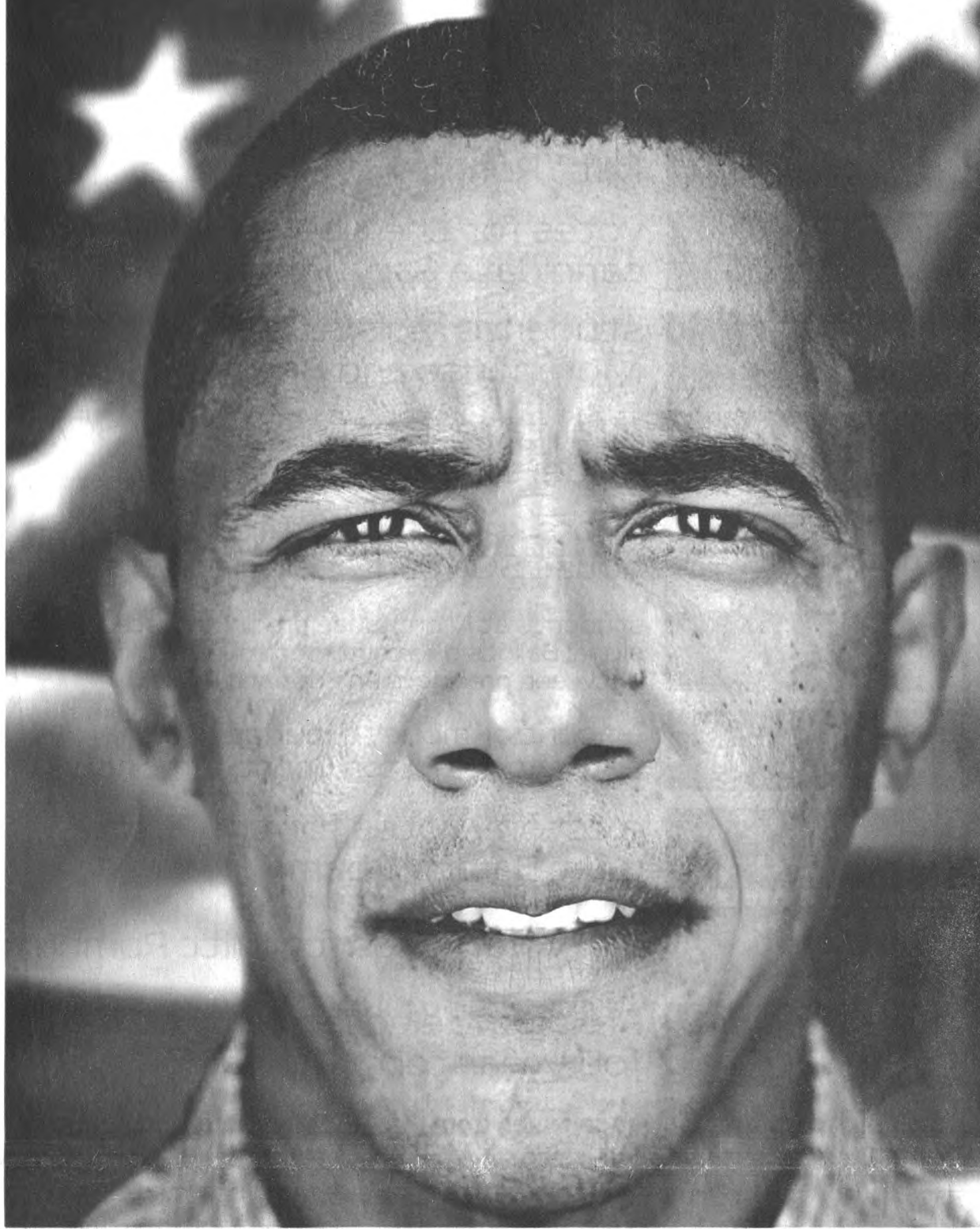


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44TH PRESIDENT OF THE
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OBAMA CLAIMS VICTORY THE STUDENTS REACT

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"Tonight, in this election, you, the American people, reminded us that while our road has been hard, while our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come," stated the re-elected President of the United States, Barack Obama.

The moment that CNN projected Obama with a successful reelection, there was a resonating roar of excitement in the Atlanta University Center (AUC). There was a picture, status or tweet of President Obama on every social network. Many students were excited as they felt as if their hard work had paid off.

Not everyone shared this sentiment however.

"I attended the Spelman watch party," senior economics major Ryan Macauley stated. "[I felt] quite indifferent; his record isn't the best and I don't have too many high expectations for him."

The issue for many people is the President's track record. There are not too many people that feel as if he has done much in his first term.

"He needs to improve the economy, first," Macauley says. "He also needs to work on actually bringing peace to the Middle East, stop the American policy of interference, and mend relations with Cuba. He should also consider on expanding trade agreements with the developing world."

Spelman, Clark Atlanta and Morehouse held watch parties in order to support both candidates. They all provided food and a good environment for people to watch and have a supportive, but scholarly discussion on why they support either candidate.

With reports emphasizing the role of the youth and Black vote, the voter awareness and registration efforts of organizations like the Morehouse chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta Student Government Association's (SGAs) were integral. Once again, the AUC has played a significant role in helping to determine the President of the United States.

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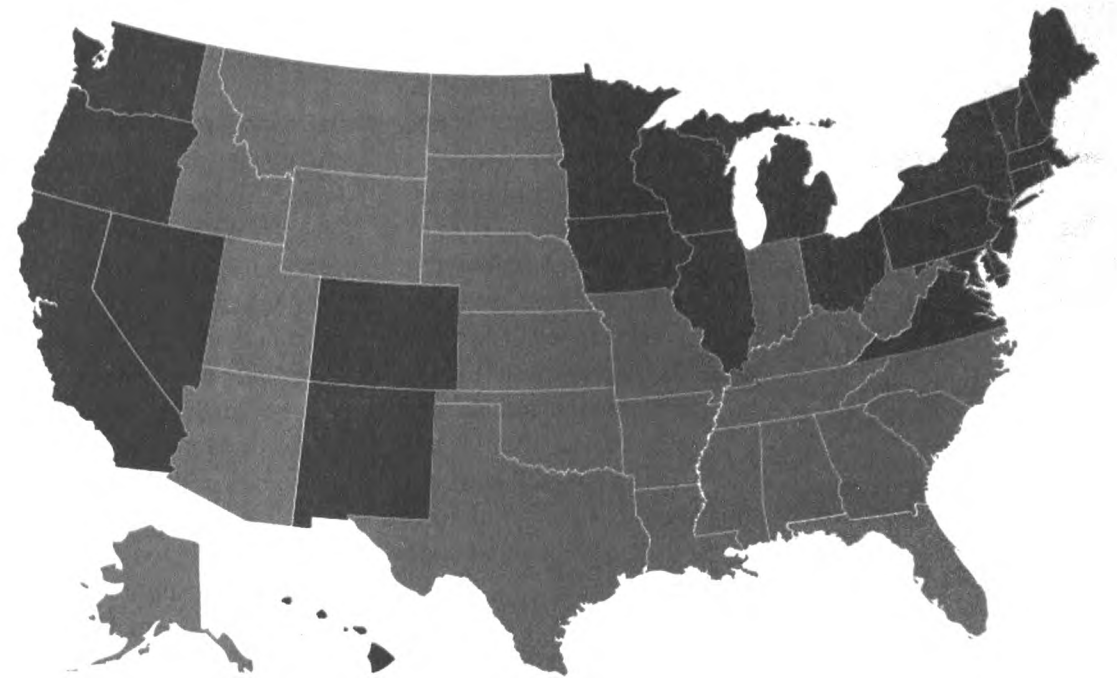
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BARACK OBAMA

POPULAR VOTE: 59725608 ELECTORAL VOTE: 303

MITT ROMNEY

POPULAR VOTE: 57098650 ELECTORAL VOTE: 206



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"First I would like to give credit to the SGA E-Board members, SGA Election Committee, NAACP, Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Young Democrats, and the Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.," Washington stated.

Washington, along with his teammates made sure that they registered and spread the word as best as possible.

"We spoke to small group of freshmen during Freshman Orientation and educated them on absentee ballots and each candidate," Washington continued. "We registered people at pageants, Market Friday and Hump Wednesday. I could not be more proud of the work we did in the AUC and the numbers we added."

Many students were involved in this process and worked extremely hard to ensure that every citizen was able to vote.

"After [Election Day], we believe that our efforts were not in vain," the Election Committee Commissioner Stephen Green, a junior religion major, said.

Green and his committee worked extremely hard on organizing certain events like Hump Wednesday and pageants. They also held trainings on campus to assist students in becoming deputy voter registrars.

"It has been reported that that the youth vote from 2008 was increased," Green said. "This can be attributed to our efforts at Morehouse."

"We went into the community in the cold and wet weather knocking on doors," Washington mentioned. "We called over 1000 people between Morehouse, Spelman, and the NAACP. It wasn't just enough for us to vote, we had to make sure that other people voted. And again, I just want to thank my team and everyone who participated."

HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR CHALLENGE

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It's that time of year again! On Sunday, Oct. 4, Morehouse hosted its campus wide tournament for the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) quiz bowl. This Honda sponsored event was created at Morehouse in 1989 under the direction of Dr. Anne Watts.

HCASC is a tournament that focuses on current relations, academic material, pop culture and sports in a quickly manner.

Before Morehouse can take a team to the National Championship Tournament (NCT), they are required to host a campus wide tournament to create the opportunity for students to join the team, and then they are required to host a Pre-NCT.

This year there were eight teams, each containing three members, one being a team captain. These teams were based off of majors, and results that were given from the "Power Search" pre-quiz. The Power Search quiz is only to give placement and create an equal playing field for the students.

The rules for the quiz bowl are as follows: there are three rounds (each timed at four minutes), the player must "buzz-in" and be recognized before answering the question. If the question is answered correctly, the player can answer up to two follow-up questions that count as bonuses.

The first question is 10 points, and the following bonus questions are five points each. After the main three rounds are completed, the teams enter a one-minute bonus round, which is comprised of questions based from a certain category.

The first place team was Khari Graves '14 (captain), Matt Kelly '15, and Xaundrea Tingling '12. Monetary donations were given to the first, second, and third place teams.

"When it comes to an HCASC competition of any

sort, be it national or campus wide, I, along with mostly anyone involved, expect focus from teammates over anything else," Khari Graves said when asked about efforts being made as a team.

Graves plans on going to the NCT and competing amongst other HBCUs to bring back a trophy for Morehouse. "In order to carry this strategy out on the national scale, all the members of the team need to be willing to be selfless and willing to take a back seat to another team member who may have greater knowledge of subjects than themselves," he said.

The coach for the past five years has been English Professor Charles Walton '86. He has been creating an environment for students to learn the material quickly and in an effective manner ever since he has been the coach. "I have always enjoyed 'quiz shows' (such as 'Jeopardy' and 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?'), but I was not aware of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge until one of my former instructors, Dr. Watts, approached me in 2008 and asked if I would be interested in taking over as the advisor and coach for the Morehouse team," Walton said.

Walton's goal for this year is to win the NCT. Last year Morehouse College placed third in the HCASC National Championship Tournament. He plans on making sure that all of the student-competitors are conscious of all relatable material. "My assistant coach and HCASC Institutional Representative, Mr. Eugene Finley '06, and I will work hard over the next few months to train and select the best players to represent Morehouse in the spring," Walton said.

Anyone who is still interested in being a part of the Morehouse HCASC team can still get involved. Contact Charles Walton (in Brawley Hall/Room 103-P) or Eugene Finley (in Douglas Hall) for more information.

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273,010

total number of votes counted in Fulton County, GA.

174,392

votes for President Barack Obama

94,458

votes for Republican candidate Mitt Romney.

3,376

votes for the Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson.

967

students registered to vote by Morehouse and Spelman SGA.

OVER 1000

Atlanta residents called by SGA leaders on Election Day.

50

doors knocked on through Morehouse SGA canvassing efforts.

174

students at Morehouse precinct casted Provisional Ballots due to miscommunication between precincts and constituents.

\$9 MILLION

amount of money in budget to improve efficiency of Fulton County Precincts.

303

electoral votes for the President Barack Obama.

206

electoral votes for Mitt Romney

ONE

President elected to another four-year term

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OBAMA ACHIEVES ELECTORAL VICTORY

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In the crowd at President Barack Obama's and Mitt Romney's campaign headquarters where they would both offer remarks about their respective fates, one would be blind to not observe the noticeable demographic differences between the two audiences. Romney Headquarters—middle aged, white, seemingly affluent. Obama Headquarters—minority, women, young people. Some say this is exactly the identity challenge the GOP faces in the future. Others say it is representative of an electoral conundrum for the GOP which is tied to shifting demographics.

Since the early days of the 2012 election cycle, Democratic and Republican strategists have summed up Republican nominee and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney's chances of an electoral college victory in one word: elusive. They were right. The country reelected the 44th President Barack Hussein Obama to another 4-year term in a sizeable electoral victory.

Some say this outcome for Gov. Romney was not predicated on his weakness as a Republican challenger but simply because the demograph-

ic shift in this country isn't in alignment with a party which has mostly appealed to conservative and middle-aged white men, a group which is shrinking as an electorate.

Demographic shifts over the last 20 years point to a problem for the GOP as it relates to edging out an electoral victory in presidential elections in the future. Republicans, traditionally, have relied on conservative middle class voters and affluent white men to compose the core of their electorate while Democrats have relied on a rising faction of women, minorities and culturally young people for their base.

It is for that reason that since 1992, no Democratic incumbent or candidate for the presidency has lost; and if they did, the margin was decided by one state. In 2004, Republican President George W. Bush won reelection by carrying the critical state of Ohio, giving him 286 electoral votes to Democratic nominee John Kerry's 251. In the historic 2000 election, the election came down to Florida, which Democratic nominee Al Gore lost.

According to CNN polling data, Obama won big with growing minority blocs; 93 percent of the African-American electorate voted for the President and 71 percent for Hispanics though Obama only won 39 percent of White voters

nationwide.

Recent New York Times, PBS, and Huffington Post electoral projections had consistently shown an Obama edge in the Electoral College well before November 6. This edge, some say, was partly because of Obama's appeal to the increasingly diverse electorate across the country. After all polls had closed and following the President's remarks to a crowd of over 20,000 in Chicago, CNN's most recent Electoral College projection showed the President had won reelection with 303 electoral votes, though Florida had not officially been called for neither the President or Romney.

Across the country, GOP candidates including Romney lost in states like Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico with growing Hispanic populations. They lost in states like Pennsylvania where CNN exit polls showed substantially high turnout of black voters and women voters.

"If we lose this election there is only one explanation—demographics," Sen. Lindsay Graham said in a Politico interview published the day before the election.

It remains to be seen what the GOP will do during the upcoming four years regarding some of the most pertinent issues of our time related to women's health, immigration and race relations.

CLAYTON COUNTY FACES LOSS OF ACCREDITATION AGAIN



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Fears of losing accreditation haunt many college campuses. One high school district in particular reserves fear of a similar feat.

According to AJC News, Clayton County High School District, home to over 51,000 Georgian

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students, is in jeopardy of losing its accreditation again.

"Clayton County school board members tried to allay fears that the school's accreditation is in jeopardy, but some in the larger-than-usual crowd doubted their assurances and made passionate class for changes," Tammy Joyner of the AJC News reported.

Students of the Clayton County School District fear losing accreditation for the second time in four years. In August of 2008, the School district lost its accreditation due to a "dysfunctional school board," according to Channel 2 Action news.

The district's accreditation was restored in May of this year, less than six months ago. Yet, many of the problems that led to the district's loss of accreditation four years ago, remain unresolved. Indeed, members of the school's board of education have failed to meet standards set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

"This week SACS cited bickering between board members as still being a problem," according to CBS Atlanta.

The tension between Clayton County's board and the SAC is one that scares parents, current students, and alumni.

While some point the finger at the Clayton County school system and it's negligence, others acknowledge the board's progress and believe that the SACS is simply holding Clayton County to a higher standard - one that is unfair.

"I didn't see similar action from SACS regarding Fayette County," R.T. Richardson of Lovejoy High School said. "It seems like this is just a piling on. We're being held to a higher standard. I think they want to make an example of us."

This proffers the question, what can Clayton

County do to prevent its second loss of accreditation twice in as many four years?

Morehouse junior Cory Dixon, an alumnus of Morrow High School, one of the nine schools in the Clayton County school district, believes the board must work harder to forge a better relationship with SACS.

"We lost accreditation my senior year in high school," Dixon said. "The ripples of this were monumental. When many of my classmates learned our diplomas were worthless, they dropped out of school completely. Four years later, Clayton County must learn from its mistakes and now work in a positive manner to ensure the interest of the students, first."

Dixon's emphasis on 'students' should serve as a wake up to members of the board that students come first. Consequently, board members and the Clayton County school district must promptly work to forge a constructive relationship with SACS.

"They could resolve this without any further action on SACS's part," Larry O'Leeffe, an education advocate said.

Only time will tell if Clayton County learns from its previous mistakes or repeats them.

THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE SANDY



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Images of cars submerged under waters three feet high make the horrors of Hurricane Sandy all too real.

According to the New York Times, 16 people have died in the U.S., and one in Canada, bringing the

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total death toll to 67 on Tuesday morning. Additionally, millions of Americans affected by the storm are without power, and have been cautioned to evacuate their homes due to overwhelming flooding.

Those who have been instructed to evacuate their homes are faced with another struggle, the struggle to find transportation. A majority of gas stations have been unable to provide gas to drivers due to the loss of power. Gas stations that do have power have been bombarded with people standing in lines for up to 16 hours.

"The interminable delay stretched to 16 hours at one Bay Ridge gas station, where would-be customers sat helplessly," New York Daily News reported. "Not even the

promise of \$10 in free FEMA gas calmed tensions in one tense 12-block queue along Bedford Ave. in Brooklyn, where tempers flared as desperate drivers tried to jump to the front."

Those traveling by transit systems have also experienced difficulties this past week. For a span of four days, the New York Subway system closed its transportation network completely. This only added to the frenzy that is being called the worst storm to hit the Metropolitan area in over a century.

Students of the AUC with family members in the storm anxiously look on television screens and read newspapers for information. The uncertainties of the storm, and those on the receiving end of its tumult have permeated the campus as swiftly as raging floods on the Eastern coast.

"I was really nervous because my mother and sister were not answering their phones for two straight days," Malcolm Farrar, a senior at Morehouse from Teaneck, NJ, said.

"Eventually I got a hold of them, and though they don't have power, they're okay. It's just a terrible feeling to know that your loved ones are living in this hurricane and there's nothing you can do."

Other students echo the sentiments of Farrar and reserve hope that relief efforts will restore the brightness

of the Metropolitan area once again.

As of Friday the Wall Street Journal reported that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said that 80% of the transit service in New York City has been restored, including the critical under-river connections between Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The restoration of the Subway system is a promising sign that the worst, of what authorities call the worst storm in the 108-year history of the Subway, may be over.

Organizations like Red Cross have also been instrumental in the relief of Hurricane Sandy. On Friday, Red Cross sponsored a telethon and star-studded benefit concert that raised over \$23 million to support victims of Sandy.

"We are incredibly grateful and humbled by this outpouring of support for those who are suffering as a result of super storm Sandy," Peggy Dyer, the American Red Cross Chief Marketing Officer, told reporters. "Our preliminary results of nearly \$23 million raised are an extraordinary example of how the American people pull together in times of disaster."

Indeed, the horrors of Hurricane Sandy present a time in need of collective efforts. Just how quickly these efforts are made, will determine how quickly victims of Hurricane Sandy return to form.

THE DARK SIDE OF COLONIALISM



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Colonialism has shaped our world for thousands of years. Many of its memories haunt those living in post-colonial countries today, and who were affected by colonial ruling. One such example is the country of Kenya, a country that was ruled by Great Britain less than a half century ago.

Under British rule, Kenyans were treated harshly, which resulted in the Mau Mau revolt,

one that unsuccessfully attempted to overthrow Kenya's aggressors. This led to a large-scale massacre of native Kenyans, with a few casualties on the British side.

Today, Kenya has a government independent from England with political parties and elections for federal positions. Even though Kenya has seen improvements over the years, three Kenyans make a shocking statement that accused the British government of torture under colonialism. This accusation sheds new light on both countries, and brings up a dark past that has been hidden for decades.

Wambugu Wa Nyingi, Paulo Muoka Nzili, and Jane Muthoni Mara have accused the British government of torture and other inhumane acts. Nzili says that he was castrated, while Mara says that she was sexually assaulted. These are only three out of the thousands of Kenyans who were

tortured at the hands of British colonialism, who are still alive today.

Still, they continue in their pursuit of justice and civil rights, demanding a fair trial against their aggressors in the court of law to prevent this tragedy from happening again.

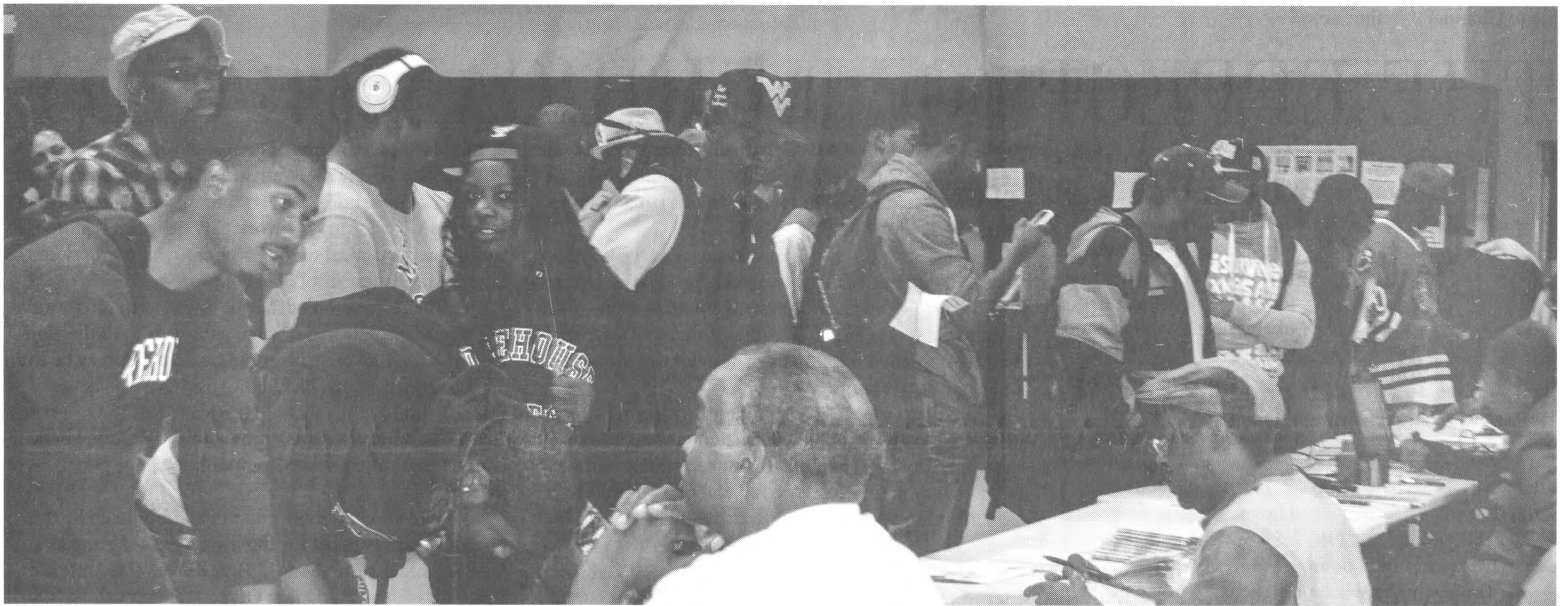
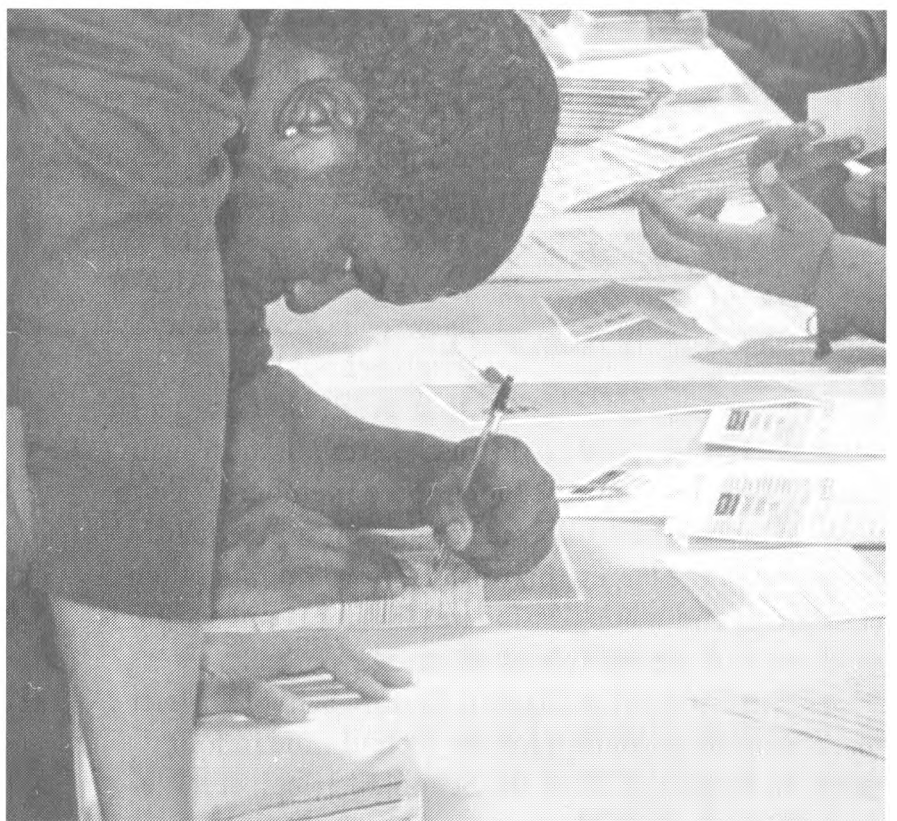
Al Jazeera reports that one of the high courts ruled that the complaints have "arguable cases in law" against the British government. The ruling focused on time because the British government already admitted that its forces committed acts of torture during that time of colonialism. The government, however, argued that the cases happened too long ago, and should not be brought to trial.

This shocking statement proves a formidable task for Nyingi, Nzili, and Mara who despite their hard work are up against a world power that have credentials and authority, but continue to fight for justice with their lawyers, despite the British government's response.

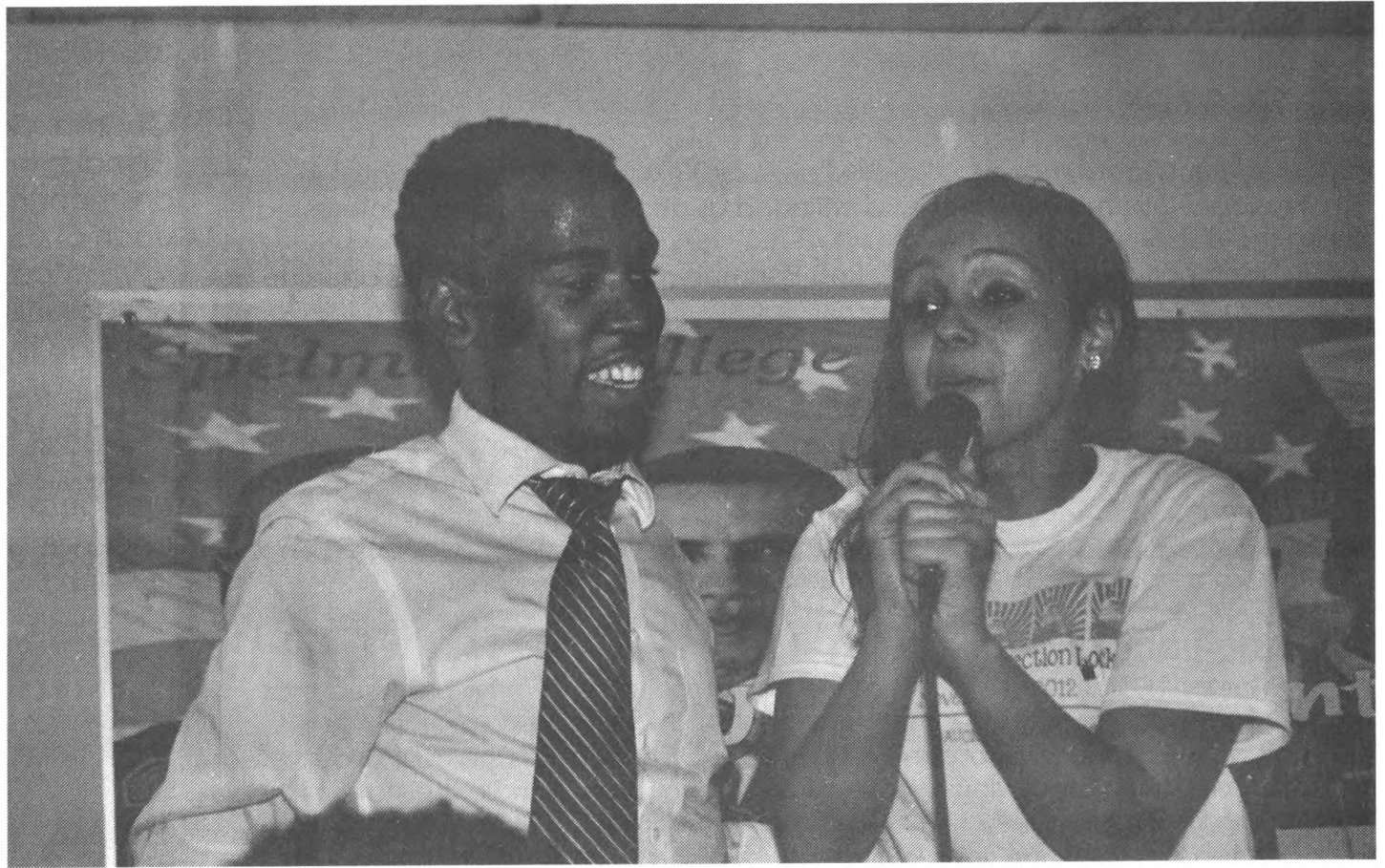
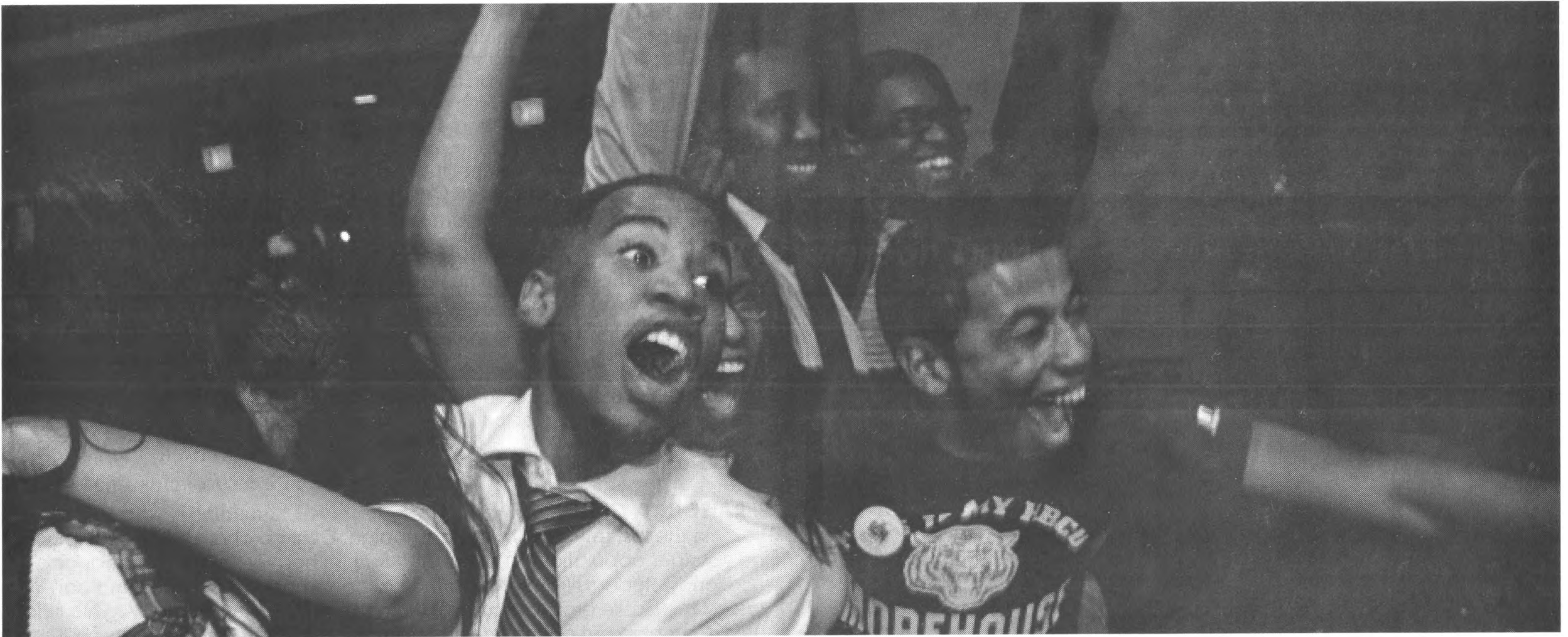
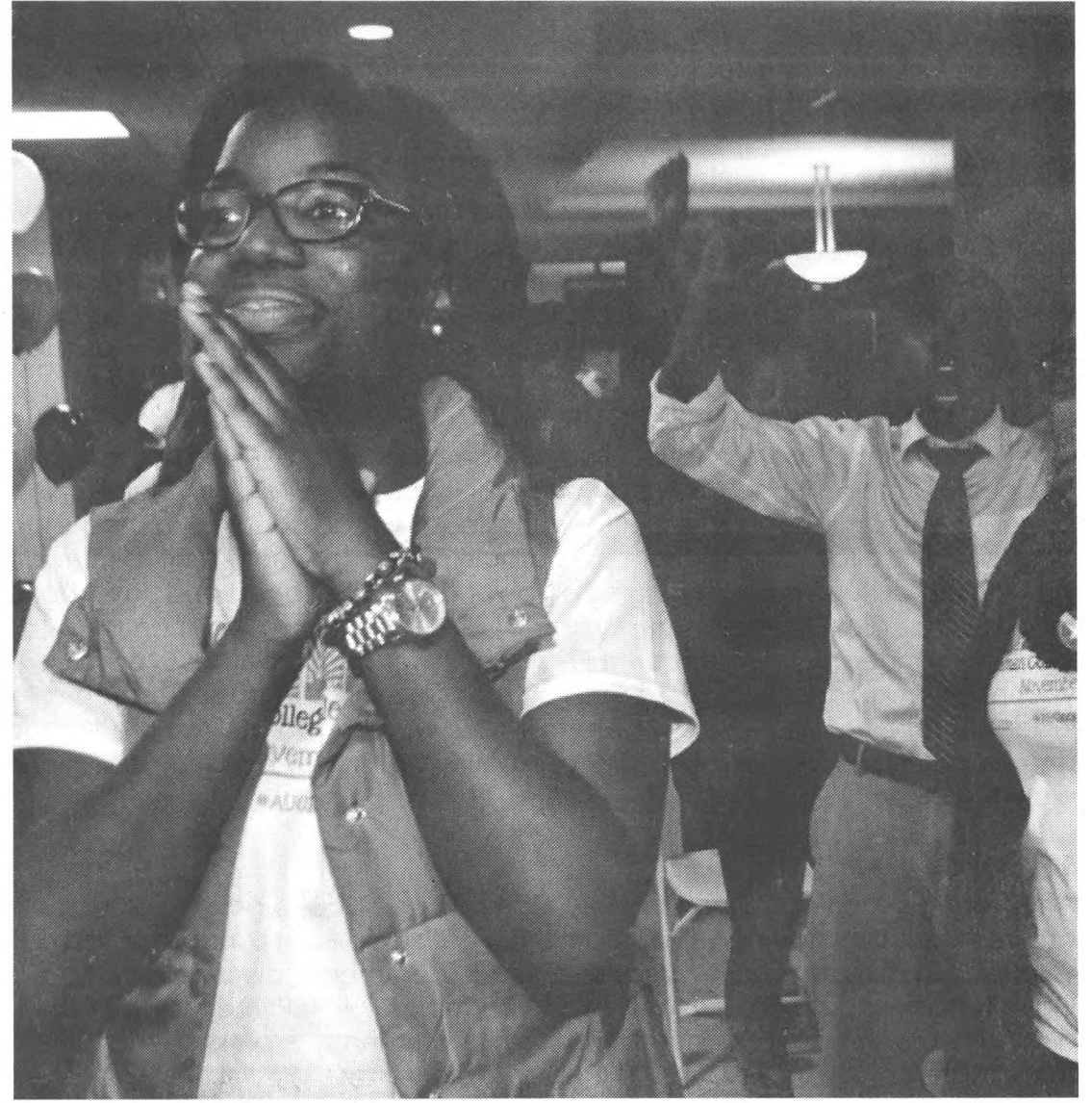
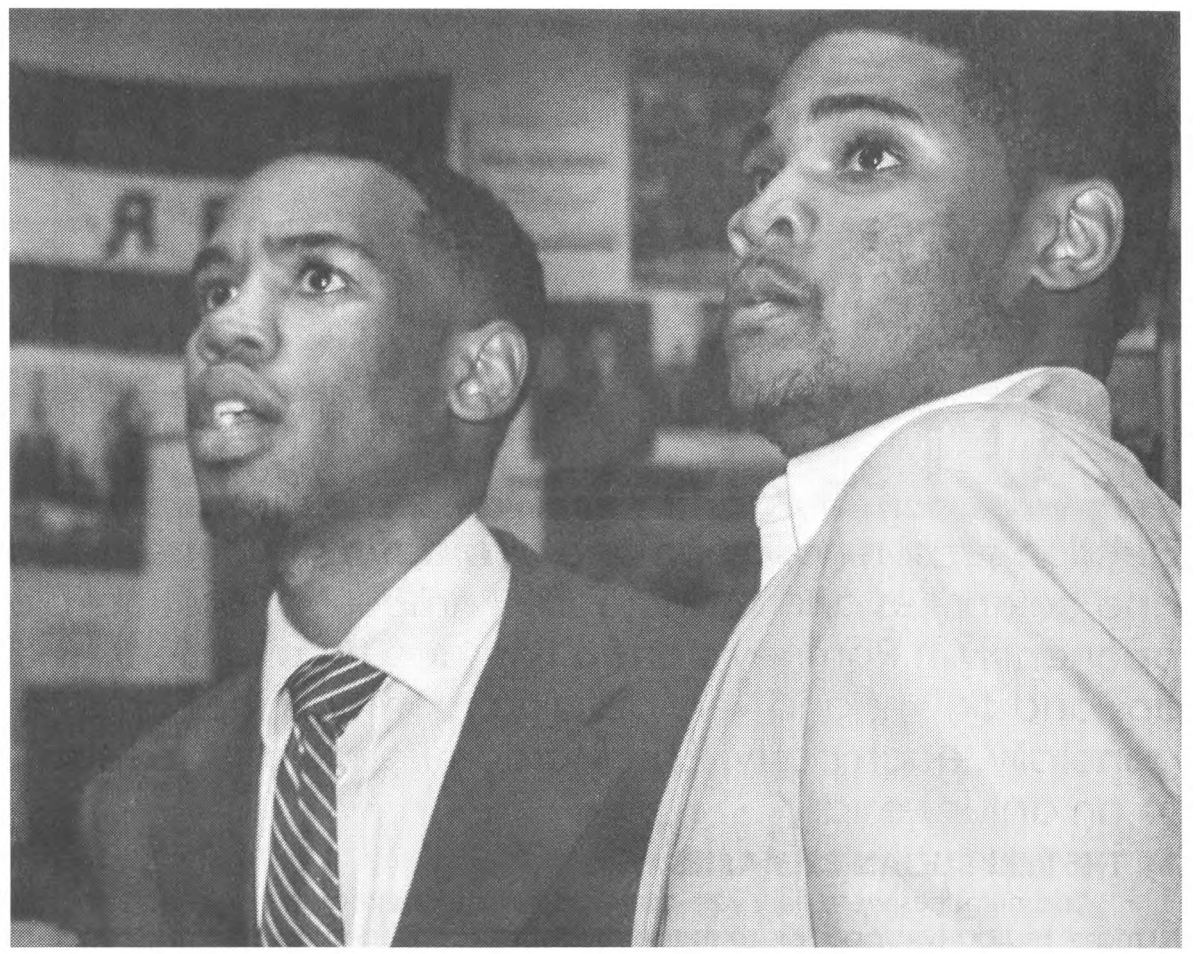
With both sides in disagreement over events, and with many witnesses deceased today, this lawsuit seems endless in sight. The British government doesn't feel responsible for its colonial past and despite continuing efforts from Kenya, it refuses to compensate the victims.

The British government has also tried to prove that the Mau Mau revolt was disastrous for Kenyan natives, but both sides are responsible for damage done to Kenya in the long run.

Only time will tell the outcome of this lawsuit, but the victims continue to press the British government for compensation and acknowledgement for their atrocious crimes against Kenya and its people.



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TOP 14 MOST EPIC MOMENTS OF 2012 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

Election season has been one characteristic of heavy social media campaigns, increased involvement by students and celebrities and an increased amount of political bloodshed by both parties. President Barack Obama and his opponent Mitt Romney started this race for president as early as the fall of 2011. This season has been filled with many ups and downs and very defining moments that changed many people's perception of each candidate and, more generally, each party. The Maroon Tiger wants to reminisce on this presidential election as people vote and it comes to an abrupt end.

14. THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

The primaries were fiery with candidates ranging from the most conservative to major tea party supporters to moderate republicans stressing the importance of intraparty collaboration. Of the many people who put in their bid for the republican nominee for president, a few stood out in the media: Texas Governor and evangelic Christian Rick Perry, Massachusetts Governor and Mormon Mitt Romney and African-American conservative Herman Cain.

13. SPEAKING OF CAIN

The most notable and relevant of the aforementioned to Morehouse was Herman Cain, a Morehouse Man from the class of 1967. During his run for the Republican nomination, he popularized a plan for the economy, which he conveniently named the 9-9-9 plan. The plan would replace the current tax code with a 9-percent business tax, a 9-percent personal income tax and a 9-percent federal sales tax.

12. GLORY TO THE POWER COUPLE

President Obama and First Lady Obama are apart of one of the most powerful couples in the African American community. They are resilient, visibly in love, independent and an icon for many other African-American couples. To create an even bigger power circle, one of the most notable moments where politics merged heavily with pop culture was when music's power couple Beyoncé and Jay-Z donated money at a \$40,000 per person event.

Beyoncé said this about the President: "President Obama, Everyday we see your heart and character, inspiring all of us to give more of ourselves. You are the leader to take us from where we are to where we need to be. You are the reason my daughter and nephew will grow up knowing that they can truly be anything they want to be."

11. AN OLYMPIC FUMBLE

After winning the Republican primary, Romney decided to go on a diplomatic tour of three countries starting with Great Britain. He stopped in London on the eve of the Olympics and in an interview made offensive comments towards the city, questioning its readiness to host an event like the Olympics. British Prime Minister David Cameron offered public opinions in response to his comments, expressing the cities offense to the comments.

President Obama regarded this as proof that Romney was not ready to take on the 'commander-in-chief' role.

10. LOVE KNOWS NO GENDER

American politics and communities have been plagued by the biggest question on the morality of gay marriage. In some states, including Romney's home state of Massachusetts, there is no ban on same-sex marriage; however, in much of the country, there is mass opposition to the movement.

Obama made headlines stating: "The government has to treat all citizens equally. I am a strong supporter not of a weak version of civil unions, but of a strong version in which the rights that are conferred at the federal level to persons who are part of the same-sex union are compatible. When it comes to federal rights, the over 1,100 rights that right now are not being given to same-sex couples, I think that's unacceptable," as reported by Polictico.com.

This open support from the president shook the LGBTQ community in America, driving their support for him up during this campaign. His support was strongest in Maine, Maryland and Washington, states with same-sex legislation on the floor.

9. GREATEST NON-CAMPAIGN CAMPAIGN TACTIC

Days ago we all witnessed history as Hurricane Sandy breached the shores of America's Mid-Atlantic and New England States. Devastation was widespread and very unusual. During this time, both candidates responded to this crisis as the nation coped with this widespread devastation.

President Obama publicly halted his campaign to help maintain the welfare of the citizens affected, more generally the citizens in costal New Jersey. Republican Governor Chris Christie praised President Obama for his genuine reaction and tragedy and prompt response to the tragedy. Republicans offered very disgruntled opinions about the Governor's reaction to the President, however, Christie was unapologetic.

This inadvertently for Obama became a huge move to increase his likeness with voters, even though he was not on the campaign trail.

8. RAGING ROMNEY

Governor Romney was a beast during the first debate. He came out swinging bringing his big guns, creating a new likeable personality critics said they hadn't seen from him. President Obama, however, was critiqued as disconnected and uninterested during the debate.

"He clearly won tonight," Sen. Rob Portman (Ohio-R) said minutes after the debate when interviewed by CNN new correspondents. "He told the truth to the voters and gave them what they wanted to hear, specifics."

Romney focused on creating jobs and cutting the deficit the most during the debate. He presented an idea of ridding the country of its debt, which Obama mocked as simply giving \$5 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans. CNN fact checkers found that Obama's interpretation of Romney's idea was false.

Romney's beautiful rhetoric, great presence and comfort on the stage helped him to rise to the occasion and debate well against President Obama, putting him ahead in some polls and giving hope back to the Republican Party.

7. FINALLY UNDER 8

When President Obama took office at the beginning of his term he promised that before he was out of office the unemployment rate would fall below 8%. When the campaign began, the Republican Party attacked him because he hadn't delivered on his promise and was obviously not equipped enough to handle the state of the American economy.

October 5, 2012, the Jobs Report was published which established a 7.8%

unemployment rate, down from the previously 8.1% that plagued his election. The last time unemployment was this low was before President Barack Obama was inaugurated. After this was released, Obama's support has a renewed vigor and hit the campaign trail harder than before counting down exactly one month and one day before the big Tuesday election.

6. WHO IS THE 47%?

The Telegraph reported that a secretly-filmed footage emerged of Romney addressing donors at a closed-door fundraiser where he appears to dismiss 47% of Americans as government dependents who will vote for the President so they can stay on welfare.

"My job is not to worry about those people, because they are going to vote for the President," Romney said.

Romney dropped in the polls, especially with minorities, including immigrants from Spanish speaking countries and Middle Eastern countries. Romney later issued a statement expressing his regret that the rhetoric of the statement was misunderstood, also debating the common belief that he was culturally insensitive.

5. SOCIAL FAUX PAS OR POLITICAL HUMOR AT ITS BEST?

One of the most memorable speeches of the entire campaign season was during the Republican National Convention when actor and director Clint Eastwood took the stage and offered a whimsical speech. In his speech, he pretended that President Obama was sitting in an empty chair next to him. Some critics received the speech as factual offering to the nation, fact checking and disproving most of the statements Eastwood made on the state of jobs in the nation.

"One advantage of being my age is that you know, what can they do to ya?" Eastwood said in an interview. "You just have fun and do what you think and then you can say what you think; you don't have to edit yourself."

This speech was a highlight of the convention enjoyed by many, including Romney. His speech also was a strong motivator for many other Republicans. On Twitter, many people regarded this speech as more comical and unfitting for the spirit of the convention.

4. 4 MORE YEARS...OF CLINTON?

Much like Eastwood, former President Bill Clinton gave a speech that defined the pace of the entire Democratic National Convention. In many polls held by the Huffington Post, this speech was the highlight of the convention. After the speech, CNN correspondents unanimously agreed that President Bill Clinton did a much better job telling President Obama's high points of his first term.

During the speech, Clinton talked about Obama's victories from the killing of Osama Bin Laden to the passing of the still controversial affordable healthcare bill, commonly referred to as Obamacare. Mostly importantly, Clinton expressed his ecstatic belief that President Obama was exactly what the country needed to move forward and he told every watcher that he fully supported the President. That one aspect resonated with watchers as Clinton is still one of Americans highly liked presidents.

"No president, no president — not me or any of my predecessors, no one, could have repaired all the damage he found in just four years," Clinton said about Obama during the speech. "But he has laid the foundation for a new, modern, successful economy, of shared prosperity, and if you renew the President's contract, you will feel it. You will feel it."

3. NOT JUST THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT

President Barack Obama became the first presidential candidate to cast his vote early in a Chicago precinct. This was apart of his initiative to get voters to come out and vote early to avoid the Election Day rush of precincts. Millions of Americans took advantage of this.

2. RAISE UP A CHILD

In the last few days of the campaign, Obama charged people, mainly the younger population, to campaign for him heavily. In the hundreds and thousands, students from around the nation climbed onto buses and canvassed the battle ground states including Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. Camping out on the floors of campaign-designated gyms and buildings, a sense of community was forged between those who participated in this historic event.

"I can assure you, this trip matters," Representative John Lewis said in an Obama sponsored email. "If you can empower just a handful of Florida voters to make their voices heard, you'll make your mark on this election--and play an important role in moving this country forward. Progress is fragile. It's up to each of us to protect it and fight for more."

Many Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta students flooded to both Florida and Ohio the past few weekends to show their support for the President led by student activists throughout the campuses.

1. THE VOTE!

President Obama was re-elected with over 300 electoral votes. His second inauguration will take place on January 20, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY VISITS MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

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What is the result of a nationally acclaimed university combining with the nationally acclaimed Morehouse College? Greatness. Syracuse University is set to visit Morehouse College on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Bank of America Auditorium to analyze the 2012 election from the viewpoints of prestigious journalists and political scientists. The program will discuss the key campaign factors in President Barack Obama's victory over Governor Mitt Romney, what role journalism played in the elections (i.e., fact checkers), and the future of America now that the election is over and Obama has been voted into office again.

On the panel are these esteemed special guests: Corey Dade and Michel Martin of National Public Radio; CNNPolitics.com Editor Bryan Monroe; Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Cynthia Tucker, now a visiting professor at University of Georgia; moderator Angela Robinson, the host and executive producer of local public affairs show "In Contact"; political science professors Dr. Hasan Crockett from Morehouse and Dr. Grant Reeher from Syracuse. Five out of six of the panelists are African-American.

Ron Thomas, Director of the Journalism and Sports at Morehouse College, reflected on how this extraordinary program was created with Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Communications.

"In 2008 we had a program here in Frederick Douglass Hall to talk about the experience of having a Black candidate who had a serious chance of winning," Thomas said. "This year we want to do the same thing except I decided it would be interesting to include another university."

Thomas reached out to Lorraine Branham, the dean of Syracuse's School of Communications,

at a National Association of Black Journalists conference months ago with the idea of collaborating on an event. He believes that this will be a great opportunity for students who are interested in Syracuse University for graduate school and a great way to publicize the new journalism minor program at Morehouse College.

"Syracuse has a very prestigious communications program and I believed that it would be a great experience to work with them in putting on a program," Thomas said.

Thomas also believes that the approximate 3,000 Syracuse alumni in the Atlanta area would appreciate being exposed to Morehouse College. Branham expressed her reasoning for teaming with Morehouse for this event.

"Syracuse University's Chancellor (Dr. Nancy Cantor) has been a big proponent of collaboration; I saw this as an opportunity to create a partnership with one of the best HBCUs in the country," she said.

Branham believes that this event is a great opportunity for alumni at Morehouse College and Syracuse University to engage in a very important conversation on the future of our country now that the election is over.

Branham was asked if there was any reservation with doing an election analysis a week after the president has been chosen.

"I think there has been so much build up by the time of the election that many people will be tired, but I hope not," Branham said. "That's why we really tried to give it a forward-looking focus. We're hoping with a distinguished panel of journalists we can have a really live and interesting discussion. We did want it to be interactive; we know it is possible." Both Morehouse College and Syracuse University plan to double stream the conversation (called video conferencing) from Morehouse to Syracuse and vice versa so that students at each school can see each

other and ask the panelists questions. Two sponsors for this event are the Morehouse College Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership and the Georgia-Pacific Foundation.

Thomas said he greatly appreciates the support of Dr. Julius Coles, the director of the Andrew Young Center who has a worldwide reputation for expertise in international affairs.

"Although not a dominant theme in the election, President Obama's superior knowledge of foreign policy turned out to be an important edge for him in the election campaign," Thomas said.

Georgia-Pacific Foundation President Curley M. Dossman Jr. is a Morehouse alumnus class of '73 and recent recipient of The Candle of Community Service for Morehouse College. He reflected on why his foundation decided to sponsor such an event. "Well, first I am an alumnus of Morehouse College and I also work with someone who is a Syracuse graduate," Dossman said. "But secondly, I believe that it is an event that would create a sense of hope and direction in not only students but the community as a whole."

Dossman said that this event aligns with two of the four key areas that the Georgia-Pacific Foundation focuses on, community enrichment and entrepreneurship.

"This event will align students and the community and will help focus on what is next for the future of America, but in a microcosm, the future community surrounded by Morehouse College," he said.

With a CNN editor, nationally known journalists, and high-profile political scientists on this panel, and a steadfast group of event planners working behind the scenes, this event proves to be the event to attend.

The program starts at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception at 6 p.m., both in the Morehouse College Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center.

FIRST TIME VOTERS

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Among the millions of Americans who participated in this election season, there were thousands of first time voters. Whether they were young, or people who finally decided to exercise their right as an American to vote, their voice was heard.

"A lot of the current AUC students weren't able to vote four years ago," sophomore Spelmanite Ervin Peavy said. "Now that I'm older, I realize the importance of voting and, it feels good to actually be apart of history this time and have a voice in who our president is."

During this election, first time voters voted democrat by a two-to-one margin. According to political news website www.reuters.com, generally two out of 10 new voters said that jobs are their main concern when it comes to the future president.

When it came to swing states some students went the extra mile to cast their vote in their hometowns to ensure their candidate received their vote.

"I'm from Ohio so the first thing I did was apply for an absentee ballot" Spelman senior psychology major Erica Hamilton said. "I knew my vote would make more of

a difference if I voted in Ohio then it would for Georgia. It was my first time voting so I wanted it to count."

First time voters everywhere had much thinking to do when it came to who to vote for. Each candidate held a different view on what is means to be American, and new voters are coming into their own reality of what is to be and live as an American.

Junior political science and Spanish double major, Juan Knatt, voted for the first time on Tuesday.

"I felt like a more conscious citizen then I was 4 years ago," he said. "Being a political science major, I'm faced with these world issues everyday in the classroom."

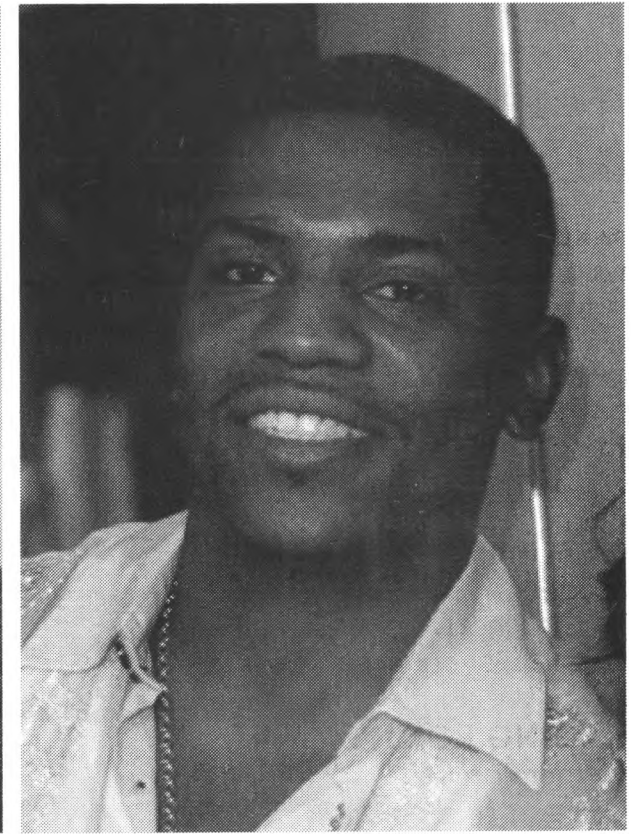
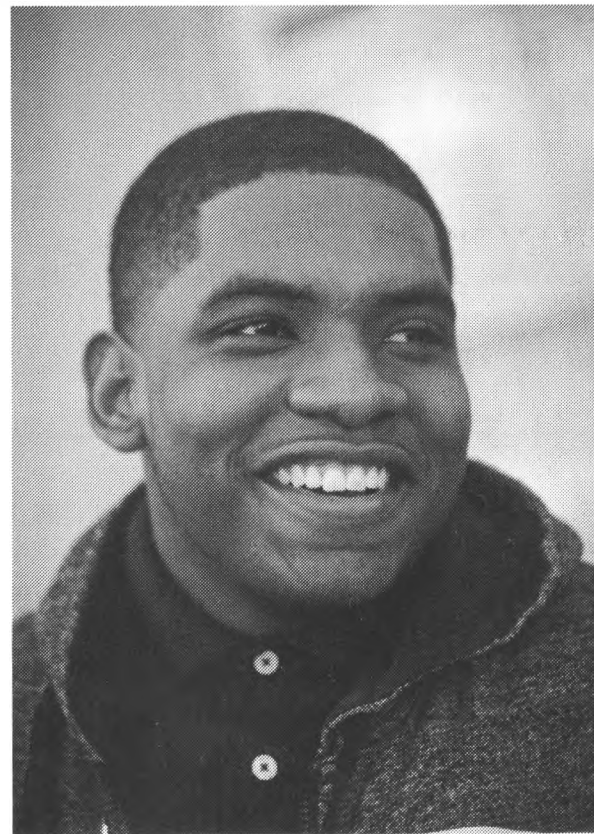
The New Orleans native went on to say, "I was really thrilling to be able to actually contribute something to my country."

Voting for the first time is not only another rite into adulthood, it also carries the responsibility one has a citizen to another level. You can now impact a government decision based on what you feel is best.

Junior kinesiology major AJ Arazani expressed his sentiments.

"Voting for the first time has had a major impact on me, because last time I was only a whiteness to history," he said. "My vote was for Barack Obama, when he won I really felt like I was apart of it all."

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WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

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“Hey, how’re you doing?”
“Blessed and highly favored, how may I serve you?”
“Can I have a biscuit, cheese grits, and hash browns?”
“You sure can, have a blessed day young man.”

Upon observing this quick conversation at every meal, you would believe the rest of my experience in Chivers Hall to be quite pleasing. This could be no further from the truth. Yes, the food is not a masterful meal prepared by a five star chef, but it provides my body with nourishment.

The disappointment I experience only strikes me when my eyes transition from my plate to my peers. Near the waffle machine, a student looks at a sign saying: “Do not put butter in this machine because it will cause a malfunction. Thank you –Management.” After reading this sign, the student puts butter and cinnamon into his waffle mix, leaves his cup dripping with batter on the counter, and departs to retrieve a plate.

At lunch, my plate is not garnished with fancy trimmings, but I am still grateful for what I am given. The next thing I see once I sit at my table is ten upperclassmen leave without picking up their trays.

“I’m paying 45,000 dollars to go to school here, they can pick this (explicit) up,” one of them said.

The other naïve nine idiotically feed their empty egos by joining in joyous laughter. After they leave, a seasoned woman who has seen the degradation of a generation rolls a cart to the table. I can see the silent pain she goes through to clear the table’s trash left by a tumultuous group of tramps.

During dinner, I walk toward my friends when a thought hits my mind – We have chocolate chip cookies for dinner. Immediately, I rush for the desert. I see there are four students ahead of me and there are 24 cookies on the tray – Three students snatched five cookies a piece! As the fourth student got in position to claim his prize, I hoped he would get one cookie knowing that I had been behind him. Unfortunately, he looked me in the eyes, reaches to grab both cookies with his hands and scurries to his seat like a starving rodent.

As you can see, I am not livid about food quality, but I am annoyed with you, the student. As students, we all say the hygiene is subpar and food mediocre, but we fail to realize the state of the cafeteria is made by us. I promise you the butter will taste the same on your waffle as it would in your batter. Have some initiative and be responsible for your own plates.

Do not let your culinary avarice lead you to leave your brother hungry. If you are supposed to have your brother’s back, at least have his stomach too. The easier we make it on ourselves and the staff, the more worthwhile our dining experience will be. Do not let your greed, pigheadedness, and impudence paint a picture that perpetually splatters your character. The staff works incredibly hard to give you the best they can; they are people too. Be patient.

THE LAST DAYS OF DOMA

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The Defense of Marriage Act, which limits marriage to heterosexual couples, was dealt yet another blow on Oct. 18 when the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals became the 10th federal court to find it unconstitutional. Previously, every federal court that has reviewed the discriminatory 1996 federal statute has found it unconstitutional.

The Obama administration fortuitously suspended all efforts to defend its constitutionality in court in February 2011, and it has since been further hobbled by an unbroken series of unfavorable rulings in the federal courts. The Supreme Court is expected to review the law sometime this term, and if the Court’s precedents are any indication, DOMA will soon be dead.

Section three of the law provides that “[i]n determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word ‘marriage’ means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.”

This section effectively applies all federal marriage rights, privileges, benefits, etc. only to unions of “one man and one woman.” It is an unequal application of the law that

appears to be wholly arbitrary, as the federal government has illuminated no compelling motives to justify it. This act represents little more than thinly veiled discrimination, enacted under the spurious guise of “defending” marriage. From what exactly, no one knows.

Alongside DOMA, 39 states have enacted equally pernicious statutes or amendments of their state constitutions restricting legal recognition of marriage to unions of “one man and one woman.” None of them are warranted by any legitimate compelling motives, and all of them are flagrant violations of the constitution.

There are patently no reasons to maintain any states’ refusal to grant the same rights and privileges of marriage to homosexual couples that it does to heterosexual couples. In *Loving v. Virginia* (1967), marriage restrictions drawn according to race were “odious to a free people” and emphatically unconstitutional. To draw such restrictions, according to gender, is equally odious and repugnant to the letter and spirit of our constitution.

Encouraging healthy monogamous unions irrespective of gender or sexual orientation only strengthens marriage as a social practice, and those opposed to marriage equality for all have failed to demonstrate otherwise. The court should strike down these laws and afford same-sex couples the same dignity we afford their heterosexual counterparts.

AUC IGNITES FOR 2012 ELECTION

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On a 49-degree night that followed a day without a single ray of sun, the landscape of Spelman College lay desolate. It appeared as any other fall night in which the campus seemed to stand still, but at its core, it was pulsing. The student body’s heartbeat rose and fell with fervent quickness as we congregated in Lower Manley, waiting for history to be made once more.

8:43 – President Barack Obama had 64 electoral votes to Mitt Romney’s 82. Although we knew it was early in the game, the room was crestfallen. It seemed like we took each Republican electoral projection personally, regardless of the state from which it came ... or its paltry amount of allotted electoral votes. Each update presented a fluctuation in our futures. With each red victory like a sharp blow to the system, the Romney victories jolted the crowd, reminding us that the President’s success was not promised.

9:00 saw Romney take six more states, including the Republican fortress also known as Texas and its 38 electoral votes, which despite its red predictability hurt nonetheless. Our hearts racing in unison, we stood awaiting a screen of blue. The room erupted in ecstasy as the President took Michigan, New Jersey, and New York, raising his electoral vote count to 123.

The entire group seemed to smile ear-to-ear as our generation’s greatest hero began his ascent to the winner’s circle. We reveled in our possibility. The Empire State’s 29 electoral votes brought the first great Democratic milestone of the night. The blue victory cushioned the blows dealt by the news that the GOP would maintain control of the House of Representatives, not to mention the gut-wrenching 41-41 tie for the Senate.

We watched the election as if it were a prizefight. Like Muhammad Ali vs. George Foreman in 1974, the President had a title to protect. With his greatness questioned and his leadership undermined by those who felt his time had passed, the stakes could not have been higher. Where he was once believed to be the greatest of his time, it seemed that his place at the center of the world’s stage was

slipping away.

Then the clock struck 9:30.

The President and Romney were deadlocked in Florida. With 81 percent of the battleground state accounted for, Obama held 3,518 million votes to his opponent’s 3,519 million. Fists up, the commander-in-chief rose to the occasion as his challenger lost steam. The President wasn’t quite in the lead but with a 10:05 projection of 147 Blue votes to the GOP’s 158, it was clear that Romney was losing his footing in the ring. Ten minutes later, the President took Wisconsin. As if his early victory in Massachusetts wasn’t enough, he knocked the Republican candidates off their feet as both Romney’s and Ryan’s home states went blue.

The next hour restored our faith. It was as if the momentum from 2008 had never been lost. 11:01 saw the President break 200 with Hawaii, Washington, and of course California’s promised 55. Each of his 228 electoral votes was a personal victory. Having exhausted his strongholds early, it was clear that Romney’s Foreman-esque retreat was inevitable. Minutes later, the Senate lay safely in Democratic hands and the President claimed New Mexico and Oregon.

At 11:19, with the political right hook heard around the world, Obama took Ohio. It was done. It was ours. With 274 electoral votes, it was determined that Barack Obama would have four more years in office. I have never witnessed a moment as beautiful as what occurred in Lower Manley in the final hour of November 6, 2012. Our happiness could not be contained. We seemed to envelop each other in a collective embrace with pride in our souls and tears in our eyes. “Obama! Obama!” we cried into the night as rain fell from the black sky.

We rejoiced in his victory, and in ours as well. We did this. Every AUC student with a voice and a vote secured the President’s position in our future. We assumed responsibility for maintaining the progress we could only witness four years ago. I have never been more proud of my generation, nor have I ever felt more fortunate to attend a Black institution. As I threw my arms around my peers, I couldn’t help but think that at that precise moment, this was the only place where God intended us to be.

~~TWENTY~~ FORTY FOUR QUESTIONS

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- 1) Have you come down from Studio 12?
- 2) Or are you still HIGH on cloud nine?
- 3) Was the 2 Chainz concert a little too off the chain?
- 4) Who was more TURNT: 2 Chainz or the audience?
- 5) So, how much scholarship money do we give to the football team?
- 6) Yet... how many games have they won?
- 7) Maybe we should follow in Spelman's footsteps?
- 8) Is football ever really the highlight of homecoming?
- 9) Or aren't we just waiting to TURN UP at tailgate?
- 10) Did we make enough money during homecoming to prevent the furloughs?
- 11) Or are we still relying on the boot man to bring in revenue?
- 12) Is that how he got money for his new truck?
- 13) Can I get a window seat?
- 14) For whom did the bell toll?
- 15) Did your brothers really have your back?
- 16) Maybe rain does stop the HOUSE?
- 17) Is that why Douglass was empty?
- 18) Or were their efforts not AWe-inspiring?
- 19) Aren't you glad the Obama administration isn't as lackluster?
- 20) Would we have marched in our maroon blazers if Romney had won?
- 21) Aren't you glad our president is still black?
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- 22) Will the real republicans please stand up?
- 23) Speaking of presidents, can we elect ours?
- 24) Or is it still taxation without representation?
- 25) Will the Cosmic Mother of Mo'hou be our interim president?
- 26) Or is our institution still against women in power?
- 27) Aren't you surprised that they named the auditor after a female?
- 28) Where was this enlightenment when Cosby offered us that brand new building?
- 29) Speaking of Spelman, have you been to Market Friday lately?
- 30) Has anyone?
- 31) Now that the petition has gone into effect, will BANS keep them from dancing?
- 32) Or will they just shake their HUMPS on Wednesday?
- 33) Isn't it probate season?
- 34) Will the reDS Triumphantly return from their long hiatus?
- 35) How does an elepHant ducK walk anyway?
- 36) Do they learn from the kids?
- 37) Didn't the children teach their competition how whip their hair bAK And forth?
- 38) Or was it too much of a serious matter?
- 39) Will this be a COLD November?
- 40) Or like last year, will they just put up a cold FRONT?
- 41) Are BLUE skies in this season's forecast?
- 42) Or will their return be partly cloudy?
- 43) With the return of the BLUE MAN GROUP, does anyone have an IOTA of hope for those guys in brown?
- 44) While you all are worrying about these Fall '12 bates, will you be crossing the stage on May 19, 2013?



MILES STONE: KIND OF BLUE

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If you stop Jovan Turner at any point around campus you will notice bags under his eyes, sweat around his collar, and dirt under his fingernails—definite evidence of a blue-collar lifestyle. If you take the time to ask the Morehouse senior exactly why he is so tired, he will reach into his bag, pull out his mixtape/street album "Blue Collar" (self-financed and released the Saturday of Homecoming weekend), and hand it to you, flashing a warm smile that only those from a rural area in the South can.

Centered on the life of an employee at a fictional fast food restaurant, the album cover simply depicts a young man navigating his way to work through a crowded area, but a deeper look into the cover reveals the overarching theme of the album.

"It's like I'm an average everyday person just heading to work at this drive-thru but the drive-thru looks like a factory a dead-end," said Turner, better known by his rap moniker Miles Stone.

Though there is a hint of desperation within the album, escapism, motivation, and triumph also seem to be prevalent themes throughout the album. Songs like "Up & Away" (a track that Miles Stone says defines him), "Going Hard," and "Grind" function as an instruction manual for those down on their luck.

To better bring listeners into the album's universe, skits are dispersed throughout the tape, and though they interrupt the album, it's an act that Stones insists is fully intentional.

"The interludes are from the perception of the person working at the drive-thru seeing these different things," Stone said.

Simply put, the album is a story based off of Stone's own experiences working various jobs as well as the experiences of others. Stone describes the album as "a story of a country bumpkin that has come from nothing and has happened to make something out of himself," however he remains weary of the "conscious rapper" title.

"Even though people describe my music as conscious and it can be seen as conscious I don't want to be categorized like that because life in general has it's ups and downs. Life is not all good and it's not all bad," Stone said.

The dual nature of life is put on display towards the end of the album, with songs like "Blow It Down," "Over," and "Paradise" (Stone's personal favorite) supporting Stone's multi-dimensional claims.

Stone asserts that it is the rapid pace of Atlanta in stark contrast to the molasses paced rural living of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina that motivates him: "When I got down here I saw so much stuff happening, but I wasn't moving fast enough," Stone said. "I remember those days: taking the MARTA, getting up early in the morning for school, and when I was done with school I had to go to my job."

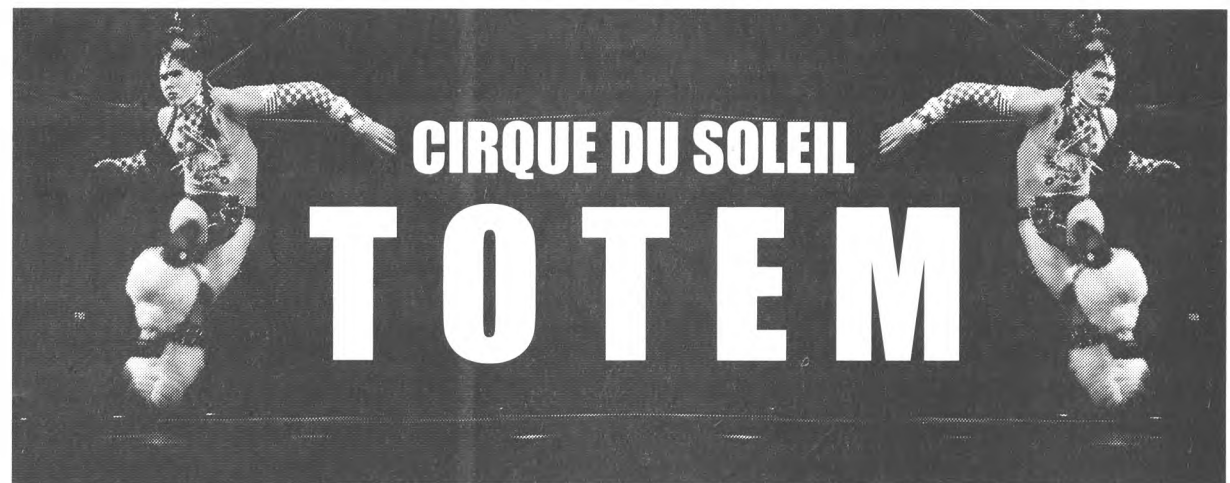
In addition to Atlanta, Stone cites his family and the dire circumstances of people in his hometown as a big influence on his work ethic, something that Stone relates to well.

Producers and features on the album include Clark Atlanta student rapper KING, producer/singer/rapper Sequence, Spelman alum Terri K, singer Tiara Michon, Morehouse student rapper Leeadrian, and singer Ciarra Strickland. In terms of the future, Miles says that he is venturing into songwriting, shooting videos for the eventual online release of "Blue Collar," and gaining sponsorships.

Stone insists that Morehouse's English department has contributed to his development as not only a writer, but an all around artist as well.

"Definitely so. It's basically like writing an essay," Stone said when asked about the Morehouse English department's structural influence on his project. "To go about doing a project, regardless of what it is, it has to have a structure—it has to have a theme. Blue collar was it for me. Like an essay, it flows."

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WEEKEND MOVIE WRAP UP

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New in theaters last weekend were a trio of high profile releases, including Disney's newest animated feature *Wreck-It Ralph*, a new film from Denzel Washington titled *Flight*, and the directorial debut of hip hop superstar The RZA in *The Man With the Iron Fists*. The three films come from three very different genres, joining recent big releases *Cloud Atlas*, led by Tom Hanks and Halle Berry, and *Argo* starring Ben Affleck.

Disney's computer animated comedy *Wreck-It Ralph* was the weekend's box office winner, bringing in about \$50 million in its opening weekend. No doubt that figure was boosted by the family film's 3-D offerings, and the movie's video game theme brought viewers to the theater, despite superstorm Sandy.

Utilizing the voice talents of John C. Reilly and Sarah Silverman, *Wreck-It Ralph* has earned an 84 percent rating from Rotten-Tomatoes.com, making it the best-reviewed film of the new releases, in addition to the highest grossing. Fans were also treated to a Disney animated short "Paperman," which showcases the cutting-edge animation techniques coming out of Walt Disney Animation Studios.

Presented by Quentin Tarantino, *The Man With the Iron Fists* is homage to Chinese martial arts films from decades ago, the very same ones that inspired the *Wu-Tang Clan*. The film provides a cross over between the legacy of those martial arts movies, and American hip hop and action culture.

The movie may prove disappointing for those not fully devoted to the culture behind martial arts films, making *The Man With the Iron Fists* more of a niche title than the weekend's other offerings. Over the top action and classically cheesy dialogue characterize RZA's foray into the unique genre.

Competing with *Wreck It Ralph* and *The Man With the Iron Fists*, Denzel Wash-

ington's *Flight* has received strong reviews, despite accusations of a melodramatic script and moral ambiguity, due to Washington's powerful performance as pilot Whip Whitaker. The film follows Washington's character, a man who abuses both alcohol and drugs, as he is forced to make an emergency landing. Directed by Robert Zemeckis, whose previous projects include *Back to the Future*, *Cast Away* and *Forrest Gump*.

Washington is joined by John Goodman and Don Cheadle, but carries the weight of the film on his shoulders as Whitaker is investigated for his role in the plane's crash landing. Whip is celebrated by the public for pulling the aircraft out of a nosedive and saving dozens of lives, but the audience is left to wonder whether or not his reckless substance abuse and attitude were responsible in the first place. It is here that the film falls into the realm of moral ambiguity.

Beyond Washington's performance, critics also praised Zemeckis's realistic depiction of a plane crash, a scene he's had practice with in *Cast Away*.

"The accident in *Flight* is freakishly real; it's one of those big-screen nightmares that will inspire fear-of-flying moviegoers to run home and Google car rental deals and Greyhound schedules." Manohla Dargis said of the *New York Times*. "It's a showstopper, with thrashing inverted bodies amid sickening screams and engine noises."

Flight may not go down as one of Washington's most memorable films, but he carries the movie in a way that almost no other actor can, giving validity to a character that would otherwise prove un-relatable. The film is currently listed with a 76 percent approval rating via RottenTomatoes.com

Along with *Argo* and *Cloud Atlas* last weekend's three releases add to an uncharacteristically strong November box office. The weekend of November 9 will welcome *Skyfall*, the latest James Bond film starring Daniel Craig, and Daniel Day Lewis's highly anticipated "Lincoln."



THE SWIFT EFFECT

LESSONS FOR "UP AND COMING" ARTISTS

You have to live in Antarctica to not know the phenomenon that is Taylor Swift. And even then, Antarctica is aware of the country superstar!

Since her debut in 2006, Swift has amassed a vast amount of accomplishments, such as six Grammy Awards, 10 American Music Awards, seven Country Music Association Awards and more. Although these accolades are nothing short of extraordinary, especially for someone who is just 22, her latest feat is what has everyone buzzing.

Recently, Swift's release of her fourth studio album, *Red*, awakened the otherwise "sleepy" music industry when it sold 1.21 million copies in its first week.

Here's the catch. Swift's album leaked four days ahead of its scheduled release date!

According to *Billboard*, Swift had "the best single-week sales in a decade since Eminem's, *The*

Eminem Show, which moved 1.322 million units in 2002". Swift's success begs the question, "What does this have to do with me?" With so many "up and coming" artists in the AUC, there are lessons to be learned from the country songstress that can aid in your future success.

Here are a few:

It's all about your craft: Even before the release of her 2006 album, Taylor Swift, Swift was given an artist development deal by RCA. Swift said during a *Dateline NBC* interview that she created more than 200 songs and was able to realize her artistry.

LESSON: TAKE THE TIME TO WORK AT YOUR CRAFT AND EVERYTHING WILL FALL INTO PLACE.

Discover your niche: One reason why Swift dominates the music airwaves is because she understands the importance of differentiation. Most of Swift's

songs are based on previous "no good" boyfriends. Although she is not the only one, or will be the last, to write about previous flings, Swift differentiates herself by actually using their real name in the song. Her hit, "Teardrops on My Guitar", is about Drew, a high school love that Swift says is the "only thing that keeps me wishing on a wishing star". In addition, Swift wrote "Dear John" about her quick and failed romance with crooner John Mayer.

LESSON: FIGURE OUT WHAT DIFFERENTIATES YOU AND MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE WORLD HEARS IT!

Cash in on your personality: Personality is the maker of all long lasting careers. Without it, then, you are doomed to be a one-hit wonder. The music industry is filled with many personalities: the diva (Beyoncé), the rebel (Rihanna), the award show disturber (Kanye), the multiple-personality artist (Nicki Minaj or Roman or the other 15 people).

In Swift's case, she has perfected the "girl next door" or "OMG I can't believe I won this award even though I've won it for the last 6 years" personality. She stays true to this personality in every aspect of her career, from music videos to endorsement deals. She understands who she is and doesn't diverge from it.

LESSON: BE AUTHENTIC. UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONAL BRAND AND NEVER STEER AWAY FROM IT.

Swift's career provides great secrets to aid in your success. She is in the age range of most AUC students, yet, she has accomplished so much. Pay attention to her success secrets, and maybe you will be the one with the next great feat!

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CHRIS TUCKER RETURNS TO THE STAGE

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He was your Johnny Booze in "House Party 3", your Smokey the super-baked neighborhood thug in "Friday", your Skip in "Dead Presidents", your Ruby Rhod in "The Fifth Element", and your Detective James Carter in *Rush Hour 1, 2, and 3*.

But on Nov. 9, Chris Tucker returns to the stage once more as himself to film a series of comedy shows he's calling "Chris Tucker Live Concert Movie" at the Fox Theatre in his hometown of Atlanta.

Tucker expects his live concert movie to capture the stories of his young life – becoming a man from a boy – while sharing the stories of him becoming an actor and a father with a humorous look into the world, as he knows it.

Though he may poke fun of people in his audience from time to time, he still wants everyone to laugh. "Even if I talk about them, I want them to laugh," Tucker said.

Sitting across from Tucker, now 40, in an interview in his Buckhead Hotel room, you could still hear the boisterous kid who screamed "I'm Detective Carter, do you speak any English?" in "Rush Hour."

"Comedy comes out of strange situations," Tucker said.

The youngest of six kids, Tucker raced his siblings to use their one bathroom daily. He took his humorous upbringing to school and after finding that other students found him to be funny as well, he took his act to stages across the world.

Despite the expected hilarity of Tucker's live concert movie, fans have much more to look forward to from him. On Wednesday, Nov. 21, "Silver Linings Playbook" opens in theatres and all can witness Tucker's joviality as the character Danny.

Even with all the viewer acclaim, for Tucker no movie can top "Rush Hour" and doing stand-up for Def Jam. Those were the highlights of his career and arguably the most fruitful, as just one "Rush Hour" film brought Tucker \$26,000,000 – a far cry from what most comedians make.

Nonetheless, he isn't the only reason you should see "Silver Lining Playbook." While Tucker may give us our sh%%s and giggles in "Silver Linings Playbook", we cannot help but notice the beautiful co-star Jennifer Lawrence from "The Hunger Games" and the charismatic yet wild Bradley Cooper.

"It was a smaller part than what I usually do, but I thought the part was really effective in the movie," Tucker said. "My character is a good friend with Bradley Cooper's character. They are friends that meet in a mental institution. His character is dealing with bipolar disorder. I thought not many movies deal with that and it's definitely out there so I thought it was a great movie. Great Director. David O. Russell."

After seeing the movie, it has Tucker's stamp of approval, which means a lot coming from a true perfectionist. I sat outside Tucker's door for almost an hour waiting to interview him as he rehearsed two lines for one of his videos. I think he may have continued seeking a perfect video even when he had finished my interview.

The inspiration for his jokes and his acting stems from watching Eddie Murphy, *Delirious* on HBO and comedic actor Richard Pryor, but his jokes are truly original and a reflection of his feelings. I have no doubt that "Chris Tucker Live" will bring its audience to tears. If it's Chris Tucker, you're going to laugh like everyone else or you're probably not hearing the words that are coming out of his mouth.



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While The Atlanta Hawks have been a very competitive team the last few years, this organization is rebuilding to become one of the top teams in the eastern conference.

While the Hawks have made the playoffs every year for the past five seasons, they seem to have hit a ceiling with the current players and staff, that have led to changes in the front office. The organization started by hiring Danny Ferry, from the San Antonio Spurs, to serve as the team's president of basketball operations and general manager.

Since Ferry became a member of the Hawks organization, they have been making transactions left and right, adding key players like guard Devin Harris from the Utah Jazz, DeShawn Stevenson, Lou Williams, an Atlanta native who lead the Philadelphia 76ers in scoring the past year, and trading for three-point shooter Kyle Korver. They also acquired a 2013 first round draft pick, while trading All-Star shooting guard, Joe Johnson to the Brooklyn Nets.

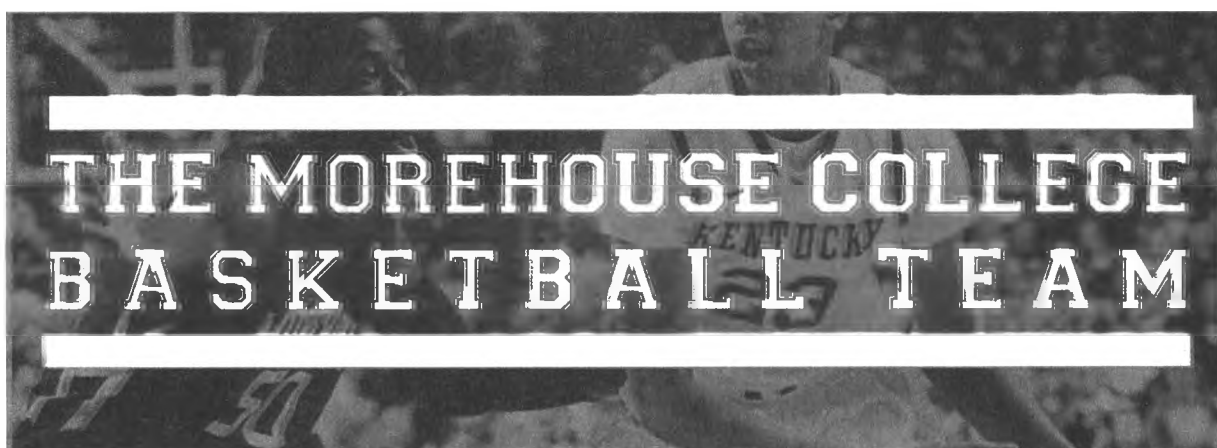
With the addition of these new players, the Hawks hope to switch things

up en route of a new beginning. Experienced starters Jeff Teague, Josh Smith, and Al Horford will be expected to step up and lead this new Hawks team. These three players have tons of potential, and always pose as a threat if they are playing on top of their game.

Consistently playing at a high level is what the Hawks need to work on most. If they can find some team chemistry with these recent player additions, they can definitely hold their own, and possibly make some noise around the league. After finishing a 2011-12 season with a decent record of 40-26, the Hawks look to make this season a more memorable one.

It's hard for analyst to predict how the Hawks will do this season because as usual they are very talented, but yet they always seem to fall short in the playoffs. The Hawks coaching staff will also be a major key if this organization wants to reach the next level.

Larry Drew and his assistants will have to convince their players to get away from their ball stopping offense and work the ball around, getting everyone involved if they want to succeed in the east. Also, Teague and Williams have to mature in the backcourt together, and become one unstoppable duo, along with Horford and Smith continuing to control things down in the low post.



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The Maroon Tiger basketball team will enter this 2012-2013 season with two players on the All-SIAC Preseason Basketball Team. Center Andrae Nelson was voted the pre-season MVP of the SIAC, while guard Shawn Allen was voted to the All-SIAC team.

Nelson, the teams captain and spiritual leader of the team, regularly led the team in blocks – 2.2 bpg, which was second in the SIAC – and rebounds – 9 rpg, which was fifth in the SIAC. While averaging 16 points per game, he also recorded 13 dou-

ble-doubles, despite missing five games with a severe concussion.

"It's a blessing and an honor to be picked in the preseason," Nelson said. "But it would be far better to be there after the season."

Allen was the second leading scorer in the conference with 18 points per game. Allen also proved his durability by playing in all 27 of the Maroon Tigers games, averaging 34.3 minutes per game. Allen had 13 double-doubles last season, and also recorded 51 steals, which was a team high.

Morehouse will begin the regular season on November 16 by facing the University of North Alabama, in the University of West Georgia Classic in Carrollton, GA.



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It is now November: Homecoming has passed; the World Series is over; football has reached its halfway point, meaning only one thing, a new NBA season has arrived. All eyes this season will be on the Miami Heat, the defending champions. There has been much speculation on the possibility of a repeat due to the additions of veteran guards Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis, two shooters that will definitely do damage off the bench.

While LeBron, Bosh, D-Wade and company start their quest to bring a third title to Miami, another super team has been brewing on the west coast, the always unpredictable Los Angeles Lakers. Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak has somehow managed to do it again, stretching salary cap limits to acquire all-star guard and former league MVP Steve Nash and three-time Defensive Player of the Year Dwight Howard. Sending away injury prone center Andrew Bynum to Philly may have made stakes high as far as team chemistry is concerned, but with a now star-studded cast, the rewards seem much higher and Kobe's sixth ring much closer in reach.

The Oklahoma City Thunder are still the reigning Western Conference Champions, but will the revamped Lakers and the loss of last season's Sixth Man of the Year, James Harden, knock them off the path to another finals run? Another big question many will ask themselves this season is if James Harden is really worth \$80 million? The Houston Rockets think so. Harden is a dominant player, so it will be interesting to see how he plays outside

the shadows of Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook for once.

But what about Boston? The Celtics have tried to make up for the loss of Ray Allen by picking up Jason Terry and Courtney Lee. Boston's big three have now come down to Rajon Rondo, Paul Pierce, and Kevin Garnett. Rondo will be expected to be stellar on offense and remain aggressive on defense as usual while the season only can tell whether Pierce and Garnett's bodies have enough left in them for another title run.

NBA fans should also keep a look out for the Indiana Pacers and Brooklyn Nets. Indiana pushed the Heat to six games last season and has retained the majority of their roster minus Danny Granger, who might be out indefinitely with knee soreness. Expect another deep run by the Pacers, as well as a playoff appearance by the recently relocated Nets. Deron Williams finally has some company in the backcourt with Joe Johnson. The six-time All-Star was Atlanta's franchise player for the past seven seasons and will now look to help challenge the Knicks in the battle of New York Basketball.

The Los Angeles Clippers will probably be the surprise team of the year simply because of how deep their roster is. Few forwards and stop Blake Griffin in the post and Chris Paul may now be the best closer in the game. The San Antonio Spurs become another year older, but will still remain a threat, but the same cannot be said for the Chicago Bulls, who have gotten rid of their entire bench from last year and will only tread water until Derrick Rose's return late in the season. Overall, the 2012-2013 season should be thoroughly entertaining, with a few surprises here and there, but the same role players will shine again.

SIAC PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	HT	CL	P	TOWN
Cablin Thomas	Tuskegee Univ.	6-0	SR.	G	Eufaula, AL
Terrence Bowman	Clarkin	6-4	SR	G	Cairo, GA
Shawn Allen	Morehouse	6-5	SR	G	New Orleans, LA
Xavier Ollier	Benedict	5-11	SR	G	Augusta, GA
Darrin Ford	Stillman	6-5	SR	G	Birmingham, AL
Jeffery Wherry	Stillman	5-8	JR	G	Huntsville, AL
Brandon Davey	Ft. Valley St.	6-6	JR	F	Warner Robins, GA
Latharius Rhone	Stillman	6-5	SR	F	Fairfield, AL
Andrae Nelson	Morehouse	6-6	SR	C	Valley Stream, NY
Brandon Barrett	Kentucky St.	6-2	JR	F	Evansville, IN

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EAST DIVISION

WEST DIVISION

1. BENEDICT COLLEGE
2. PAINE COLLEGE
3. CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
4. FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
5. ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
6. MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
7. CLARKIN UNIVERSITY

1. STILLMAN COLLEGE
2. TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
3. LEMOYNE-OWEN COLLEGE
4. KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
5. MILES COLLEGE
6. LANE COLLEGE

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Andrae Nelson Morehouse Valley Stream, NY