouse look forward to, but what all students throughout the AUC anxiously await. Out of all of the homecoming festivities, this is the event that truly brings together the Morehouse family, both young and old. The Maroon Tigers are sure not to disappoint after last year's heartbreaking loss to Albany State University in which they allowed a go-ahead touchdown with 18 seconds left in the game. Moreover, this game holds a little more importance for the Maroon Tigers as they hope to continue upon the success of last season's playoff appearance.

Event: Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta

Date: TBA

After losing only three players to graduation, the basketball team is poised to take it to its long time rival Clark Atlanta University. Last year, the two teams split the season series with each winning on the opposing team's home court. The Maroon Tigers will be more than experienced as they return four seniors and three starters, including John Tassin '12, Adam Calloway '12 and Christopher Clark '13. With both schools being so close in proximity, as well as being members of the SIAC, this game brings an added intrigue to both the players and the fans.

"This determines who's the best team in the AUC," said junior guard Jordan Hall. "This is the equivalent of the Duke - UNC rivalry for us; they're our next-door rival."



Congratulations and welcome to the wonderful brotherhood that is Morehouse College. I am Lauren Marshea Wicker, a senior, economics major at Spelman College and your Miss Maroon and White 2011-2012. It is my hope that you receive this greeting with a sense of excitement at heart. You should be extremely proud of yourself! While many applied, YOU were chosen. Today marks the beginning of a remarkable journey that will undeniably change your life forever. I along with my court, first attendant (Ms. Ashley Calloway) and second attendant (Ms. Jessica Williams) hope to enrich your journey towards becoming Morehouse Men.

I am extremely excited about officially becoming a member of the Morehouse College family and so should you! I can attest that the Morehouse unit is truly one of a kind. Within the first few weeks of my freshman year I knew that Morehouse would be a place that I would soon call home. Today, my closest friends are Morehouse students and you too will discover and nurture relationships that will last a lifetime.

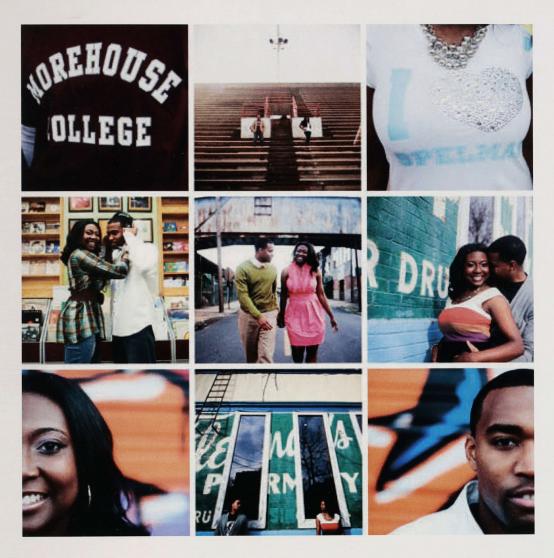
While, Morehouse is a remarkable institution all its own, it is one sixth of an even more powerful force that is known as the Atlanta University Center. With this, I challenge you to extend yourself beyond the realms of Morehouse and into the entire AUC community. It is here were you will learn some of life's most pivotal lessons

College can be quite the emotional rollercoaster but is definitely worth the ride. Although it can be stressful, it is also your opportunity to break away from the nest to find who you are and the individual you are destined to be. It's a time of discovery and you should be open to the many changes that are sure to come your way!

If you are not already, be assured that you have chosen one of the best institutions on God's green earth. Welcome to the 'House. YOUR house. A place where dreams are birthed and men are cultivated. Welcome to Morehouse College!

Peace & Blessings from your queen,

Lauren M. Wicker Miss Maroon and White 2011-2012



### THE SPELHOUSE CONNECTION BY KATRYNA MAHONEY

In the Atlanta University Center, there is no bond stronger than that shared between a Man of Morehouse and a Spelman woman. Ever since these institutions were founded, not only have they gained the reputation as two of the premiere historical black colleges and universities, they have created an unparalleled relationship which many know as "SpelHouse."

With New Student Orientation coming to a close, the highly anticipated "Operation Olive Branch" is the first interaction you'll have with your Spelman counterparts. Names, hometowns, residence halls and majors are always the basis of initial conversations as you meet new people and those who you first connected with through social networking sites prior to your arrival in the AUC.

Subsequently, the brother-sister exchange will allow you to develop a relationship with a young woman of Spelman; the success of which is up to you to create and maintain. Also, early in your freshman ex-

perience you will begin to build your close circle of friends while you spend nearly every night outside Jazzman's Café until 3 a.m. like the classes that came before you.

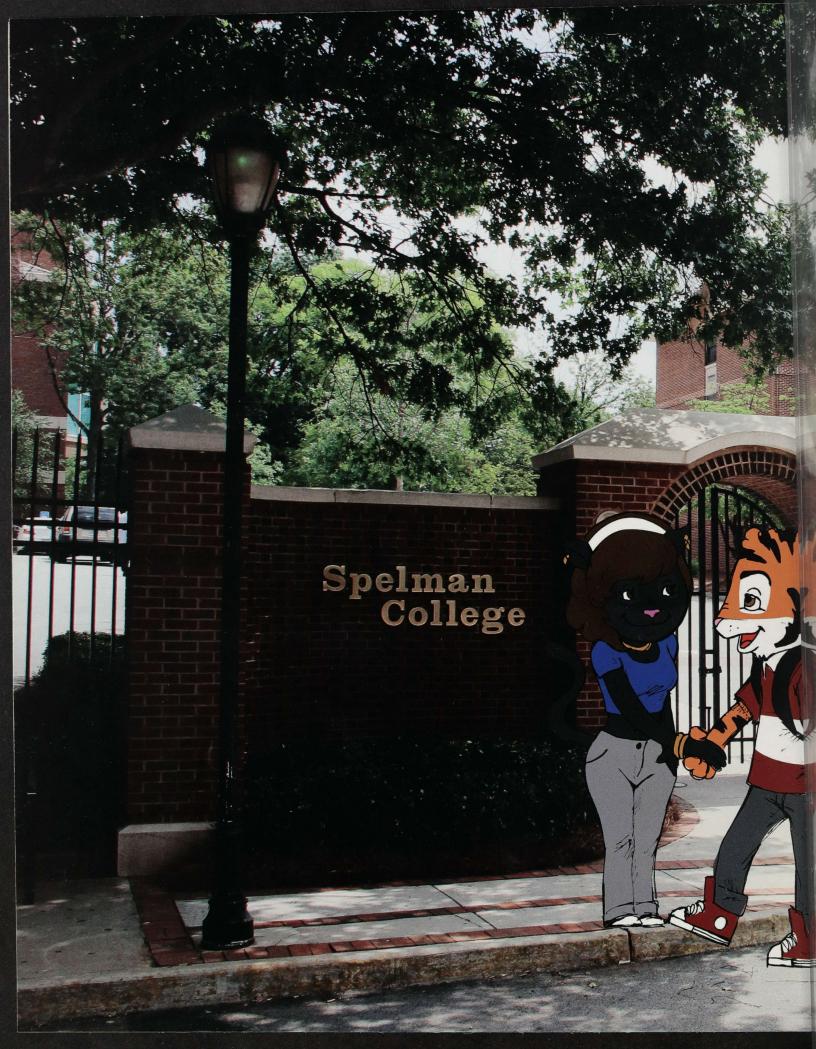
Although the brother-sister relationship is supposed to be treated as it sounds, romantic relationships sometimes emerge as you may see this Spelmanite as a special person to you. As different roles manifest you will realize these two schools are interchangeable. Despite the fact that these campuses do not have shared facilities, the SpelHouse culture is exchanged in a manner that allows you to feel that you're attending a co-educational college since you will see one another on a daily basis.

As you begin to progress through your first year you will develop a kinship between you and certain others. You will rely on one another for just about everything from schoolwork to personal issues. As you encounter multiple Spelman women you will realize how your relationships and

viewpoints of them will transform. These Spelmanites will begin to appear more than just intelligent and attractive girls, but rather people you create memories with that often last a lifetime.

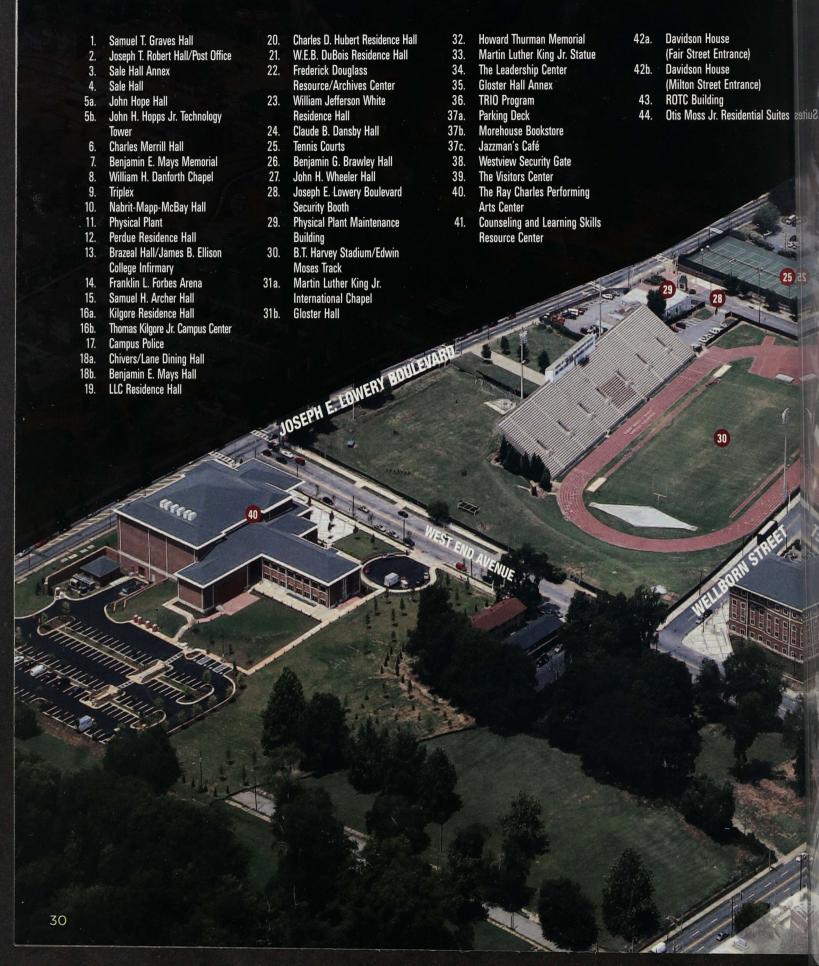
While at Morehouse meet as many people as you can, especially since you have some of the most brilliant and young women within your reach. They too understand what gifted men are found inside the gates of Morehouse. Make this four-year experience the most it can be. Do well academically, but create and manage your ideal social life as well.

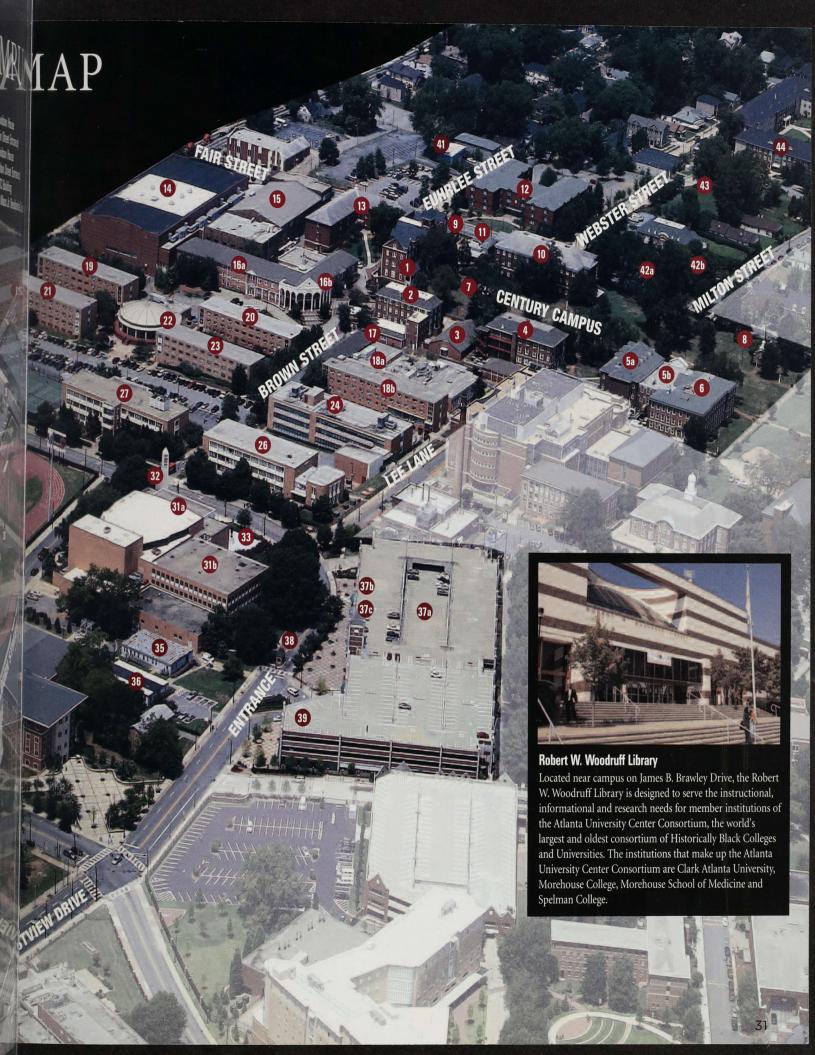
As you move through Morehouse College you will find that Spelman woman are not simply your counterparts within the "pearly gates." They will become your sisters, your best friends, and, for some, significant others and future spouses. These are the women that will support you in all your endeavors, make you laugh and cry, and will ultimately come to love you in a distinct way.

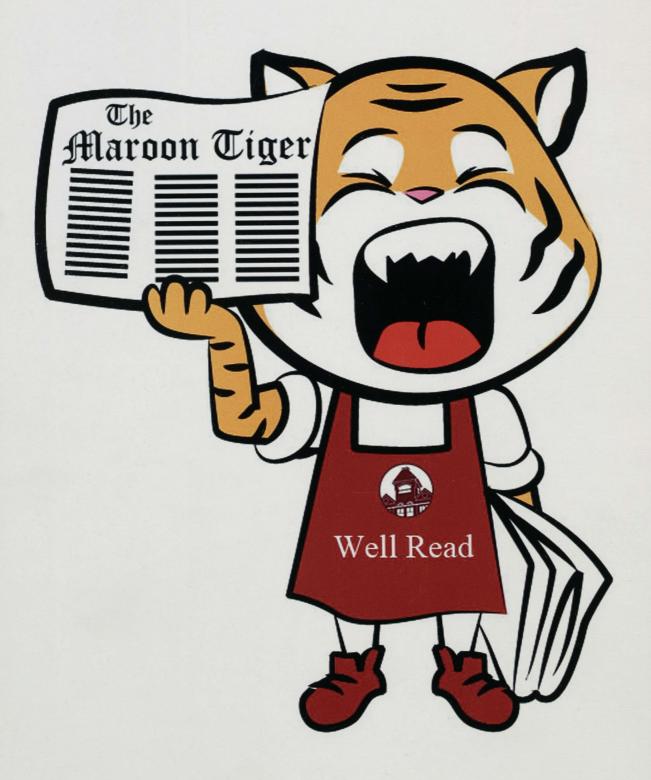




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