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As Dr. Robert M. Franklin '75 makes way for the 11th President of the College, The Maroon Tiger takes the time to analyze Franklin's contribution to this great institution over his five year tenure. Take a look at Franklin's impact on Morehouse College:

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STUDENTS REACT TO BOARD'S SELECTION OF 11TH PRESIDENT



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Social media exploded just after 10 A.M. on Monday morning as the Board of Trustees led by Chairman Robert Davidson announced the selection of Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr. '79 as the 11th President of Morehouse College.

"Pleasantly surprised John Wilson will be able to assume the presidency so soon," junior Anthony Simonton said following the announcement that spread like wildfire on Twitter.

Though many were pleased with Wilson's fundraising prowess as associate provost at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as an Obama appointee, others expressed their discomfort with the deviation from the 2007 Presidential Search in which the final three candidates - Wilson, Franklin, and Dr. Calvin Butts - were all invited to meet with students before a final selection was made.

"Why didn't we get to meet him before he was selected," one student tweeted.

Alumni also lauded the appointment while still expressing concern about the secrecy shrouded around the selection process.

"I still wish my alma mater @morehouse would

have some transparency in choosing its leadership," Associate Professor at City University of New York and Morehouse alumnus Dr. L'Heureux Lewis said.

The announcement hit social media networks just after the decision was announced to faculty and alumni via email.

"The Morehouse College Board of Trustees today announced that Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr. has been named the College's 11th president," the press release said. "The appointment follows a rigorous, nationwide search conducted with professional recruitment firm Heidrick & Struggles."

"Dr. Wilson has the vision, experience and passion to ensure that Morehouse continues to advance its aim of producing global leaders who will continue to make a difference in the world," Chairman Davidson also said in the statement.

Wilson was selected to lead the college after having worked alongside The White House, 32 federal agencies and private agencies to increase the capital of HBCUs nationwide.

"I wish John the best as he takes on this important new role as the president of Morehouse College and as he continues to inspire more of our nation's youth to pursue higher education," President Obama said in the statement.

Wilson is expected to take over as president at the end of January 2013. Interim Provost Willis Sheftall will serve as acting president until Wilson's arrival.

FRANKLIN BIDS FAREWELL IN FINAL ADDRESS

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In 2007, the Morehouse Board of Trustees declared Rev. Dr. Robert Michael Franklin Jr. '75 the 10th president of Morehouse College. Having given the college five and a half years of dedicated, committed service, he has decided to return to his true passion, teaching.

There were many students, faculty, staff and alumni in attendance to give their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Franklin this past Sunday at his final address to the College. His mother and family were also in attendance. The service was occupied with songs, dance, litanies, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Franklin was honored with an oil painting that depicts the initiatives that he has implemented and task that he has completed during his tenure.

First Lady Dr. Cheryl Franklin was also honored with a beautiful oil portrait that will grace the Hall of Fame in the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel along with other heroic civil rights leaders. She was honored for her commitment to the College, and for giving over \$400k endowment to the college to support students who plan on pursuing a medical career.

Many students are upset, yet hopeful, now that Franklin is leaving. Many students commend Franklin on being open and a student advocate.

"His presidency meant we, as Morehouse, were united as one," Matthew Guthrie, a sophomore business marketing major said.

"Franklin was very transparent and friendly," Guthrie continued. "Seeing him in Chivers, or on Brown Street, set the tone for brotherhood for many

students. He was the prime example of how Men of Morehouse and Morehouse Men should interact.

Students have high hopes of the new president, Dr. John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., following Franklin's influence.

"Now that Franklin's leaving, I expect Dr. Wilson to be as open and friendly as Dr. Franklin," Guthrie stated hopefully.

Many students are honored to have Franklin's Five Wells implanted in their conscience and spoken through their demeanor. These Wells innovated the Morehouse brand and emphasized the need to learn, travel and to present oneself exceedingly suitable.

"The Five Wells and being a renaissance man with a global conscience was foundational because it inspired great young men across the campus and around the world to take it and apply it," Charles Brooks, a sophomore philosophy major, said.

"Everywhere I go, I remember the Five Wells," he continued.

In three words Brooks describes Dr. Franklin's presidency as "Foundation, intellectual, and vital."

Brooks, a Presidential Intern, was one of the few students that were able to interact and see Dr. Franklin on a daily basis.

"I would always see Dr. Franklin in his office pondering and thinking," Brooks stated plausibly.

"He is a very intelligent man and would always challenge me to grow as an individual," Brooks commended. "We would always have conversations about Plato, Martin Luther King Jr., Aristotle and even the orating style of Otis Moss Jr."

It may be hard for many students to say goodbye to a president that was here when they entered the college, but Dr. Franklin definitely left a gift for all students to carry with them in their future endeavors.

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FIVE YEARS LATER CONTINUED

Established the concept of the "Five Wells" as an interpretation of the famous Morehouse Mystique suggesting that Morehouse Men are Renaissance men with social conscience and global perspective

Added Maroon blazers to the Morehouse Mystique by developing an annual distribution ceremony

Enhanced institutional reputation by earning placement in new national rankings: The Washington Monthly ranked Morehouse the #1 Liberal Arts College serving the social good in 2010; in 2011, the College ranked #2; The Huffington Post listed Morehouse among its select group of the Most Grueling Colleges; The Wall Street Journal listed Morehouse among its top 50 schools that send students to elite law, medical and business schools.

Assisted in attracting new trustees and providing increased board diversity: Ambassador Andrew Young; Dr. Mae Jemison; Mr. Dan Cathy; William Lewis; Otis Moss, III; J. Alexander Douglas; Ralph de la Vega; C. David Moody; Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy; and Strive Masiyiwa.

Established Faculty Development Center

Appointed first Vice President of Information Technology
Increased alumni giving rate from 17% to over 39%. (National college alumni giving average is approximately 12 %.)

Created and authored regular online "House Report" distributed to alumni and other stakeholders to inform of college activities and needs.

Increased total number of new donors by 6,165 since FY2007

Dr. Cheryl G. Franklin Health Professions Scholarship Fund established an annual fundraising initiative and friend raising luncheon.

Cultivated and received grants from new donors including The Lilly Endowment, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Walton Family Foundation, The Open Society Institute (George Soros), Google, Major League Baseball, and Johnson Controls

Launched Morehouse social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, etc. and utilized to increase enrollment.

Voted one of America's Best Wired Colleges, 2012 based on our "Morehouse Mondays" sessions with admitted and prospective students by a Student Advisor.com, a Washington Post Company.

Restored the historic Morehouse-Howard Nation's Classic Football Game

Enhanced the quality of Crown Forum assemblies and provided live web stream access to college programs; improved scanning for Crown Forum attendance recording.

Established a constructive campus climate for dialogue and understanding between gay and straight students, while managing volatile issues. Also sought and received \$200,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to establish the "Faces of Manhood" research and leadership development project

Facilitated opening of campus barbershop (Statz) and Papa John's Pizza and Freshens Yogurt store.

Dedicated the Ray Charles Music Education and Performing Arts Center.

Provided Thought Leadership for the Academy and Public

Information taken from "President's Five-Year Report to the Board of Trustees" received on Nov. 10, 2012.

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1 "In the 44 questions segment of 20 Questions during the Week of Nov. 8-14 The Maroon Tiger stated, "Maybe rain does stop the HOUSE/is that why Douglass was empty?" The statement was an implicit criticism of Morehouse SGA's election event(s). SGA President Anre Washington promised the student body an event in which they could congregated with their brothers and watch the election results coverage. He also pledged to engage the community in a "get out the vote effort".

While an event was held on the campus of Morehouse College, Washington's administration also joined with Spelman College to host an election night coverage event on their campus. A packed crowd gathered in Lower Manley to watch the Presidential Election results. President Washington, his E-board and a good number of Morehouse and Spelman students gathered for the event which received national attention on CNN. Service events were also held throughout the day to get residents of the West End Community out to vote. Rain, therefore, didn't exactly stop the house.

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2 The duties of the Senior and Junior Board of Trustees are: b) to conduct a meeting open to all students, for the purpose of addressing student concerns to be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees (this meeting must be held at least two weeks prior to each meeting of the BOT)."- The Constitution of the Morehouse SGA, last affirmed by the 76th Senate in August 2006

In light of recent administrative decisions in response to the college's fiscal challenges and as a result of faculty and student concerns regarding those decisions reported in a recent article in The Maroon Tiger, concern and angst within the Morehouse community has continued to rise among those who have asked for answers or for their questions to be addressed in a formal setting. The most recent student body constitution requires Student Trustees as members of the SGA Executive Board to hold a meeting with students to address their concerns prior to BOT Meetings. The BOT gathered throughout the weekend of Nov. 9-11. No formal student forum was scheduled or announced by the Senior Trustee Mr. Djobrevic or Ex-officio Trustee SGA President Anre Washington in advance of these meetings. It should be noted that President Washington addressed concerns regarding the college's fiscal challenges and its impact on students in an open letter to the student body which can be found at www.morehousesga.info.

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WHAT NEW WITH STUDENT LIFE?

STUDENT LIFE'S VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROGRAM

WHO should fill out this form and what signatures are required to complete this form? Those students who are not members should click the non-member option and click to agree to the college's hazing policy. The member option is reserved for the current chapter presidents or intake chairmen of the Greek and Social Fellowship organizations.

WHAT does the form entail? The non-member option presents students with updated hazing policy. We in the Office of Student Life is aware when students complete this because they must enter their information, when is stored in a database that I can access.

WHERE can this form be found? The program is located on Tigernet under the "Student Org" tab.

WHEN is this effective and when should students have completed this form? All students who are non-members must complete the non-member option ASAP!!

Reason for doing so? The purpose of this program is to ensure that we provide the students with information that will assist with maintaining safe practices when joining our student organizations. Our goal is to document that students have read and agree to the terms presented in the new hazing policy. The college is taking a new approach to the subject of hazing and membership intake by making it a virtual process. In the past we used a process, which

involved too much time, were costly, unfriendly to the environment, and took up too much space.

Example: "This agreement's purpose is to assist in creating a safe and healthy environment which our faculty, staff and students can participate in while conducting themselves in accordance with the mission, goals, expectations and policies of Morehouse College."

STUDENT LIFE'S STUDENT PROFILE

WHO should fill out this form? All students

WHAT: Explain the profiles. Where does it go when it's submitted? Who can see it? Students will be able to enter their cell numbers, preferred email addresses, skills, certifications, career goal, and if they are a first generation college student. Faculty and staff will be access this information.

WHERE can it be found? The program is located on tigernet under the "Student Org" tab.

WHEN should students have this form submitted? ASAP

What are the benefits of submitting this form?/ purpose; The purpose of this program is to give faculty and staff the ability to provide more students with the various opportunities that come across our desks. In the past we only presented opportunities to students that were in our immediate circles. This program will give us the ability to query students based on certain criteria.

GA LEGISLATORS, MILITARY LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS SEQUESTRATION



THE AMERICAS: UNITED STATES

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As congressional members and military leaders gathered across the Monday to commemorate Veteran's Day, Georgia lawmakers and military leaders convened a telephone press conference to discuss sequestration and its impact on the military and civilians in Georgia.

Sequestrations, from the Latin root sequestrate means "to render for safekeeping." In terms of the economy, sequestration is a term related to the inability of Congress to pass a budget in order to avoid a fiscal cliff. That cliff, set to be enacted on January 1, 2013, would trigger nearly \$500 billion in automatic cuts to the military and other programs.

Democratic State Rep. Gloria Frazier, one of the law-

makers present on the telephone press conference, believes some agencies and programs should be exempt from austerity measures.

"Some stirred by the clamoring defense contractors are calling for the Pentagon to be exempt from fiscal discipline," Rep. Frazier said. "With that, of course, would mean even deeper cuts in Georgia to the programs, jobs, and services we need for a healthy economy."

As recently as August, U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss toured the state, along with state congressional members to explain the impact of a potential sequester on civilians and military installations.

"Few here in Georgia doubt that our state would feel a significant impact, not only on installations directly, but on the businesses that support them as well," Major General David Bockel, the Executive Director of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee said in response to the tour. Civilian and military leaders present on the call also offered solutions to the Pentagon in order to avoid the fiscal cliff, while providing more cost-effective national defense strategies.

Heather Hurlburt who currently serves as the Executive Director of the National Security Network has used her expertise of U.S. foreign policy and counter-terrorism as a vehicle for impacting defense policies at the national level. On the call, Hurlburt stressed the importance veterans to the overall economy.

"The number one thing our veterans need are jobs," Hurlburt said. "And there have been studies by the University of Massachusetts that point out that in fact when you cut other parts of the federal budget, you actually cut dramatically more jobs than you do through the pentagon."

A recent poll by the Aerospace Industries Association conducted before the election showed that 80 percent of likely voters want action on sequestration.

Nearly a week after the reelection of President Barack Obama, talks have increased in Washington to start fixing the fiscal crisis. Obama recently invited leaders to the White House to discuss the budget challenges.

"This is an opportunity for the president to lead," Speaker of the House Rep. John Boehner said. "This is his moment to work on a solution that can pass both chambers."

SPORTS REPORTING STUDENTS ATTEND EMORY UNIVERSITY



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Students from Morehouse's Sports Reporting class traveled to Emory University's Robert W. Woodruff Library to visit the school's African American Sports collection on Saturday morning - the first class in America to do so.

The host of students were led on the day by Dr. Pellom McDaniels III, a liberal-arts professor and curator in Emory's Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library.

McDaniels, a former defensive end for the Kansas City Chiefs and Atlanta Falcons introduced students to an exclusive collection of photographs and former syndications, made only available at Emory's Library.

They included photographs of Althea Gibson and Alice Goodman, the first African American woman to win the Wimbledon and US Open Cups, and the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in the 1948 Olympic high jump, respectively. They also included syndications like NAACP's "The Crisis Magazine" and the now defunct magazine, "Our World."

The visual aids served to buttress McDaniels' point

that the state of the black athlete is one rooted in rich history and social strife. He spoke of star athletes, Jackie Robinson and Paul Robeson and their political struggles extensively.

While both men differed in political ideology, they proved that the plight of the black athlete extended not only to the athletic realm, but to a political one.

"At that time being political was a problem for black athletes," McDaniels said.

Robeson, a staunch political activist for his time, knew of the danger associated with being black and political all too well. His advocacy of anti imperialist regimes and close association with the communist paradigm led to retribution and public sneer. In 1968, he was denied a visa and lost privilege to travel outside of the United States for failure to recant his political ideals.

Today, while not as extreme, black athletes experience indignations of their own. This extends to their portrayal in popular media.

"It is not that smart athletes do not exist - it is that they're not shown," McDaniels said. "We don't see the black athletes who wash their own cars to save money after practice because that's not going to sell ratings."

Rather, it is the ostentatious displays of wealth, and mismanagement of funds that have come to define, and in many ways trap the modern day black athlete. According to McDaniels, who shared locker rooms with NFL greats Marcus Allen and Derrick Thomas, these images are not representative of the true black athlete.

This is the inspiration behind his collection at Emory - to educate people about the cultural and social influences of former black, athletic greats. The former Oregon State Beaver is confident it will help change the perception of black athletes, young and old.

This sentiment extends to the current state of black, student athletes.

"It is proven that students with college degrees stay in the league twice as long," McDaniels said. "The system is broken because we've forgot the virtue of being a student athlete."

Athletes like Jim Brown, a 9 time Pro Bowler and the founder of the Industrial Urban League, a company that provides black athletes with financial advisement and business plans, prove that balance for a black athlete is attainable.

Over the years, balance is a word that has come to define McDaniels. After an All Pac10 career at Oregon State, McDaniels applied to graduate school, interviewed with State Farm and Proctor and Gamble, and worked out for the NFL all in the same off season.

Though he never boasted about his array of accomplishments, he reserved a subtle confidence. "Put me on the field, and I'll play like a starter," McDaniels said.

He reserves the same confidence for his collection at Emory. "This is a collection that I am going to make the best in the nation," he said.

Anyone who's listened to McDaniels speak for more than ten minutes knows that it will be.

THE PULITZER BEAT

U.S. ELECTIONS REMIND KENYANS OF THEIR OWN POLITICAL STRIFE

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Citizens of Kenya, the birthplace of President Barack Obama's father, watched closely as Obama was re-elected for a second term as United States President last Tuesday.

As they watched Obama total 303 electoral votes to Romney's 235 for the decisive victory, there was minimal support for the newly re-elected President, a far cry from four years ago. The reason why... Kenyans have real problems of their own.

This disenfranchisement with the President so closely connected to the Kenyan paradigm is a slight surprise to students in the AUC.

"I was surprised when I heard that Kenyans did not support Barak Obama this election because they were such strong supporters in 2008," Clarence Christian, a sophomore from Pauldin, Ga. here at Morehouse said.

Indeed, the support of Obama's father's native land was a huge subplot in the 2008 Presidential election. However, those aware of the country and its

political struggles in the past four years are not surprised at all by the disenfranchisement.

"Kenya's own elections in 2007 and 2008 erupted into bloody, inter-ethnic riots around the country that left more than 1,200 dead, thousands more wounded, and an estimated 600,00 displaced," according to the Pulitzer Center.

Four years later, and the effects of the political violence that ensued during one of the country's toughest stretches are still being felt.

"An estimated 400 people have already been killed in ethnic clashes this year," Samuel Loewenberg of the Pulitzer Center said. "The clashes have been localized, and appear to be driven by a hunger for political control over natural resources," he added.

The struggles for power and money make citizens of the African country nervous in anticipation of the 2013 elections in March.

According to reports this summer was a very violent and bloody one that included 116 people that were shot and burned to death. Afterwards their bodies were dumped in mass graves near the Tana River region. The violence is only expected to increase as

elections draw nearer, a somber thought for onlookers.

However, to Kenyans there is no real surprise by the events of the past four years.

"Violence as a political tool is something that has been used in Kenya," John Githongo, the former Kenyan government anti-corruption czar official said. "We have a rich history of using it strategically, internally."

Recent attempts to increase democracy and redraw boundary lines harden, and add to the ethnic tension in Kenya. This begs the question, what can be done to alleviate it?

"There are some signs of hope," Githongo said.

Currently, two thirds of Kenyans have expressed faith in the equality of the judiciary system, according to a Gallup poll. Additionally, Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto, two presidential candidates in 2008, are facing prosecution by the ICC for their supposed roles in catalyzing efforts.

It is the hope that these efforts will manifest in peace for the prominent African country.

14 BLACK FRIDAY MYTHS DENOUNCED

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With Thanksgiving around the corner, perhaps even more anticipated is the annual Black Friday deals that assist many in getting a head start or finalizing their Christmas shopping. Dealnews.com, a website that provides shopping deals on various items, has developed a list of 14 myths about Black Friday that readers should be aware of.

MYTH: Black Friday Sales Begin on Black Friday

Many stores launch their sales as early as two weeks out. Be sure to keep a look out so you can truly save.

MYTH: Stores Have Plenty of Doorbusters

Many of the advertised door busters are low priced goods of which the store only has a limited quantity. Most likely, only the first few in line will be able to snag them.

MYTH: You Need to Camp Out in Line to Get the Best Black Friday Deals

Many Black Friday deals are available online as well as in the store. In fact, according to Dealnews.com, "70 percent of in-store Black Friday deals from last year were also available online for the same price - or less!"

MYTH: In-store Black Friday Shopping Is a Dangerous Contact Sport

The reports about fights and Black Friday injuries are not as common as the news often makes them seem.

MYTH: Everything on Sale on Black Friday Is at Its Lowest Price of the Year

Though some Black Friday deals are the lowest prices of the year, certain things are not and can be waited for until after Black Friday. Many items popular for Christmas gifts become cheaper the closer it gets to Christmas. See Dealnews.com's November Buying Guide for more information on what you might want to skip.

MYTH: Nobody Will Beat Black Friday Prices

Best Buy has announced that it will match Amazon's Black Friday prices. Last year Amazon, Best Buy, Home Depot, and Meijer matched the prices of their competitors.

MYTH: All of the Good Deals Are Printed in Black Friday Ads

Some stores update their deals last minute in competition with other stores. You must stay abreast of this. Also, be sure to uncover some Black Friday online that will not be printed in ads.

MYTH: Leaked Black Friday Ads Are Totally Accurate

Retailers often alter their sales based on competitors. This can result in better deals for you.

MYTH: You Have Go to an Apple Store for Its Black Friday Sale

"All of Apple's Black Friday sale prices will be available online with free shipping statewide," Dealnews.com states. The site however advises against shopping through Apple altogether as other retailers will offer better deals.

MYTH: Sales on Designer and Luxury Goods Abound on Black Friday

Black Friday is more suited for lower-end retailers, though outlets and some high end retailers may have slight sales.

MYTH: If You Go Overboard on Black Friday, You Can Return Your Purchases

Many stores have different return policies for purchases made on Black Friday. Make sure you read the fine print!

MYTH: Cyber Monday Sales Offer Better Online Deals than Black Friday

Though Cyber Monday has great deals, many online deals start as early as Thursday of the prior week. Why not get a head start?

MYTH: Completing a Black Friday Order Online Forms a Binding Contract

Sites often display inaccurate information considering the speed of the day's transactions. The store reserves the right to cancel a transaction based on the reality of their inventory.

MYTH: Good Customer Service Isn't as Important as Inventory

On this day, customer service is most important. Considering the potential for inventory issues, employees should be as cordial as possible. Customer service remains important.

FISCAL CLIFF INVESTING CONCERNS CITIZENS

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Now that the presidential election is out of the way, America has to build a pinpointed focus as it faces significant issues that may greatly affect the U.S. economy. President Barack Obama was granted his second term in office last week, leaving the House and President as representatives of the Democratic Party and the Senate as a representative of the Republican Party. As the uncertainty of the next president has faded to dust, looming issues concerning the fiscal cliff leaves many Americans uneasy and investors hesitant to indulge in market activities.

Following the presidential election, many investors found themselves selling shares as many major market indexes faltered in the midst of economic uncertainty. The main issue is the looming fiscal cliff that will become effective next year, unless a new strategy can be agreed on by the White House. The fiscal cliff revolves around increasing taxes and spending cuts that can cause the U.S. economy to dive into another recession.

Many investors are also in fear of another stagnant four years economically. With a split House and Senate along with a democratic president, investors are fearful that nothing will be able to be accomplished fiscally. Hopefully, the economic growth of America will follow economists' expectations, which show that the economy is beginning to go on an up-trend.

Throughout the past few months, the stock market has reached recent highs in the dawn of quantitative easing round three, initiated by the Federal Reserve. The markets moved upward with hopes of economic stability to be regained and signs of economic strength, such as a recovering housing market, an increase in consumer consumption and a slightly lower unemployment rate.

These pivotal economic factors almost overwhelmed an earnings season that was overall not impressive. Although the earnings season provided reported numbers better than expected, numbers still were not great and many companies found their stock rising just because their earnings report beat analysts' predictions.

With the economic climate at hand, the fiscal cliff is holding many in the economy to a screeching halt. Some firms are hesitant to hire because they are unsure on what will happen with the government budget and tax rate. In a way, much of America is clueless on an issue that can affect the United States economy for years to come.

Investors are waiting patiently for answers that may very well affect the investing community in the future. As the year comes closer and closer, the fiscal cliff grows into a larger monster that is sucking all the optimism out of the financial markets. With the European economy still not fully recovered, the U.S. is called on to have answers.

President Obama has made his way back into office after a trying election season that brought many to wonder if Mitt Romney would take over the White House. Obama takes back on the burden of economic issues and will be penalized greatly if the economy does not go onto an uptrend in the next few years. Many would hope that the fiscal cliff is the first issue on the list that he handles.

WHO'S ON TOP? BEST COLLEGE DEGREES

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Students have become more career focused as they begin debating which major and degree they will choose. This decision is perhaps even more important now as the economy continually fluctuates and job security seems insecure in some fields.

"I think more than ever students are being more practical in their approach to a major," Cathy Summa-Wolfe, communications director at the College of Marin, told Terrence Loose of Yahoo. "They want a degree that has a good chance of landing them a job soon after graduation."

With this information, Yahoo has ranked the top six college degrees that are trending right now.

Trending Degree #1: Bachelor's in Business Administration
This degree ranks as number one because it prepares its holders for a diverse array of positions, all of which have making money as its bottom line. According to the College Board, classes in this major range from ethics and law to human resources management and financial management.

Wicki Lynn, senior vice president of Universum, told Yahoo many of her clients focus on hiring a lot of business majors. This is because the major typically teaches them the basics of the industry. The only training needed to be done by the company is that which is specific to the organization. This reflects information gathered by job outlook survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). The survey found that nearly half of responding employers planned to hire those graduates who held a business administration/management degree.

Trending Degree #2: Bachelor's in Computer Science
Bar none, our society is one motivated and directly influenced by technology. As such, any degree related to this industry is bound to make this list. A degree such as this allow one the foundation for establishing a career in the development of and creation of the technology that will further shape our society.

As most all companies have some type of technological presence, or are interested in developing that presence, according to Lynn, having this type of background is definitely a positive one. According to NACE, a bachelor's in computer science will make one professionally attractive to 59.3 percent of the companies that responded to the survey.

Trending Degree #3: Associate's in Medical Assisting
Medical assistants are the people who show you to your exam room and take your vitals. Increasingly in the medical field, this career is in demand. For those wanting to work in this field, taking this approach may be best.

"Just about any field associated with health care is going to be in demand, and we certainly see that with medical assisting," Lynn said to Yahoo.

Lynn expects this trend to continue as the United States Department of Labor project a 31 percent growth of this career from 2010 to 2020.

Trending Degree #4: Bachelor's in Accounting
Perhaps for the first time, accounting is a trending career in the wake of the continued financial crises we often see in the news. Employers need accountants to ensure their financial outlook is positive and to accurately analyze their financial information.

This degree tied for the second spot in the degree employers are most likely to hire in NACE's study.

Trending Degree #5: Associate's in Nursing
The field of health care and social assistance is projected to be the number one creator of jobs from 2010 to 2020 by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Though the field is trendy and attractive to new members of the workforce and those wishing to make a career change, it is very competitive.

"But if you get through it, there are a lot of jobs and they tend to pay pretty well," Summa-Wolfe mentioned.

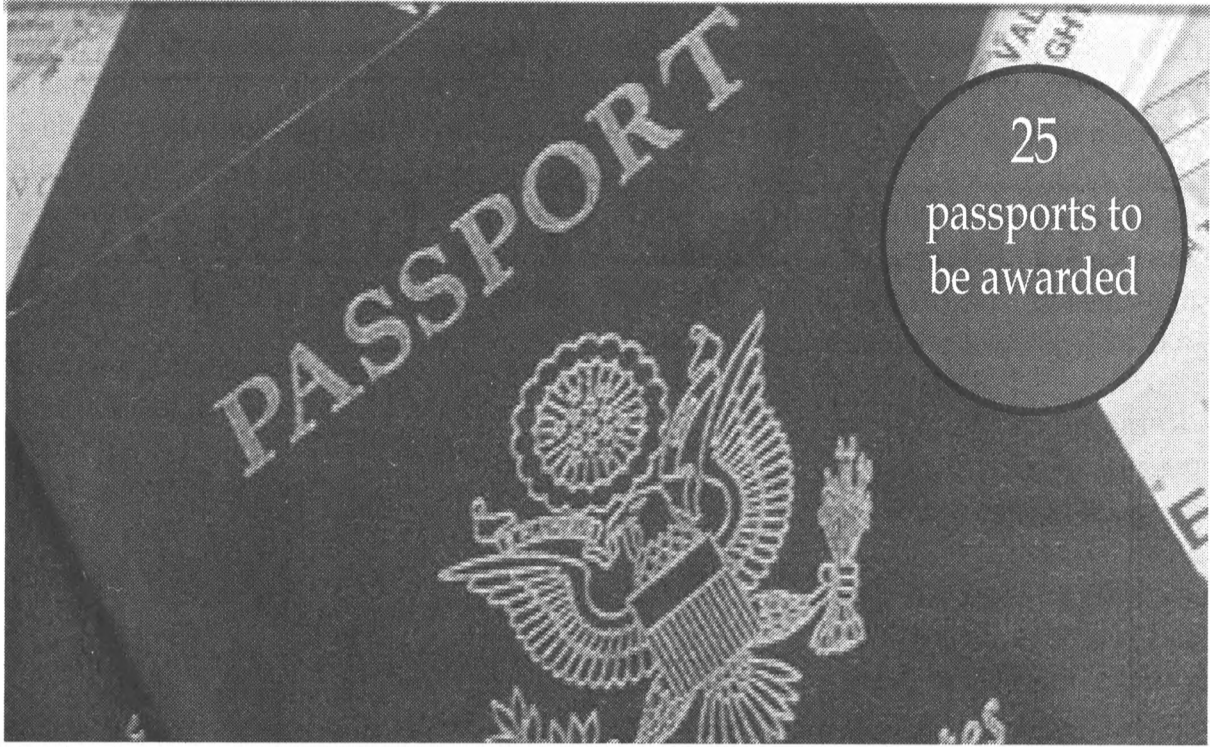
Based on a 2012 report by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, recent college nursing grads had an unemployment rate of just 4 percent, the lowest in the study.

Trending Degree #6: Master's in Business Administration (MBA)

This degree makes the list as upward mobility in companies is an obvious result of holding a terminal degree. Though those with bachelor's degrees have a great foundation for whatever field they enter into, enrolling in a MBA program can take their skills to a new level.

"Many students who have a degree in another area such as engineering or IT actually come back to get an [MBA] in business to enhance their opportunities in their company," Summa-Wolfe said to Yahoo. "It allows them to take that next step into management positions."

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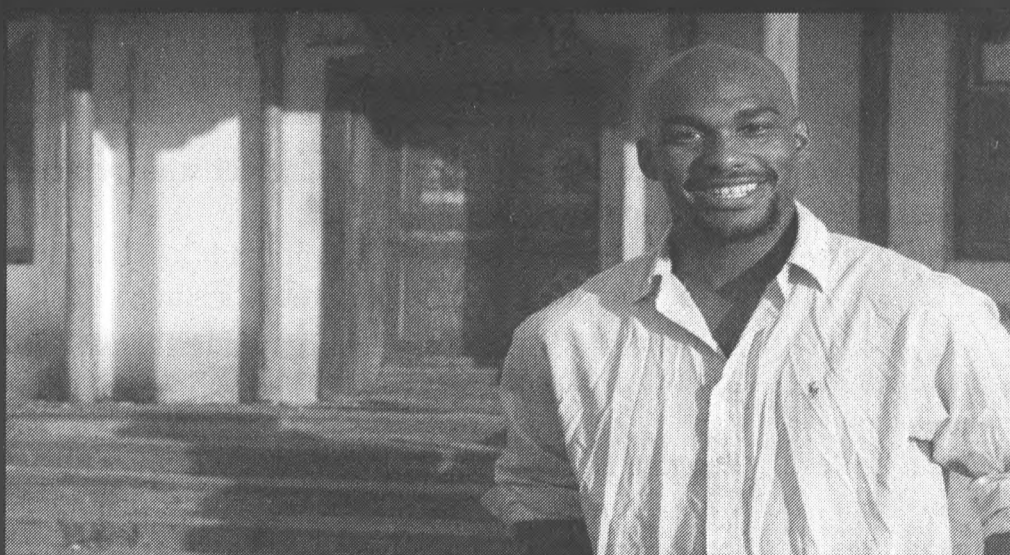
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AN EDGE ON SUCCESS

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T.E. Lawrence, a British Army officer, once said “All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible,” and this belief drives the five people who have cultivated time and created an organization called Edge.

“[Edge stands for] educating dreamers to gain efficacy,” Junior and finance chair of Edge Francisco Nunez said. “Our goal is to cultivate leaders and instill the key foundational principles that is key to their success.”

Nunez, Malcolm Young, David Connor, Jessica Robinson, and Notorious Scott founded Edge last school year after going through a year of leadership and personal development, which changed their mentality of people from a negative focus to a more positive focus and outlook.

“We started our journey last year around homecoming,” Robinson said, a junior and secretary of Edge. “We had to become desensitized to the social mirror to extricate ourselves from that socially driven mentality. We focused on 9 key principles that the organization is built upon, which are the key principles of leadership.”

The 9 key principles are based on the book, the Slight Edge by Jeff Olson, which outlines the difference between a successful and unsuccessful person linked with their daily habits. The principles include environment, health, networking, self-image, inner circle, spirituality, social consciousness, leadership, and finance. Each meeting the Edge has as an organization is based on cultivating one of these key principles.

“So many meetings and groups discuss the problems that may be plaguing people, but in Edge we equip you with what you need to succeed and then help you with apply those things immediately to your life

through our workshop like meetings.” Robinson said. “Eventually we want to create other small groups of like-minded people, not necessarily add people to our core group of people. We see the passion of the people in Edge and let the bond between people happen organically.”

The idea behind creating Edge on the campuses of Morehouse and Spelman was ‘divinely created’. A few years ago, Malcolm Young saw a quote on Facebook from the author of Rich Dad, Poor Dad, Robert Kiyosaki, and commented on the post saying he needed a mentor and from there he received a mentor who exposed him to book the Slight Edge.

“Malcolm shared his enlightenment with David and Francisco who were his roommates, and the rest just happened organically,” Robinson said. “He used something we call the Iron Man effect. He spoke vision to his friends.”

The Iron Man Effect as Robinson and Nunez went on to explain is where a person conquers the fear of networking and speaks vision to anyone willing to listen.

“Edge is referred to as a tool by our mentor,” Nunez said. “Edge [and the Iron Man Effect] is a method for attracting a lot of people. The 20% that are the most receptive of the vision we portray, we infuse them with love.”

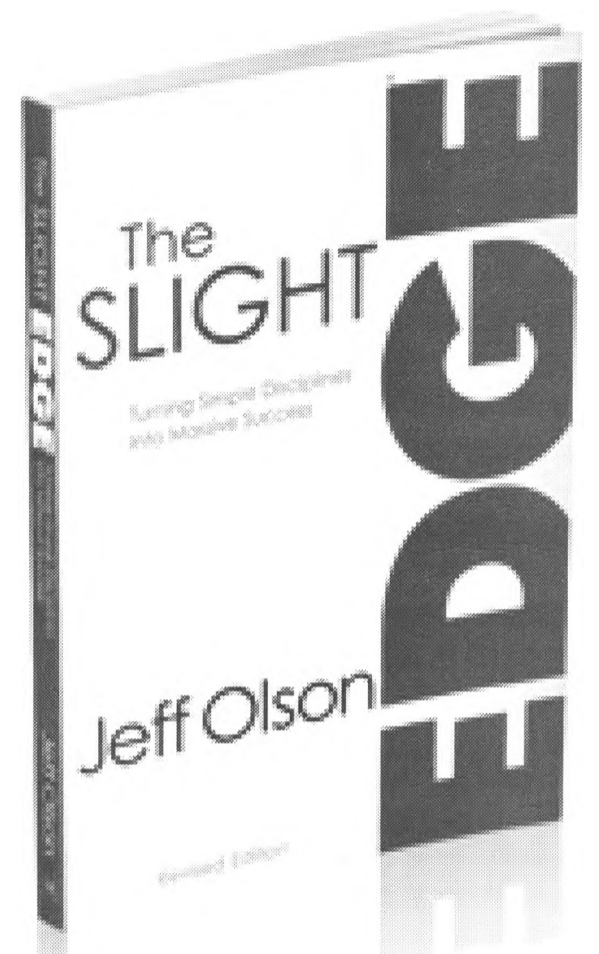
On campus Edge is partnering with community organizations. They are currently working on an initiative with Greening Youth Foundation, partnering with them to mentor and tutor elementary school students. Edge also holds fundraising events including a carwash that was held last month to help raise funds for Free Enterprise Day which was held in Irvine, California.

“In California we discussed leadership, entrepreneurship, and we talked about our visions of life,” Nunez said. “We talked about input and experience. It was important for us to go to this, because in the national movement, Project 1 million, there are few black people involved.”

As the semester winds down, Edge is trying to raise awareness around the campuses with YouTube and Facebook videos talking about key qualities of leadership, and the creation of shirts with their Edge logo on it.

“Our goal is just to share this knowledge with other people and let them cultivate their true leadership potential,” Robinson said. “Its not an easy process, and may take a long time to truly understand what everything means, but since I made the choice to take advantage of my time I have seen the vital importance of every minute in the day. I have grown from the constructive criticism I have received from the other people in edge, and most notably I have grown in every aspect of my life.”

Edge recommends everyone read the Slight Edge by Jeff Olson.



SPELHOUSE LOCKS-IN FOR ELECTION RESULTS



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The days leading up to the election were filled with both excitement and anxiety. On Friday the 2nd, students within the Atlanta University Center Consortium headed out on shuttles sponsored by my SGA in order to participate in early voting. Lines were long and a bit unorganized, but congratulations to everyone who braved the chaos of election season and made their voices heard.

This election marked the first time for many of us as American voters. It was difficult to pass by someone who wasn't wearing their voter stickers proudly upon their winter attire.

On Tuesday the 6th, many students within the AUC were out of school due to the election proceedings that would be occurring later on in the day. Many students took this time to get in their last minute voting and preparations for election night. For many, their time would be spent at Spelman College's Manley Student Center.

The election set up consisted of a photo booth where student bias was able to be projected and captured, a game room that housed everything from a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) machine, to an air hockey table and

even a competitive basketball corner. Students from every class were present at the event which hosted Brian-Michael Cox, Fonsworth Bentley and Jermaine Dupri just to name a few.

“First of all, I'm proud that our college is sponsoring an event where we can all come together and it shows that students care about their country,” Spelman College Sophomore Asha Grant said. “It shows that Spelman is proactive in other areas other than “turning up” and school issues. It promotes issues on a national scale. It's a social event but also a safe place.”

Though students at Morehouse College were not given the historic election day off from school, Jonathan Hamer, a junior Accounting major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania admitted that though he attended his classes earlier on in the day, he was still willing to take part in the late night election festivities.

“I think it was a great idea to bring everyone together to support something that could change our country,” Hamer said.

The turnout for the event was proof that this election was equally important to every student and faculty member that was present. The financial statuses of students may differ but the common goal of attaining

a college degree remained a factor for which all could agree upon.

“I feel like it's a great opportunity for students and faculty alike to experience a pivotal election together,” Junior Art History major Stephanie Goodalle said.

Leonard Horne, a senior International Studies major with a minor in Spanish explained, “I feel that it's good that Spelman is politically engaged and interested in the outcome of the election and essentially where we are headed as a country.”

It is no secret that political views range diversely within many college campuses and Spelman College is no different. Though there may have been some students present who were rooting for Republican Candidate Governor Mitt Romney, it does not change the fact that there was a consensus of cheers and screams ringing through the Manley Center whenever President Obama would win the electoral votes of a state.

Tonia Iwule, a junior Biology major from Savannah, Georgia was seen rallying her friends in support of their early voting opportunities. She even went as far as to wake a sleeping friend and inform them of the regional wins of the night and the projected outcome of the 2012 presidency. Her projection was correct.



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INTERVIEW:

Christian: Are there any special achievements you made in your life that you would like to make mention of?

Tony: The achievement that I hold most dear is attending and graduating from Morehouse College in 2006. While on campus I did a number of things in which I am very proud of: Freshmen Class President, Sophomore Class President, Treasurer of Student Government Association and Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Pi Chapter.

In my professional life I am proud to say that I actively represent victims of domestic violence with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation's Domestic Violence Project. I also mentor students at B.E.S.T. Academy with the Emerging 100 of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

With each and every opportunity I try to pay all that has been done to me forward as I stand here today on the shoulders of the many men who came before me - men who without their efforts everything that I achieved would not be possible.

Christian: What do you do on a day-to-day basis as an attorney?

Tony: Because I am a litigator, each and every day of my work varies extremely. On certain days I will be in court at depositions or hearings, other days I may be drafting briefs, but everything I do is geared towards minimizing my client's exposure of risk in all facets of litigation.

Christian: What obstacles did you have to overcome to become an attorney?

Tony: Well of course the obvious obstacle of taking the LSAT, which was not an easy feat. Another being attending one of the top law schools in the country, University of Michigan Law, and sitting side by side with students that came from schools like Harvard, Yale and Stanford and ensuring that I did represent Morehouse in a positive light.

Also being competitive with my peers at this institution, finishing the bar exam and of course just the day to day learning that takes place as a young lawyer were obstacles I had to overcome.

Christian: How important is an LSAT score for those wanting to attend law school?

Tony: At most law schools the LSAT is a required exam. It's very important because the score on your LSAT coupled with your GPA largely determine what caliber of intuitions you will be able to attend.

We all know the better the school the better the job prospects coming out. To avail yourself with the most options and opportunities, it's vital to perform very very well on the exam.

Christian: Are there any books that you would recommend reading or courses that you would recommend taking before going to law school?

Tony: I am a strong advocate for Power Score. All of

their publications and material helped me tremendously in preparing for the LSAT as well as supplementary material such as those by Kaplan and Princeton Review. All of the Power Score publications go into great detail and can make it easy for someone divorced from standardized testing or someone who is a senior in college who hasn't taken standardized testing since the SAT.

Christian: Would you recommend students to go to the best law school they can or would you say go to the best law school that's right for you?

Tony: At the end of the day I don't believe that there is a such thing as the right law school for you. There is no secret that law school doesn't equip you to be an actual lawyer. Most of the learning you do about lawyering takes place in the first several years of your career.

To attain a law degree you can go anywhere but to maximize your options consider the ranking of the school and also the region that you intend to practice. It is also very important to consider the cost of a legal education because it is no secret that law school is very expensive and the cost varies among institutions.

As we all saw in 2008-2009 the economy collapsed. Several people walked out with out severance pay, and they have huge debt loans without any way to pay them due to circumstances that were beyond their control. Scholarships and other means of financial aid that don't have to do with loans is something to consider.

Christian: So what other suggestions do you have to Morehouse students looking to become attorneys?

Tony: Talk to other attorneys and if possible shadow someone. As far as college is concerned definitely have fun, but avail yourself to all that Morehouse has to offer. Continue to keep an open mind. In my 28 years I have seen that you can plan for many things and expect many things, but sometimes certain things just change. So the person that is flexible, the person that is willing to adapt to change is the person that will ultimately succeed.

DR. CHERYL G. FRANKLIN SPONSORS 25 PASSPORTS

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First Lady of the college, Dr. Cheryl G. Franklin, has recently collaborated with the director of study abroad, Gwen Wade, to further President Franklin's mission to make Morehouse College a well-traveled campus. She has pledged to sponsor 25 passports for Morehouse students

Dr. Cheryl Franklin is a major proponent of the well-traveled facet of the Renaissance Man. "One of the core values of the college is to enhance the international experience for Men of Morehouse," Dr. Franklin said. "Traveling makes a good and global citizen."

Any Morehouse student who has not previously had a passport is eligible to apply to be sponsored. In order to receive a passport, the student must write a 750-word essay describing the ways in which he will use travel to prove this statement by Mark Twain: "Travel is fatal to prejudice".

Dr. Franklin emphasized that although having a passport is integral to travel abroad, "being well-traveled means trying to get to understand people in culture and history, otherwise you might as well go to the beach," Franklin said.

Franklin began her abroad experience right

after her college graduation. One of her motivations for the sponsorship is to allow for students to travel at an earlier age. Although by now Franklin's passport is worn and blotted with ink, she regrets not having begun her travels earlier.

"Having a passport means being prepared for whatever might come. If an opportunity comes up and you don't have a passport then you have missed out," Franklin cautioned.

Mrs. Wade is thrilled about partnering with Dr. Franklin on this opportunity to even further make travel a reality for Morehouse students. As the study abroad director, Wade coordinates all study abroad opportunities at Morehouse College and when facilitating any abroad opportunity, firsts asks if the student has a passport.

Mrs. Wade is excited to partner with Dr. Franklin to make Morehouse a well-traveled campus and is looking forward to how this passport initiative will encourage other students to take the first steps to being well traveled.

Once the students receive their pass-

ports, how they use them is up to them. Dr. Franklin only asks that they "use it and go somewhere," she says. "Once they go somewhere, they will go somewhere else. Ignite travel."

It's that simple, ignite travel and apply for your passport today.



AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

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Every Thursday night at 10 pm, almost every Spelmanite I know sits enraptured for one hour as Kerry Washington's Olivia Pope plays the nation's capitol like a violin. She is power personified. Inimitably gorgeous, intelligent, and with hair whipped for the gods, Pope is essentially the prototype for African American female perfection.

She is a Black professional at the top of her game, with America's most powerful zip code on a string. But is that really why we watch? Make no mistake, the press conferences, political crises, and Shonda Rhimes' stamp of approval make for damnably good television. However, I doubt that America is tuning in to Scandal's dramatized versions of World News Tonight.

Amidst the murmuring White House walls and story twists fast enough to give you whiplash, rests the show's longest running plot, Pope's affair with the President of the United States of America.

The interactions between Pope and President Fitzgerald Grant III is everything a TV relationship ought to be; dreamy, unrealistic, hot, and excruciatingly conflicted. The fact that Grant is a married man is rendered almost inconsequential, as the show's writers have cultivated Pope as the most sympathetic mistress in the history of life. Presented as a parallel to the First Lady, Pope is open where Mrs. Grant is cold.

Pope is understanding rather than scorned, dynamic as opposed to staid, and black instead of white. The fact that we, as fans, are just as in love with Olivia as the President is makes it easier for us to forget that she's a dead ringer for Monica Lewinski. In fact, we rally behind them.

RED, WHITE, & RICH: The 2012 Election Raises Serious Questions about GOP Values

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If we learned anything from the 2012 presidential election, it must have been that the arrogance of the Republican Party is an entity unto itself. Mitt Romney ran a campaign of presumption and pretentiousness, in which his fellow conservative public figures played equally smug roles. Obviously, elections are meant to be competitive, but the Romney campaign ran on contempt and complacency, not to mention a great deal of disrespect for the President and the American public...well, at least 47% of the American public.

His egoism shone through during the first round of presidential debates, where he seemed to forget that, regardless of the setting or matters at hand, there is a level of decorum required when anyone addresses Commander-in-Chief of the United States. With an implacable smirk on his face, his body language seethed disrespect. He even stooped so low as to talk down to the President, remarking "you're entitled to your own plane and house, not your own facts."

Though the next debate saw President Obama dampen the aristocratic flame that burns at Romney's core, it was evident that arrogance is not easily extinguished as GOP gremlins like Ann Coulter and Donald Trump were all too happy to fan the blaze.

Suffering from Romney's own entitled affliction, Coulter and Trump seemed to think that their cash and color gave them the authority to speak to anyone in any way.

Coulter stunned the nation when she stated, unapologetically, "I highly approve of Romney's decision to be kind and gentle to the retard," in reference to the final presidential debate.

Around the same time, Donald Trump

decided to offer the President \$5 million to reveal his college transcripts and passport. Who the hell do these people think they are?

Even more shocking than Trump and Coulter's blatant disregard for the President is that they remain virtually unchecked by conservatives. If the GOP had any sense they would silence this disrespectful lunacy themselves, because their constituency is suffering as a result, not the President. The Republican Party has become a network of combative, classist bullies with a variety of issues stemming from white privilege and, whether they care to admit it or not, white fear.

Mitt Romney's campaign of conceit ran wild until the final hour of November 6. Before the nation's first polls could close, he boasted that he'd only written a victory speech, 1,118 words of whatever lies help him sleep at night. Romney's narcissism peaked at 11:28 on election night when he, despite the President's 284 electoral votes, refused to concede the race, just like a 65 year old prep school brat who'd never heard the word "no."

What is so concerning is that he, like his Republican counterpart Todd Akin, considers himself above fact. It seems as if members of the GOP have given themselves the authority to define what is right, what is true, and apparently, what constitutes a win in the American electoral system. If today's Republicans have any hopes of reestablishing themselves as a viable political party, it is imperative that they replace their public figures and reform their thinking.

Where they were once merely conservative, the GOP has morphed into an oligarchy of elitist extremists who are as ignorant as they are opinionated and frankly, they have become an embarrassment to modern American politics.

We revel in her beauty and poise, lament his unhappiness with his alleged harpy of a wife. Every episode is an opportunity for a stolen kiss or longing glance between the two, despite the moral dilemmas looming over such interactions.

A few days ago, a real life scandal of similar proportions surfaced in Washington DC. CIA Director David Petraeus resigned his position following an FBI investigation of a series of incriminating emails between his mistress, Paula Broadwell, and a social liaison to the U.S. Central Command, the military headquarters based at MacDilly Air Force Base in Tampa that oversees operations in the Middle East. In the emails, Broadwell allegedly harassed the liaison, who has been identified as a close female friend of General Petraeus, to the point that she felt the need to contact the FBI and the scandal broke from there.

Popular reaction to the Petraeus affair seemed to mirror public opinion regarding Scandal, especially once photos of the general's wife and mistress were released. The media portrayed Broadwell, a blue-eyed brunette twenty years his junior, as bright, beautiful, respected, accomplished, and a West Point graduate like Petraeus himself. Washington Post veteran John Berry actually referred to the affair as understandable given all that pair has in common.

It actually seems that the only negative attention the scandal has received seems to be directed at Petraeus's wife. Admittedly, Holly Petraeus isn't exactly the poster child for the American bombshell, but the comparisons between she and Broadwell have been far from fair. It seems that life has imitated art in the area of high profile extramarital affairs.

Why is it that the wife bears the brunt of the shame, for reasons she cannot control, while the mistress is seemingly heralded for rescuing the man in question from an "unfulfilled" relationship? I love Olivia Pope as much as the next Scandal super fan, but I have to wonder...why is so easy to sympathize with romances that result from affairs rather than the relationships they interrupt?

FREE-THINKING WOMEN OR LIKE-MINDED CLONES?

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Imagine a sunny, Friday afternoon and students gathering to enjoy music while also supporting local vendors. This is a time to socialize, to watch the Greeks and freshmen stroll, to unwind from a long week of classes, to take off the hat of being a student and replace it with the hat of being a young adult whose current mission is to not only earn a degree, but to also enjoy their current state in life before the realities of being an adult truly set in. So what exactly is the problem with this scenario? The music.

The blaring of lyrics such as "What's your real name and not your stripper name, I'll make it rain on ya, like a hurricane" or "All I want for my birthday is a big booty girl," has been deemed offensive and degrading to women by a few and hypocritical to the statement of a college whose mission is "to uplift the black woman."

Although it can be clearly seen how these lyrics can be demeaning to women of African-American descent, the problem, as seen in the eyes of students who are in opposition to the previous view stated, is much more than eradicating music. To them, it is a limitation of expressing their individuality.

The music that is played during the scenario first described is what students are requesting to hear because that is the music that they enjoy on a daily basis. On a broader basis, not only should an institution stand behind its mission, it should also be a realistic representation of its students. Limiting or even condensing what is being played on campus would be a false representation of the institution.

Not everyone who steps foot on campus enjoys or even listens to artists such as Carly Rae Jepsen, Miley Cyrus or indie artists. That being said, what would be the best possible solution? In my opinion, a database should be created that allows students to request what they would like to hear being played by hired DJs.

This solution would allow more musical diversity to be displayed instead of creating a playlist of what the institution has deemed "acceptable." As stated before, what may be seen as acceptable to one may be deemed unacceptable to another and as a

College that ultimately seeks to enhance the "free-thinking woman," the student body as a collective should be able to decide, through majority rule, what they would like to hear.

The music, which has once attracted a variety of students, has now been heavily condensed and instead of having a plethora of students, there is a scarce amount, if any, outside participating in the activities. The vendors, who have paid to have a table and sell their products for that day, are losing revenue because nobody has come out to buy. The Student Government Association ultimately loses money because the vendors have decided to not come back because of a lack of student buyers and the future of these Friday afternoons are in limbo.

Student-run organizations, besides that of the Student Government Association, also will lose a major source of revenue needed to fund their organization because it has been proven repeatedly that when a DJ is hired to play songs that the student body as a whole loves, more people will buy entry into these events.

There are more pressing issues at hand than the type of music that is being played at campus events. How is an institution supposed to "uplift the black woman" when women are being given the run-around or are not given adequate assistance in academic settings? How is an institution supposed to "uplift the black woman" when there have been a countless number of women with 3.5+ GPAs exiting the Office of Financial Aid because they can no longer afford to get the education needed to obtain their dreams because they do not come from the best socioeconomic background? How is an institution supposed to "uplift the black woman," but also make it seem that if her major is not a part of STEM, then she is not worthy of assistance?

How is an institution supposed to "uplift the black woman" and facilitate a "free-thinking woman" if it is also limiting her ability to express her individuality in order to put her in this mold so that she can be accepted? How is the institution supposed to "uplift the black woman" when she is still treated like a child? How are we supposed to be "free-thinking women" if the institution would rather us be "like-minded clones?"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

YOU READ YOUR TIMELINE, NOW READ THIS: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MARKET FRIDAY SPELMAN PETITION.

Since when does one's timeline dictate reality? SpelHouse, let's be real. While dodging the uppercuts of the Bus Driver, Lil Reese, Chief Keef and Chris Brown as well as many of our Morehouse brothers and Spelman sisters, we realized that what started as a petition soon spiraled into a battle of tweets and angry retorts.

Keep in mind that there's a difference between being someone who is free-thinking and someone who thinks critically.

Concerning all the controversy surrounding the Market Friday petition, it's both ironic and unfortunate that in an environment where critical thinking is encouraged, those who talk the most, seem to know the least. Instead of using Twitter and Instagram as primary sources, let's look at the facts.

This notorious petition was created by Dr. Spence's Violence Against Women sociology class. The petition was created to eliminate misogynistic messages in the music at Market Friday in an effort to curb normalized linguistic violence and introduce more musical diversity.

This petition was never about DJs. This is a policy issue, not a personal issue.

Did you know a policy was already in place?

The institution failed by allowing their own policy to go unregulated for 16 years. As contractually stated, songs that "may be demeaning to women" are explicitly prohibited to be played by DJs at Market Friday.

The petition is not an attack on personal choice or freedom of expression of any sort. It is not about bringing back the white gloves and policing students with restrictive slut-shaming regulations of the past. It's about respect. It's about creating an inclusive, conscious and positive environment for all students, visitors and faculty.

Contrary to popular belief, this issue was brought about by students as a way to call attention to one micro-aggression of other larger systems of oppression at work. This movement was inspired by sisterhood and solidarity. Believe it or not, our sisters have been subjected to harassment as a result of the violent, hypersexual, homophobic environment that the lyrics support. Every person pays to be here, everyone deserves to feel comfortable in all spaces on their college campus. We love to claim the sisterhood and brotherhood at our schools when it is convenient, but we fail to understand that when one is hurt, we all are hurt.

For a rare moment, the administration is listening to student voices. They want to collaborate for, instead of control, ways to foster a more inclusive environment for academic and personal growth.

If you want to pursue your own social justice initiatives, by all means, do so without bashing those who are holding the institution accountable for its commitment to "positive social change." There is no hierarchy of oppressions—no one cause is more urgent than the other. We do not have to be in competition with each other; we are all trying to achieve the same things.

The concerns that are being raised as a result of this petition are valid. Give Market Friday a chance. Let's face it—we can still walk in and turn up.

Sincerely,
"The Dirty Spelmanites"

COMIC CORNER



WHY WE WON

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Math. It would appear that Paul Ryan's favorite word is exactly the reason he and Governor Romney were soundly defeated a week ago. From the outset, a tremendous Democratic electoral advantage, amongst other things, essentially doomed the hapless Romney campaign. Among the non-swing states, Washington D.C. and the 22 solidly "blue" states (i.e. California, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, etc.) altogether command 253 electoral votes, compared to the 206 electoral votes of the 25 solidly "red" states. This nearly overwhelming 47-vote difference, gave President Obama a much larger base and a much easier stroll to a 270 electoral vote victory. Ultimately, things just didn't add up for the Governor and his "numbers guy."

Governor Romney would have had to win Florida or Ohio to have any real chance at winning the presidency, whereas President Obama could have lost both states and still have won. The day before the election, the New York Times calculated 431 paths to the White House for Obama and a mere 76 for Romney, all of which included his winning Florida, Ohio, or both. The underlying causes of Governor Romney's and his party's massive defeat, however, are even more telling.

A "time bomb" exploded on Tuesday and utterly shattered any Republican's chances of retaking the White House or the Senate, weakening their majority in the House of Representatives, and further weakening their majorities in several state legislatures. President Obama and

Democrats across the country surged to victory on the votes of a broad coalition of Americans. The president alone earned 94 percent of the African-American vote, 71 percent of the Hispanic vote, and 73 percent of the Asian-American vote. 57 percent of women voted for Obama, as well as 60 percent of young Americans between the ages of 18 and 29.

It would appear that Republicans could no longer depend on a majority of white voters to put them over the top. Democrats have amassed a formidable electoral advantage with the support of an overwhelming majority of minority, young, and women voters. That the Democratic Party is the actual "big tent" party would have been abundantly clear to anyone who noticed the difference between the crowds at the conventions or at Obama and Romney campaign rallies.

The sea of older white faces at the Republican National Convention mirrored those at Romney rallies throughout his campaign. Alternately, the crowds at the Democratic National Convention and Obama rallies were younger and much more colorful.

This demographic arrangement is the same in congress. When the 113th congress convenes in January, women and minorities will make up a majority of the Democratic caucus while the Republican caucus will remain 90 percent white, and male. Of the 20 women who will take seats in the Senate in January, 18 are Democrats. The demographic differences of the two parties are as stark as the differences between their platforms, and unless the Republicans find some way to attract more minority and female support they are, quite literally, doomed.

THE PROBLEM WITH FLORIDA ... AND EVERYWHERE ELSE

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One would think that after effectively delivering the country into the hands of a blithering idiot in 2000, that the state of Florida might have done something in the intervening 12 years to avoid embarrassing itself yet again before the entire nation. However, after ceding its 29 electoral votes to President Obama on Saturday, a full four days after he'd been re-elected, it is clear that Florida has no shame.

Long lines, longer ballots, fewer early voting days, a last minute wave of absentee and provisional ballots (an idiot infested Republican State House, and an even more seismically stupid Governor, Rick Scott) all conspired to delay the election results in Florida until long after they had become irrelevant. What if the outcome of this election had depended on Florida? The entire nation would have had to wait until four days after the election to learn who the President would be. The Nation heaved a collective sigh of exasperation on Saturday when the last of the ballots had been counted and Florida's election officials confirmed what the rest of us already knew: Barack Obama had won.

The situation in Florida was the most dramatic side-effect of the nakedly partisan Republican voting antics this election year. Superfluous "Voter ID" laws, slashing early voting days, intimidation, misinformation, and in Ohio, an appeal to the Supreme Court, were all part of a hapless effort to deny President Obama a

2nd term and deliver the country into the hands of another idiot. This sort of outrageous and unabashed voter manipulation and suppression is offensive to any mature democracy, especially ours, and since the integrity of our electoral process cannot be entrusted to unrepentant morons in Republican controlled state governments, it's time for the Feds to step in.

During his victory speech after winning the re-election, the president hinted at doing something about the myriad of voting problems that plagued this election year and his administration very well should. In fact, congress should act swiftly to nationalize basic voting standards like other mature democracies. Congress could establish a nonpartisan federal election commission to maintain voter registration rolls, ensure that all eligible voters are able to cast a ballot, and those ballots are accurately counted.

It could set national voter ID standard or distribute national voter ID cards that are valid for life and set forth alternative method of identification in case a voter forget or misplaced his or her card. There are several good ideas the administration and congress should consider if it is serious about fixing the nations election problems. They might also consider making voting compulsory as is it is in countries like Australia and Brazil.

Uniformity of election law greatly simplifies a process that is already complicated, courtesy of our constitution. It ensures universal suffrage and suspends the integrity of the electoral process out of the reach of partisan opportunists whose party can no longer win elections fairly because they don't like "brown people."

HALO 4

REVIEW

Since its inception, the Halo franchise has been under the watchful eye of developer Bungie and Microsoft. After 11 years and seven games, including a side-story, spin-off, re-make and a prequel, Bungie has moved on and given the franchise over to another studio. Thankfully, 343 Industries has proven themselves more than up to the challenge and delivered one of the best Halo games to date.

We last left Master Chief floating through space on the remnants of the Forward Unto Dawn at the end of Halo 3. Now, four years later Spartan-117 finds himself under covenant attack while orbiting an artificial Forerunner world called Requiem. At the same time, Chief's artificial companion Cortana is slowly degrading as she enters "rampancy," the end of an AI's lifespan in the Halo universe.

While the Halo storyline has always been epic in scale, the games have lacked a sense of humanity. Master Chief exists solely for the players to project themselves onto. Other than a few one-liners here or there the chief is a fairly quiet man, opting to speak with his gun rather than his mouth. Following in Halo: Reach's footsteps Halo 4 tries to bring some emotion to the franchise; with mixed results. The gruff hero has more spoken dialog than ever, but it's Cortana that steals the show. Over time, Cortana has become much more than the chief's virtual navigator thanks in no small part to Jen Taylor's fantastic voice-over work. Cortana's descent into rampancy gives the game some much needed pathos. The writing is mostly competent, though a few clunky lines can drag the experience down at times.

For those familiar with the Halo campaign experience, this go-around should be fairly easy to get into. Most of the Covenant baddies are back excluding a few of the less popular ones. New to the series are the Prometheans, a race of mysterious Forerunner created warriors that bring a new dynamic to the Halo campaign. Attempting to fight the Prometheans like the Covenant is a quick way to get killed and should throw players for a loop during their first few encounters. Overall, the campaign is fun and satisfying for those looking for a single player experience in a first person shooter.

Multiplayer is back under the moniker of Infinity, containing War Games (Competitive Multiplayer), Forge (Map Editor), and the all-new Spartan Ops (Co-op). All the classic multiplayer modes are back in addition to a few new ones like Regicide

and Dominion. For those well versed in Halo multiplayer, prepare to be more than a little shaken. A handful of minor and a few major changes make competitive multiplayer fresh without alienating long-time fans.

Upon entering your first game of Infinity Slayer, veteran players will notice that weapons are no longer spread across the map, drastically changing the flow of normal slayer game types. Players are no longer required to memorize map layouts and rush for power weapons at the start of matches. Instead, weapons are disseminated via ordinance drops. For Call of Duty fans, this concept should seem familiar. As you gain points throughout the match, you gain the opportunity to select new weapons and powers. This allows the flow of power weapons to be tiered throughout the match. Before matches start, you can create customizable loadouts for your Spartan. Like in Reach, your loadout allows you to choose your weapons and armor abilities but now every character is also granted a tactical pack and a support upgrade. Whether these additional perks will unbalance the game has yet to be seen, but considering that these upgrades are available to all players and can be changed on the fly, it's hard to see them becoming a problem.

Replacing Reach and ODST's Firefight mode is the all-new Spartan Op modes. Loosely tied to the main campaign, Spartan Ops episodes tend to be relatively short co-op based missions that skip the details and get right to the action. Though enjoyable, the additional content is over fairly quickly even on legendary difficulty, making the decision to drop Firefight questionable. For those looking for a more narrative drive experience the main campaign is also co-op compatible. Currently there are five Spartan Op missions available on disc with the promise of more being released over time via Xbox Live.

343 Industries took on the monumental job of creating a competent Halo game following Bungie's departure and I'm pleased to say that they have done a tremendous job. Opting to make significant changes to the series was a risk that ended up paying off big time. Still, there are lingering doubts. For all the game's triumphs, there are a small handful of small mistakes. The changes in art, writing and gameplay may become welcome additions over time, but 343 Industries' long term impact on the franchise remains to be seen. If Halo 4 is any indication of the future, the chief should be in good hands.



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THE FUTURE OF MARVEL IS NOW

Marvel Comics is responsible for some of pop culture's most recognizable characters, with decades of serialized comics providing the foundation of the company's superhero universe. Under the new Marvel NOW! initiative, the lineup of superhero books will undergo an overhaul that will define its creative direction in a post-Avengers entertainment market. The decision to retool its current releases will provide new readers with a new starting point within the Marvel universe, while shaking up the current status quo for longtime fans.

Marvel NOW! can be compared to rival DC Comics's New 52 re-launch last year, which reset the long standing history of iconic characters like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman and restarted the company's entire lineup of 52 series from issues number one. Though Marvel maintains that the initiative is not truly a re-launch, it allows the company to shuffle the creative teams working on the company's most well-known properties and will provide a relatively clean slate for the incoming writers and artists.

The landscape of the Marvel Comics universe is a much different one than what is present in the movies. While The Avengers assembled for the first time on the big-screen, Captain America led his expanded team into battle against Cyclops and his embattled X-Men in a crossover comic event. Avengers vs. X-Men served as the catalyst for Marvel NOW!, and defined the coming shift in the Marvel status quo.

Following the event, Brian Michael Bendis will end his eight year tenure as writer on the Avengers line of books, and will take his talents to the X-Men side of Marvel's publications. Similarly, writer Ed Brubaker will end a run on Captain America that began in November 2004. Marvel has placed their faith in Venom and Punisher writer Rick Remender, who will be responsible for the re-launched Captain America, and a new series titled Uncanny Avengers, which will feature an Avengers team with both original Avengers and members of the X-Men.

One of the first series to re-launch under the Marvel NOW! imprint was fan favorite Deadpool.

The book starring the fourth wall-breaking mercenary is written by Brian Posehn and Gerry Duggan. Posehn is best known for his comedy work, including his role as Brian Spukowski on The Sarah Silverman Show. Deadpool is illustrated by Tony Moore, a co-creator of The Walking Dead.

Moore will no doubt be right at home during the series' first arc, which features Deadpool battling against the reanimated corpses of America's past presidents. The introduction of a fresh comedic writing team to Deadpool is an example of how the Marvel NOW! initiative will help re-establish the creative direction of the company's most important properties.

One of the more controversial decisions coming out of Marvel NOW! is the conclusion of The Amazing Spider-Man at issue 700 this December. Replacing the book will be The Superior Spider-Man, a new series featuring a Spider-Man that is not Peter Parker. Author Dan Slott took over as the series' sole writer in January 2011, and was the only writer to survive the Marvel NOW! creative shuffle among the company's flagship titles. The identity of the new "superior" Spider-Man will remain a secret until its January release, prompting an outcry from fans fearing that Peter Parker may not survive his 50th anniversary year.

Along with decades of serialization comes the constant re-interpretation of characters by different creative teams as they come and go. While writers like Brubeck and Bendis have spent the better part of a decade on some of their books, others last less than a year. Marvel NOW! will allow the company to place ideal creative teams on each of its new series, with an emphasis on longevity, making it more than just a marketing strategy.

Books under the Marvel NOW! imprint will continue to launch throughout the winter, including titles like All-New X-Men, Iron Man, Savage Wolverine, Guardians of the Galaxy, Thunderbolts and more. For more information, visit Marvel.com or pick up an issue of any the series mentioned at your local comic book store.

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE RUGBY

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Rugby is an emerging sport that is looking for more student participation. Although it is not the typical sport played at Morehouse, it is still taken very seriously and everybody who is interested is welcomed to come out and play.

In its second year of existence, the rugby club, which goes by the Saber-Tooth Tigers, is looking to add some sponsors and become an official intramural team here at Morehouse. The team currently consists of 20 players, including one female player.

"We are looking for more people interested in playing rugby, or just interested in the sport in general", Jovan Davis, a member of the rugby team here at Morehouse said. "Practices are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the time is announced via the coaches. If you're looking for a challenge or for a way to get in shape, try rugby." Although knowledge about the sport of rugby is not great, awareness is slowly growing. Several keys to the sport in-

clude having a good back line, with swift, strong backs who are responsible for recovering the ball quickly whenever possible. These opportunities arise after a "ruck", when the two respected teams huddle up together to fight for the ball after someone is tackled with it; players must let go of the ball after the opposing team tackles them.

The playing field is 100 meters in length, and the game consists of a maximum of 15 players on each team, with up to seven substitutes for each team. They play two 40-minute halves.

The main way to score in rugby is a "try" – equivalent to a touchdown in football – that is worth five points. These are followed by "conversion" attempts, similar to a field goal, but worth two points. The additional ways to score in rugby are drop goals and penalty kicks, each worth three points.

Morehouse will have their first game on November 16 at Georgia State. All newcomers are welcome to come out and participate as the Sabers prepare for Georgia State this Friday.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE VS. LOYOLA

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Rebounding has been a major factor in the two exhibition games the Maroon Tigers have played. After being outrebounded in their first exhibition game, the Loyola University Wolf Pack outrebounded Morehouse 50-34, leading to Maroon Tigers' second straight loss in the preseason.

After making a 14-point comeback in regulation, the Maroon Tigers lost in overtime to the Wolf Pack 74-69. Along with rebounds, Loyola also won the free-throw battle, shooting 39 free throws and making 24 of them, while the Maroon Tigers shot 16 free throws and made only 10 of them.

Although Morehouse trailed by 14 points, they had a chance to win the game when they led by a score of 65-60 with 35 seconds left in the game. The Maroon Tigers allowed the Wolf Pack to get on a quick 5-0 run, that included three missed free throws by Morehouse to force overtime. The Wolf Pack outscored the Maroon Tigers 9-4 in overtime to win the game 74-69.

Morehouse was led by their preseason All-SIAC players, preseason MVP Andrae Nelson with 23 points and seven rebounds in 42 minutes of action, and Shawn Allen with 12 points, four rebounds and three assists. Both Nelson and Allen fouled out the game; Nelson fouled out for the second straight game.

After losing two exhibition games, the Maroon Tigers will prepare for their first regular season game in the University of North Alabama, University of West Georgia classic on November 16 in Carrollton, GA.

ATLANTA FALCONS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 18th

Cardinals Vs. Falcons-1:00 PM (ET)

NOVEMBER 25th

Falcons Vs. Buccaneers-1:00 PM (ET)

NOVEMBER 29th

Saints Vs. Falcons-8:20 PM (ET)

DECEMBER 9th

Falcons Vs. Panthers-1:00 PM (ET)

DECEMBER 16th

Giants Vs. Falcons-1:00 PM (ET)

DECEMBER 22nd

Falcons Vs. Lions-8:30 PM (ET)

NFL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

11/18	Bengals	v	Chiefs	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Packers	v	Lions	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Jaguars	v	Texans	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Jets	v	Rams	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Eagles	v	Redskins	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Cardinals	v	Falcons	-1:00 PM (ET)
11/18	Saints	v	Raiders	-4:05 PM (ET)
11/18	Chargers	v	Broncos	-4:25 PM (ET)
11/18	Colts	v	Patriots	-4:25 PM (ET)
11/18	Ravens	v	Steelers	-8:20 PM (ET)
11/18	Bears	v	49ers	-8:30 PM (ET)

NBA WEEKEND SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 16th

Jazz Vs. 76ers
7:00 PM (ET)

Mavericks Vs. Pacers
7:00 PM (ET)

Magic Vs. Pistons
7:30 PM (ET)

Thunder Vs. Hornets
8:00 PM (ET)

Warriors Vs. Timberwolves
8:00 PM (ET)

Knicks Vs. Grizzlies
9:30 PM (ET)