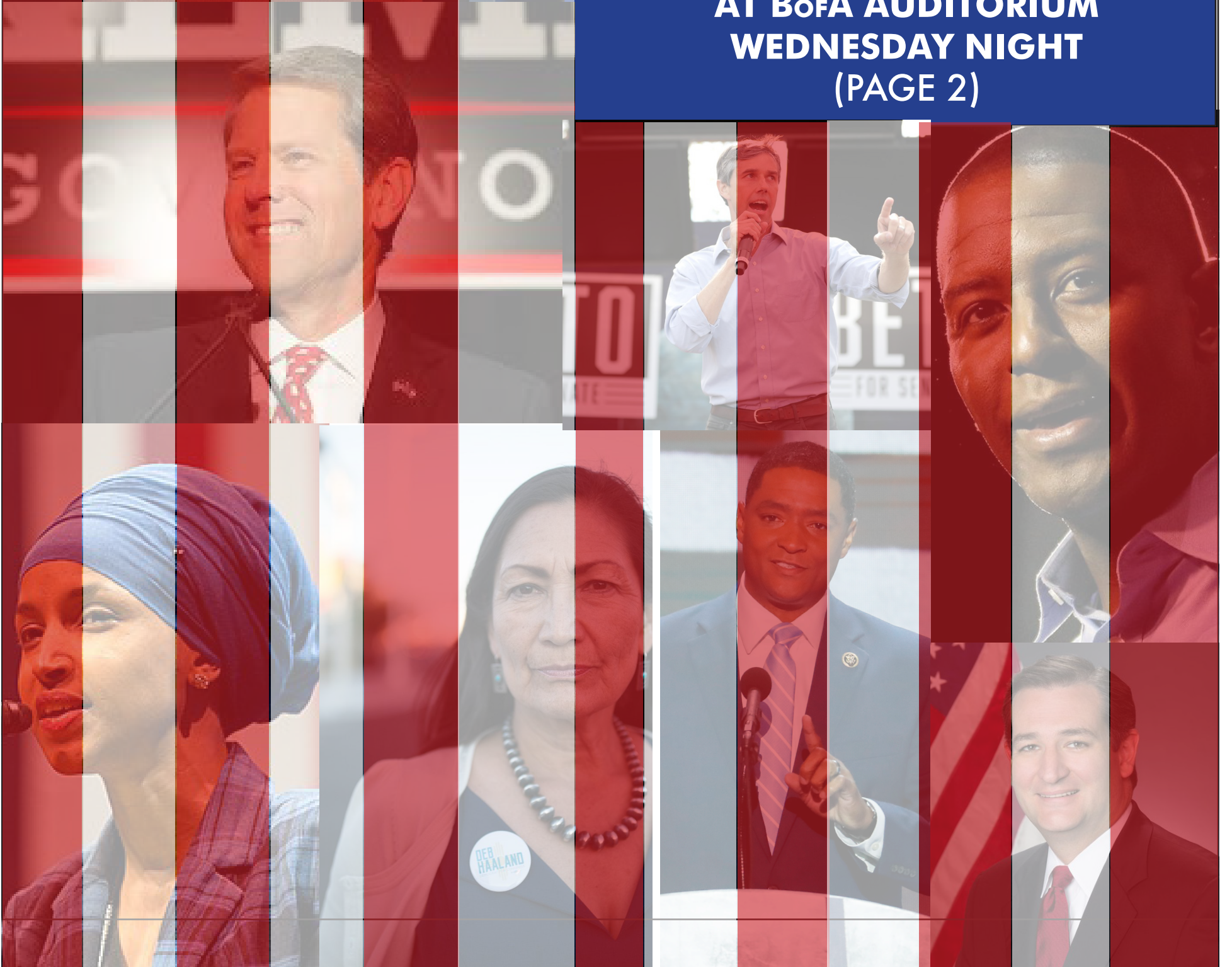




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EXPERTS ON POLITICS ANALYZE ELECTIONS AT BOFA AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BY TORRENCE BANKS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehouse College Journalism and Sports Program, Political Science Department, and the Office of Student Life are collaborating to put on a post-election analysis program. The event is named “Upon Further Review” and it will be held at the Bank of America Auditorium this Wednesday.

The event will begin with a soul food reception at 6 p.m. The discussion will start at 7 p.m.

“It is usually an event that is taken for granted by college students,” Political Science Department Chair Matthew Platt said. “A panel with this caliber of panelists is usually very expensive. Students get a chance to see this event for free. Students should try to take advantage of that.”

The moderator will ask the four-person panel a series of questions. Afterward, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions. The panelists will include journalists Sonya Ross and Jim Galloway, and Political Science professors Platt and Christina Greer.

From 1995-2002, Sonya Ross was an Associated Press White House Correspondent. Currently, she is the wire service’s Race and Ethnicity Editor.

Jim Galloway is the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s political columnist and has been the writer of the “Political Insider” column for 16 years.

Platt graduated Morehouse in 2003 and now teaches National Government and Seminar in Political Thought. His research currently focuses on black political empowerment

Greer is an Associate Professor of American Studies and Political Science at Fordham University. She also is a guest political analyst on MSNBC and specializes in research on racial and ethnic politics, presidential politics, campaigns and elections.

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elsewhere,” said Ron Thomas, the director of Morehouse College’s Journalism and Sports Program.

Thomas said that the event could cover topics such as the impact of Democrats taking control of the House of Representatives, voter suppression in Georgia, restoration of the vote to former prisoners, and the record number of women in congress. These are all topics that can directly affect students’ lives.

“I hope they can come away from it with knowledge and insight,” Ross said. “Not only [about] Georgia but the entire nation. This is a very, very exciting time and students have to engage and soak up what’s around them. Some of the issues that will be discussed will have a direct impact.”

From this event, Platt hopes that students will become more knowledgeable about the 2018 midterm elections and the policies that result from it.

“Not just who won and lost, but on the policy explanations and what it says about America more broadly,” Platt said. “Also, what it says about their own futures and how it may affect them.”

MOREHOUSE HOSTS DEAN CARTER'S BOOK LAUNCH

BY SHAYLA SPANN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For many people, religion acts as a glue that binds societies together. However, for others, it isn't the different labels, beliefs, and practices that matter. It is our religious life that teaches us about eternal truths that transcend worldly boundaries.

Dean Lawrence E. Carter Sr.'s thought-provoking memoir, "A Baptist Preacher's Buddhist Teacher: How My Interfaith Journey with Daisaku Ikeda Made Me a Better Christian," speaks from a place beyond the rare fusion of Buddhism and Christianity elements. It speaks from a cosmopolitan place where people of all cultures, ethnicities and religions can come together in union.

Carter is the founding dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College, and has dedicated his life to not only following in the footsteps of his mentor, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but to also sharing his teachings. Despite his efforts to expand King's vision for global peace and justice for all, Carter believed that he had failed his mentor – that is, until he discovered the work of Buddhist philosopher Daisaku Ikeda. It was the knowledge of Ikeda that would lead Carter on a journey of self-understanding and renewed faith, which he candidly shares with his audience in his new book.

Carter's book launch will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 7-9 p.m. in the Bank of America Auditorium at Morehouse College, and is free and open to the public. Journalist Donna Lowry, longtime reporter for WXIA-TV/11Alive and former communications chief for Fulton County Schools, will moderate the program, followed by a Q&A session as well as a book signing and reception. The memoir has already achieved critical acclaim, especially from Larry O. Rivers, Associate Professor of History at the University of West Georgia, who

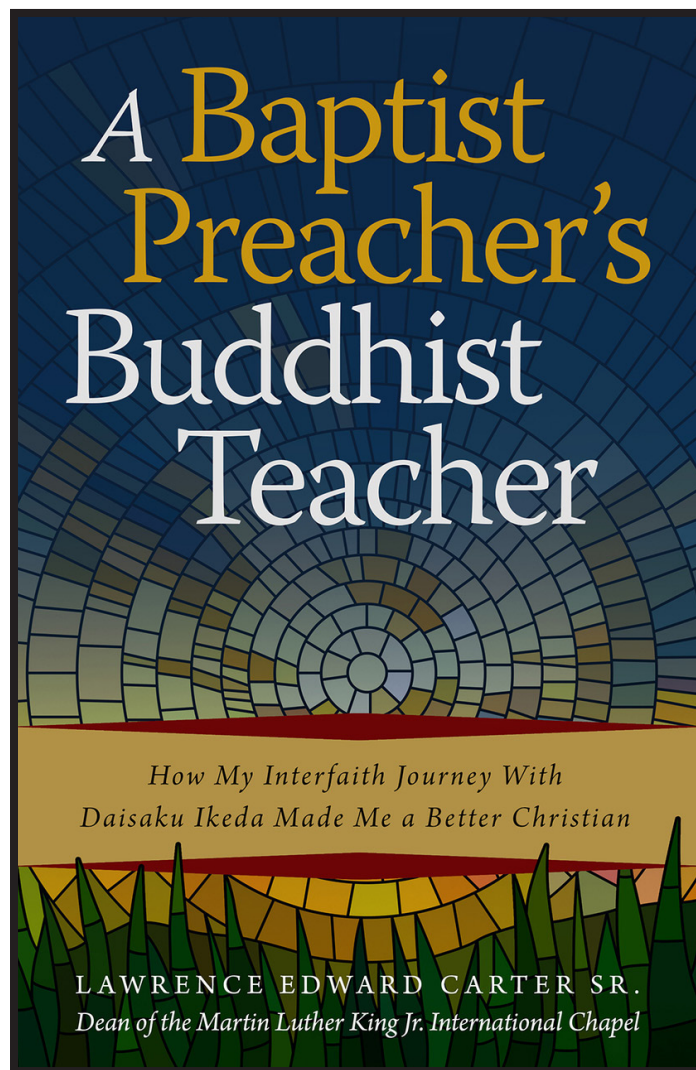
believes that the book will allow audiences to grow beyond themselves in order to reach a higher state of being.

"This beautifully written memoir is a testament to the power of the inward journey toward existential discovery, a pursuit too often impeded by social barriers," Rivers wrote in a book review. "Universal and immanent truth beckons to us beyond the boundaries of geography, nomenclature, or faith tradition. It will draw us nearer, Carter teaches, if only we muster the intellectual courage to let it light our path."

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Carter's book is his deep and heartwarming admiration for both of his mentors, especially Ikeda. It's certainly an interesting case of religious syncretism between Carter being a Baptist and Ikeda, a Buddhist. Despite this rarity, in an excerpt from his book Carter emphasizes his appreciation for Ikeda being a guide in his life following a time when he was in deep despair.

"One of the most significant things the SGI [Soka Gakkai International, a Japanese Buddhist movement] has done for the King Chapel is move with speed, urging me to overcome my feelings of powerlessness and regret to believe that now is the time to spread the good news of nonviolence, happiness, care, harmony, cooperation, justice, sustainability and peace," Carter said. "Daisaku Ikeda and the Soka Gakkai International gave my faith wings of renewed hope that peace, even in the midst of these increasingly terrifying, violent and war-mongering times, is the drumbeat worth marching to."

The inspirational memoir will be available to purchase for \$14.95 at Carter's launch on Nov. 13. With his launch, Carter hopes to provide a powerful and soul-stirring dialogue that will give hope, guidance and faith to his audience.



STAYING INFORMED

BY ALEXANDER SIMS
STAFF WRITER

Voting in elections is a civic duty that people around the country have engaged in for generations. There have been various ways that citizens have received information about elections throughout American history, but there is a paradigm shift happening as technology advances. The advent of social media and live streaming platforms has drastically changed the way that information is spread about candidates and the election as a whole.

There are so many ways that society can stay updated on election news, and people are taking advantage of all of them.

“My mother always told me to keep with with the news of every election, but this election I received most of my information from social media,” Morehouse senior LaBert Twiggs said. “I think social media is good because it reaches people in a different way. It’s so easy for news to spread these days compared to time that my mother was in college, and it gives all of us a better opportunity to be correctly informed before they go to the polls.”

Where specifically do people get their online news from? Ty Williams, a sophomore at Morehouse, gets most

of his information from “Vice news, The Young Turks, Vox News, and memes on Twitter.” Dangers of using online sources can arise if interested parties only pay attention to sources that they agree with, and Williams recognizes this.

“I like Vice News because it gives both perspectives,” he continued. “I need to make sure that I hear the opinions of people that I don’t agree with so I understand every side of the issue.”

Some people are not as enthusiastic about the prospect of social media as a primary source for election news. African American Studies professor Dr. Trenton Bailey thinks that using social media can hurt us if we are not careful.

“Online sources can be good, but sometimes they can mislead people because a lot of time people just believe whatever they see in social media without researching,” Bailey said.

The expansion of online media as a news source has drastically changed the way people discover information about the elections that we participate in. However, it is our responsibility to make sure that we are accurately informed about the issues when we cast our ballots.



AUC BACKS UP ABRAMS WITH BALLOTS

BY AUSTIN ASTWOOD
STAFF WRITER

Before the race for governor was shrouded in controversy and a possible December runoff, young women and men across the Atlanta University Center all joined hands and came together as one for the victory of our fellow Spelman sister, Stacey Abrams. This race is extremely important to the state of Georgia because if Abrams does in fact win, it could help Georgia become a blue state for the first time since 1960.

Republican candidate Brian Kemp is currently Georgia's Secretary of State — a position that puts him in charge of elections in the state and has fueled concern about a potential conflict of interest. He and Abrams have been campaigning heavily for the past four weeks to fight for this victory.

Students throughout the AUC were out voting to ensure their respective first choices will be put into office. Many students such as Lauren Bailey of Spelman College have been encouraging people on all her social media platforms to go out and be the change they want to see by voting for Abrams.

“Encouraging people, especially my peers, to get out and vote in society today is so important to me,” she said. “Following this election as it progressed made me realize how serious voting is if we want a change for the state of Georgia.”

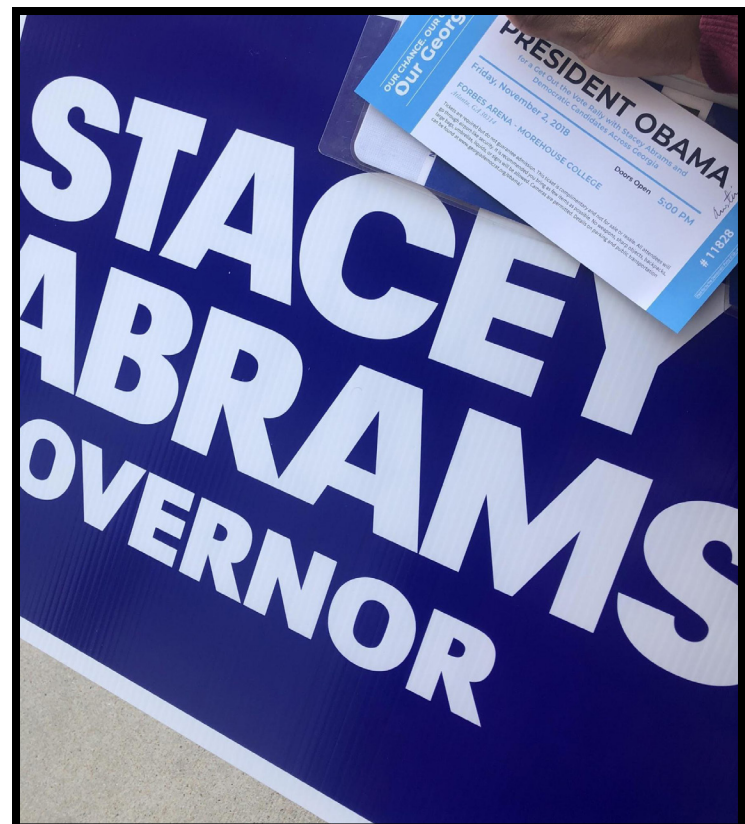
This election has caused a media frenzy that has touched all around the United States. Many celebrities including Oprah, John Legend and Common have been canvassing and standing in support of Abrams winning this race. On Election Day, inside Chick-fil-A in Kilgore Hall Ms. Jasmine, a well-known employee, was eager for the students she serves daily to get out and vote for Abrams if they have not already.

“When I was 19 and 20 nobody was pushing me to vote and I didn't push myself because I didn't understand what my vote meant really,” she said. “Now that I'm older and I've been able to see the impact of what voting and not voting can do, I just want to encourage y'all to do something that could benefit our state and your future as a college student in residing in Georgia.”

Jasmine and many other young adults in the AUC want to be a part of the change the state of Georgia desperately needs to see. However, other faculty and staff on campus have been advising their students to get registered and vote for weeks. Professors such as Dr. Adria Welcher in the Sociology Department have been encouraging students in her classes to vote for Abrams since Homecoming Week in late October.

“Voting today will make the changes for tomorrow that will affect our future,” she said.

During the evening of the election, the Douglass Academic Resource Center had many students within the space discussing the future of the state of Georgia. Many discussed what it would mean if Abrams is elected. The consensus was clear: if Abrams is able to secure a runoff and become governor of our state, the changes she'll bring to Georgia will be more than welcome.



PRESIDENT THOMAS ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPUS SAFETY PLAN

BY RON THOMAS
MAROON TIGER ADVISOR

As a response to recent crimes against Morehouse students – including one in which a student was shot in a carjacking attempt – on Tuesday morning President David Thomas announced a series of new or enhanced approaches to increasing security in and near the campus.

At a rare special meeting he called in King Chapel for students, staff and faculty, Thomas described a holistic approach to reducing crime that included specific, practical steps and the development of “a culture of safety” within the entire Morehouse community.

“From my vantage point, safety has two components – one is literally our physical safety and the reality of it,” he said. “The second component is our psychological safety: Do I feel safe? Do we have a culture of safety that creates a shared responsibility for creating a safe and healthy community?”

Thomas referred to several robberies and other incidents that occurred inside or outside the perimeter of campus. The most serious occurred on Oct. 21 when student Geoffrey Willis was shot in the chest and the leg during an attempted carjacking at the Shell gas station on Lee Street less than a mile from campus.

“Praise to the Lord he is on the mend and will be fine, but you cannot imagine what a moment that was as president of your college,” Thomas said. “There are many things that I have done in my

life to prepare for this role, but nothing prepares you to get a call that a student of yours has been seriously injured in life-threatening terms.”

Thomas then outlined several practical steps that have been taken to secure the college community’s physical safety:

- Morehouse’s increased coordination with other AUC schools and the Atlanta Police Department;
- The establishment of a College Safety Task Force to recognize trends that threaten campus safety;
- Hiring more campus police and the installation of more cameras, especially in dormitories;
- Dr. Said Sewell will meet with students Wednesday in Dansby Hall from 6-7 and 7-8 p.m., and again Thursday in the African American Hall of Fame at the same times.
- Thomas welcomes suggestions from any member of the Morehouse community. They can be sent to him at president@morehouse.edu.

Thomas then addressed creating the “culture of safety” at Morehouse. He urged students to offer suggestions about ways they can make the campus more secure and about how the administration can do the same.

He noted that one problem is that students sometimes leave exterior doors of their dorms cracked open so a friend or they may enter. The problem is that makes the dorm’s residents vul-

nerable to a criminal entering through those doors.

“I’m asking all of us to inconvenience ourselves to keep me and my brothers safe,” Thomas said.

He also warned students to be careful about who they invite onto campus, and then switched his focus to safety within the Morehouse community.

“Safety is also how we treat each other,” he said. “Bullying – whether it is physical intimidation, cyber intimidation or verbal intimidation – we must eliminate from our community,” he said.

Thomas also utilized the meeting to announce several reasons for the college to feel proud.

He noted the successful completion of its accreditation process with SACSCOC.

“Not only did we succeed in that review, but we essentially got as close to a perfect score as you can get,” Thomas said.

He announced that The Blank Ink Project, Morehouse’s writing across the curriculum project, has received funding from a Mellon Grant.

And he noted that the cross-country team just won the SIAC championship for the third straight time and 23rd time in the last 25 years. It is coached by Willie Hill and assistants Chris Doomes and Carmellia Shivers-Cole.



WHAT CAN MEMES TELL US ABOUT THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS?

MEMES ARE SURPRISINGLY TELLING ABOUT
THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS.

BY AUTUMN HARRIS
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Social media presents itself as the latest tool for Black folk to interpret and share the world as they see it. Taking the internet by storm, the use of memes and reaction gifs have provided another visual to associate with a number of expressions, moods, and responses.

The internet has a way of making light of serious events and the 2018 midterm elections were not excluded from this phenomenon. Internet users used distraught images of Spongebob Squarepants, gifs (or looped videos) of pop stars like Ariana Grande dancing, and even a photobombed photo of Mitch McConnell unable to vote.

What does this tell us? For starters, nothing is sacred within the realm of Twitter. But also, what do people know about the midterm

elections?

This GIF of Spongebob reads, "Y'all only told me to vote for Stacey Abrams WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO FOR THEM OTHER NAMES AND THOSE AMENDMENTS."

Comments under the meme agreed to the meme's sentiments. One user commented, "Yup! Was studying for voting like it was a final! Had to see which candidates were Black which ones had made racist statements or were anti police reform or anti rights for my people, the homeless, my lgbt folks - it was a lot!!! The ballot was four pages 2 sides..."

Others commented in agreement saying, "I swear this was me," and "They purposely word them to have folks vote in the way they intend. Trickery."

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VOTER SUPPRESSION LEADS TO REGRESSION OF DEMOCRACY

BY CORBIN CHUBE
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The 2018 midterm elections are in full effect. Last Tuesday, voters nationwide converged in masses to the polls to produce the largest midterm election voter turnout since 1966, according to National Public Radio. With 435 individuals from Congress on the ballot and 36 races for governor at stake, Democrats were trusting the results would enable their party to control of the House of Representatives and the Senate from the Republicans.

The Democrats achieved one of those goals. They needed to win 218 seats to take control of the House. By Sunday they had surpassed that number with some races still undecided.

“The character of our country is on the ballot,” former U.S. President Barack Obama said.

That meant that this year’s election is going to play a pivotal role in the advancement of the United States. States such as Georgia, Arizona, Florida, New York, Michigan, and Texas had higher turnout rates despite claims of voter suppression toward predominantly minority communities.

For instance, extremely long lines, polls not opening on time, and voting machine glitches were present in mostly African-American neighborhoods all through Georgia. In some cases, authorities did not supply power cords for their voting machines. Eventually, the machines’ batteries died out, resulting in individuals standing in line for hours to vote.

Republican candidates who profited from voter suppression endeavors were set up to succeed because the effect disproportionately influenced Democratic and particularly minority voters.

“Being discouraged is what they want!” Spelman College junior Jazmine Thomas said.

Even though the U.S. Constitution provides no explicit right to vote, it is assumed that voting is an American standard and a fundamental fair right that ought to be ensured, advanced, and practiced. Basically, it should not to be altered or tampered with.

Voter suppression limits people’s right to vote, and that can be interpreted as systematic injustice. That outcome serves as a precursor to regression for American democracy.



VOTERS CASTS THEIR BALLOT FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS./PHOTO BY CORBIN CHUBE

MOREHOUSE WINNERS IN MIDTERMS

AMONG THE 2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS, 14 MOREHOUSE ALUMNI WERE ELECTED INTO STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL POSITIONS.

BY NOAH McMILLAN & AUTUMN HARRIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Morehouse made its mark on Election Day as graduates, 14 to be exact, were elected into state, local, and federal offices. The wins stretched across generations with class representatives hailing from 1964 to 2011.

Winning with 94.43 percent of the votes, Ebbon A. Allen '04 was re-elected as the commissioner of the Advisory Neighborhood Committee in Washington, D.C. Allen shed light on life before politics and his experience at Morehouse.

"Both of my parents were raised in Ward 7 and I was born in Ward 7 so I'm a second-generation Washingtonian," Allen said by phone through his slight D.C. native dialect.

As mentorship goes, Allen was influenced during his time at Morehouse by upperclassman Reginald "Reggie" Cason to get involved with early childhood education and activism.

"He [Reggie] did a lot of after-school tutoring and mentoring in Bankhead, and once I started working with those elementary school students, I felt like I clicked with those students during that time."

Allen believes that the number of elected alumni speaks volumes to Morehouse's reputation.

"Morehouse cultivates, empowers, and molds world leaders," he said. "The institution itself is very inspirational as far as every man's experience there. It teaches that you definitely have a purpose to serve and you have to live up to that purpose so that you can make a difference in the community."

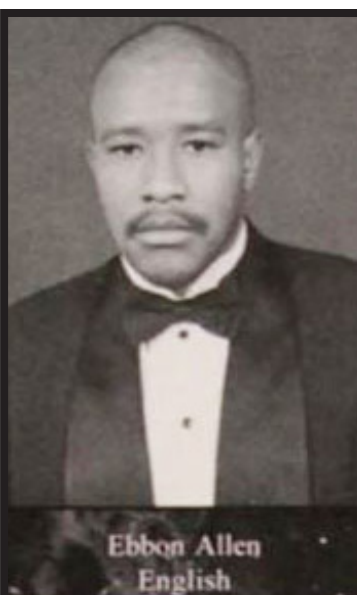
Based on information gathered by Joe Carlos, the Morehouse College Associate Director of Alumni Engagement, and Rolling Out Magazine reporter Mo Barnes, here is a list of 14 Morehouse Men who won midterm election:

1. **Hon. Sanford Bishop Jr. '68 won re-election as Congressman from Georgia's 2nd Congressional District**
2. **Hon. Roger Bruce '75 won re-election to the Georgia House of Representatives 61st District.**
3. **Kirk Hatcher '88 was elected to represent House District 78 in the Alabama House of Representatives!**
4. **Hon. Cedric Richmond '95 won re-election as Congressman from Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District!**
5. **Hon. Steven Reed '96 was re-elected as a Probate Judge in Montgomery, Alabama**
6. **Hon. Torrance Harvey '97 was elected Mayor of Newburgh, New York**
7. **El-Mahdi Holly '98 was elected as the representative for the Georgia House of Representatives District 111.**
8. **Hon. Ebbon Allen '04 won re-election to Washington DC's Advisory Neighborhood Committee Seat 7E03.**
9. **Jeremy Brown '06 won election as Justice of the Peace In Harris County, Texas, Precinct 7 Place 1.**
10. **Hon. Matthew Pigatt '09 was elected Mayor of Opa-locka, Florida**
11. **Lincoln E. Barnett '11 was elected Mayor of Hughes, Arkansas**
12. **Hon. Christopher Preston '11 was re-elected to the At-Large Position 2 seat of the City Council of Missouri City, Texas.**
13. **Jesse Chism '03 was elected as a State Representative for District 85 to the Tennessee House of Representatives.**
14. **Art Haywood '79 was re-elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, where he serves the citizens of the 4th District.**

There is no doubt that these alumni will hold true to the Morehouse mission and serve as leaders and committed servants to the greater community.



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EBBON A.
ALLEN OF
WASHINGTON
DC'S
ADVISORY
NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMITTEE



Ebbon Allen
English



ABRAMS' CHANCE AT HISTORY

BY MARLIN COOK
STAFF WRITER

A tweet late Tuesday night read the following: “We will fight for every vote. The best is yet to come #gapol.” This tweet came from Stacey Abrams who is the Democratic candidate for Governor of the state of Georgia. The tweet summarizes the hard fought, and at times, bitter governor’s race in Georgia.

The race in Georgia has garnished a lot of national attention because of the historical context behind the race and alleged voter suppression by Republican candidate Brian Kemp. Abrams has the opportunity to become the first African-American female Governor not just in Georgia but in the United States. The opportunity at history has stirred a lot of excitement among young and old voters within the state.

To find this excitement, look no further than the Atlanta University Center which consists of Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, and Abram’s alma mater Spelman College. Encouraging millennials to get out and

vote has been a focal point of the campaign trail for Abrams. The energy in Spelman’s Upper Manley watch party was vibrant and Mia Jones a graduating senior of the college displayed that excitement.

“We are making history tonight baby,” exclaimed Jones. “When I go to sleep I will continue to pray and hope for an Abrams win.”

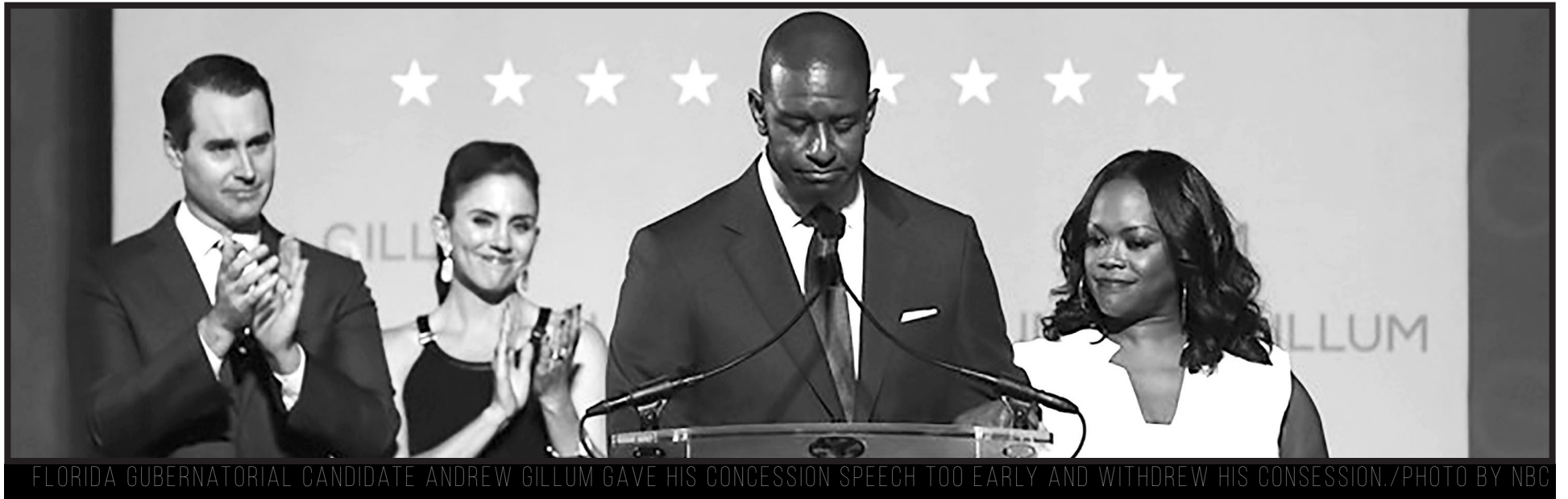
There have been many attempts to tamper the excitement around Abrams by current Secretary of State Brian Kemp. Kemp has been accused of voter suppression and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has been at the forefront of the issue by winning key court cases in recent weeks. The ACLU recently won a ruling against Kemp in his attempt to throw out absentee ballots or applications for a mismatch in signatures and not allowing the voter to contest their signature.

However, his attempts have been unsuccessful as millennials and long-time Georgia voters have continued

their excitement at the chance to witness history. Clayton Moreland who grew up in Mechanicsville, GA, has lived in the state his entire life and has witnessed many state elections come and go. His excitement for this election compared to past ones is unmatched.

“I think it is a beautiful thing, women are getting more opportunities now. I think she is qualified,” Moreland said. “She can really hold her own, she can really do the job, I think she is going to do a pretty good job.”

No matter the outcome of the race, one thing has been made very apparent throughout the state of Georgia. Abrams has been able to tap into a base in the state that in past years had shown very little interest and excitement about the Governor’s race. She has provided a blueprint for future candidates on how to not only energize the millennial base but the older voting population in Georgia as well.



FLORIDA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE ANDREW GILLUM GAVE HIS CONCESSION SPEECH TOO EARLY AND WITHDREW HIS CONCESSION. /PHOTO BY NBC

DAYS AFTER ELECTION NIGHT, FLORIDA RACES STILL TOO CLOSE TO CALL

BY PARKER OWENS
STAFF WRITER

hopes were high going into the 2018 Midterm Election for many first-time voters in Florida. The Democratic nominee for governor, Andrew Gillum, gave many a belief that a change was coming.

The former Governor Rick Scott ran for the Senate spot against Bill Nelson, who has held the position for 18 years. Other voters noted that they felt that Scott compromised his morals for the NRA. This comes in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that saw the deaths of 17 students.

“The FSA was an unwanted stress on me and my friends in high school and made it a more stressful process.” says Cheyenne Rattray, who attended a Title 1 high school during Scott’s term. “The lack of funding that we got compared to other schools was also a pain.”

While initially hopeful, Democrats in the state did not immediately get the results that they desired. At the end of Election Night, it appeared that Gillum had lost to Republican Ron DeSantis, and Bill Nelson apparently had lost to Scott.

That would have given Florida two Republican senators and a Republican governor for the first time. However, as the counting of ballots continued throughout the week, Scott’s margin over Nelson shrunk to less than 0.5%, which automatically triggers a recount under Florida law. The difference between DeSantis’ and Gillum’s totals also has shrunk, so a recount may be needed in that race, too.

“I feel that this does not show the true demographics of Florida,” says Chelsea Sherwood, who is a former volunteer for the Florida Democratic Party.

“We have 13 million people registered to vote and only 8 million who showed up to vote.”

There is glimmer of hope for Democrats. The passing of Amendment 4 is a major development in the struggle for voting rights. It enables 1.4 million felons to now have the right to vote. It also gives 40 of Black men in the state the right to vote.

“At least they got something right,” Sherwood said in reference to Amendment 4. “It is actually pretty shocking that the state voted so conservative, but still elected to restore the right to vote.”

This certainly can be an increase to the Democrats voting push, as they fought hard to have the amendment passed. The 1.4 million felons could have been the difference on Election Night, and it is likely to play a large role in future campaigns.

SPEAK UP, GO VOTE

BY KALEB MARTIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was a cloudy, cold day. There was a sense of obligation in the air as if there was a mission at hand. Why? Because it was time to vote.

It's time for Georgia to get a new governor and many are trying to get their respective choice into that seat. Republicans and Democrats alike hit the polls. Stacey Abrams was running as a Democrat and Brian Kemp was running as a Republican.

Polling places were set up in different precincts and areas all over Georgia including Morehouse College. Morehouse College opened up its gym, Archer Hall, for the public to vote. Students from Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta came together in Archer Hall and voted.

"I believe voting is important because as an American citizen, I need to make sure that I keep my country in a good place," Tyler Jones '20 said. "I think America is in a good place now, but there's still work to be done."

Corey Wellington '20 said, "It's important to get your voice heard and it allows you to get your opinion on how you

think the government should be operated. [I feel accomplished] because I was able to express my opinion."

For many people, voting is a way to be heard and interact with their government, but not everyone votes. If voting is so important, what do people think about those who don't vote?

"Everyone is entitled to their own thoughts and opinions," said Alani Scott '20. "But it's still important to get your voice out there. I don't agree with not voting, but do what thou wilt."

"I think there are so many things like voter suppression that cause people not to vote and that's understandable," said Brienne Gilbert '20. "But I don't think it's right to simply not vote because you just don't want to or simply because a candidate looks like you. You should vote because the candidate's view align with your own and they want to help the community."

Students believe that their voices will be heard through voting. The population of the youth was taught to speak through voting, but is it the same for

someone of an older generation? What do they believe?

"Voting is important to me precisely because it is one of the fundamental rights given to me by virtue of being an American citizen and a member of the Democratic process," said Morehouse professor Dr. Stanley Johnson.

To him, voting is deeper than just choosing who sits in a chair. Voting to some is a chance to be heard and make a change. For others, it is to honor their ancestors' hard, rigorous work.

"On a deeper level, it is important primarily because I come from a people who were not granted their 'inalienable' rights because of our skin color," Johnson continued. "It has only been a little over a century since we have had access to voting and it is my duty and obligation to my ancestors to exercise this right. Voting is personal, and I cannot allow my ancestors blood, sweat, tears, and death to become trivialized by not honoring them by not voting."



BOWSER, BUST OR BLESS

BY WILLIAM WEBSTER III
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Election day is finally here and the race for mayor of Washington, D.C. is coming to an end. The newly re-elected mayor Muriel Bowser has many voters in fear of what to expect their lives to be like soon.

Following the election several residents were asked what their thoughts about Bowser's re-election were. The first resident, Cebria Nickens, an 18-year-old Washingtonian expressed concerns about some of the alleged changes that Bowser planned on implementing. One of which being \$500 speeding tickets across the city.

"It's completely ridiculous they think charging people \$500 for speeding will make the city a better place simply because they are charging people more for this particular crime."

Nickens ultimately stated she didn't dislike Bowser necessarily she just would have preferred another mayor as she doesn't feel the support for Bowser from the people she's been tasked to govern.

"I feel as though if the ticket prices are going to be \$500 minimum then less people will speed," said Jared Bethea, a student at Morehouse. "However just because the prices are high-

er, and more money would be brought into the city you can only hope that the money used from this ridiculous increase in speeding fines is brought back into the city though the school systems, parks, and more."

After speaking with these two very different people it is easy to conclude that Bowser has both supporters and protesters to the agenda that she speaks on bringing to life.

"I don't think raising the ticket prices is the problem that we should be worried about," said Robyn Spears, a 28-year-old resident of Washington D.C. "I think we should be more concerned with what is going to happen to those who are moved out of their homes as a result of gen-

trification expanding throughout the entire D.C."

Election day is a very important day and the race leading up to that is just as important as the actual decision on who won. Without the votes of all who are eligible to do so we will never be able to appoint those who we support or to remove those who we do not want appointed any longer, thus a very important reason that voting should be done at every election.



ODE TO 2000'S: HOMECOMING FASHION SHOW RECAP

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Diverging from the fashion show template of sending sullen-faced, uninterested models down the runway, the A.U.C. Agency opted for a more exciting approach during Homecoming. Embodying the second word of the phrase “fashion show”, this year’s installment showcased the evolution of the early 2000s, specifically 2000s film and music. The agency brought your favorite films from the silver screen to the catwalk, redefining what a fashion show can be.

The “2000s Evolution” fashion show revolved around eight films: “You Got Served,” “Mean Girls,” “ATL,” “Kill Bill,” “The Dark Knight,” “Love Don’t Cost a Thing,” “The Matrix,” and “Save the Last Dance.” Each scene of the show pertained to one of the films, where movie inspired looks were given free reign.

The scenes represented the intersection between homage to film and original design talent as the outfits were not merely cinematic replicas, but a fresh twist on the possibilities of cinematic fashion.

The headlining designer of this year’s production was Aaron Handy of Kinetic Styles.

In that role, Handy presided as creative director over “Mean Girls,” “Love Don’t Cost a Thing,” “The Matrix,” and my personal favorite, “Kill Bill.” tasked with the responsibility of creating a captivating representation of each movie, Handy simply wanted to keep things fun.

For example, as “Mean Girls” toys with themes of femininity, popularity, and maturity, Handy saw fit for the scene to epitomize “feminine with a fur touch.” As a parade of women in pink ensembles dawned the runway, Handy successfully brought “Mean Girls” to the stage in a modern and expressive way.

Although the scenes were all unique and entertaining in their own way, one of the most memorable moments of the evening was the finale, “Cypher.”

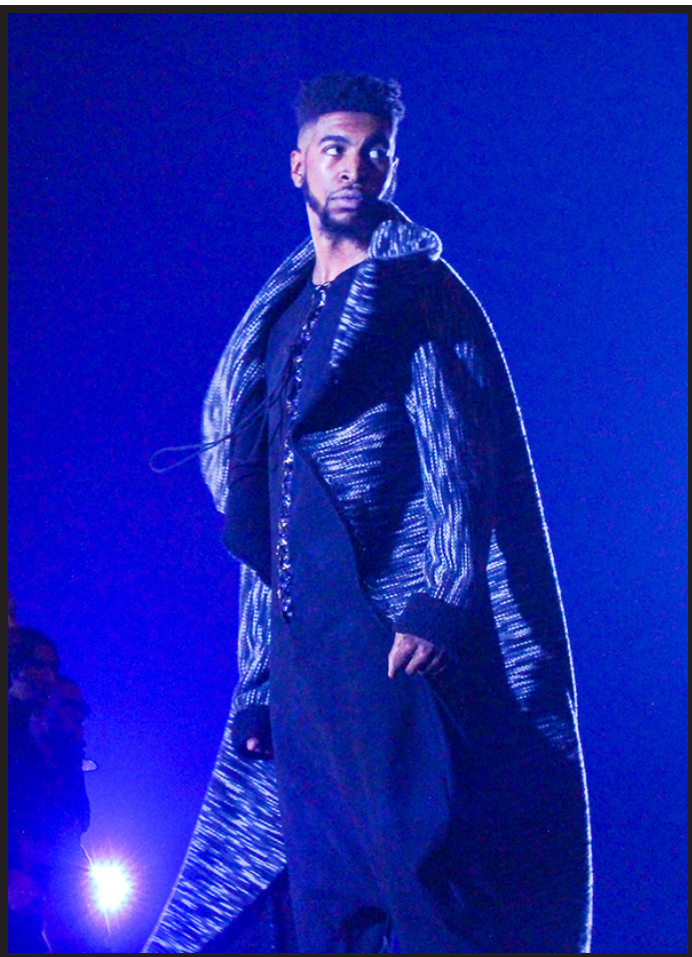
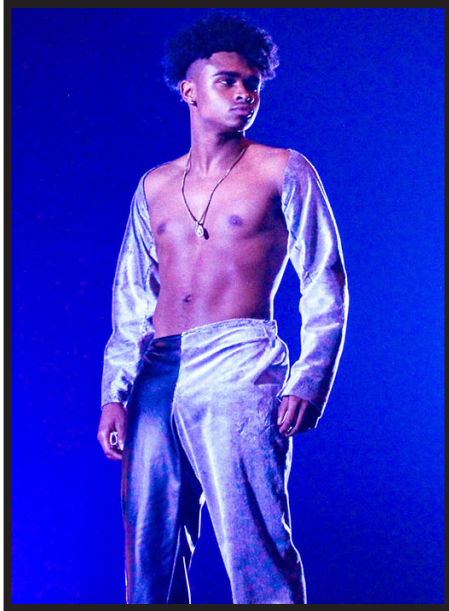
The finale was a beautiful ode to music of the early 2000s. Strutting down the aisles of King Chapel to “Lose My Breath” by the invaluable

Destiny’s Child, was the Miss Maroon and White Court to kickstart the finale.

Following the DC3 performance were segments highlighting Aaliyah, Eve, and Atlanta’s own Ciara. Ending the show was host Carlyto Johnson performing “Hey Ya!” by Outkast. Paired with the infamous middle part and silky tresses of André 3000, this entertaining finale got the whole crowd on their feet.

To the A.U.C. Agency, kudos for disassembling the stereotype that all fashion shows consist of are models essentially functioning as racks for the clothes. These models had character and life, which undoubtedly makes for a more captivating production.

As the production came to a close, I realized that the show could not be more deserving of its title, “2000s Evolution: Entertainment Fashion Show.”



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FREEMAN NAMED SIAC FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

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Despite finishing the season with a 7-3 record, their best since 2010, the Morehouse College football team did not make the playoffs after losing their last game to Clark Atlanta University on Nov. 3 at Panther Stadium.

“We look at October as a nemesis month,” Morehouse head coach Rich Freeman said. “We really start to get into the meat of our schedule and play some of the best competition in the conference. In terms of this season you have to look at the total body of work. These guys had a great year and I am going to make sure that is recognized.”

After starting the season 6-0 Morehouse ended up losing three of their last four games eliminating any chance of postseason play. While the end of the season did not go as planned, you have to give the Maroon Tigers credit for having a great year. Morehouse led the conference with 11 All-Conference selections. The Tigers had five total player of the week selections. Over the course of the season Morehouse won 11 weekly awards. In his

eleventh season at Morehouse, Coach Rich Freeman was named 2018 SIAC Coach of the Year.

“I think the biggest takeaway was realizing the power to change the program lies within the locker room,” said junior linebacker Julien Turner. “We made a promise to each other to put it all on the line during the off season and in season regardless of our circumstances.”

Sophomore running back Santo Dunn received the Offensive Player of the Year award for the SIAC conference. He led the league in rushing with 875 yards, scoring with 8.7 points per game, and tied for touchdowns with 14 with Tiger quarterback, sophomore Michael Sims.

Dunn finished in the top 25 in Division II in scoring and total touchdowns respectively, and was honored with a first team All-Conference selection for his efforts.

Dunn’s backfield counterpart, sophomore quarterback Michael Sims, also had an impressive season. Throwing



COACH RICH FREEMAN/PHOTO BY ADD SEYMOUR

for 1,826 yards and 14 touchdowns on 58 percent passing for the year. Sims was named to the All-Conference second team.

Offensive lineman Jean Cyriaque, tight end Ryan Edwards and defensive back Mandell (Kendrick) Ray joined Dunn on the All-Conference first team. On the second team are offensive lineman Trey Wilson, offensive lineman Lee Humphrey, receiver Tremell Gooden, linebacker Julien Turner, linebacker Antonio Johnson, and defensive back Kelvin Murray.

FAIR TRADE

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The China NBA Coaches Clinic was held for the second time in a month at Morehouse College on Nov. 7. These clinics gave

Chinese basketball coaches an opportunity to learn first-hand from American players and coaches and take the information back to China to help further develop their players. But if the Chinese coaches got to witness elite talent at a high level, what does Morehouse get out of the deal?

Senior Vice President of Content and Marketing for the China NBA, George Land, organized the trips. Land, who graduated Morehouse Class of ‘85, is hoping that this partnership with the CNBA will help bring opportunities, such as internships, to student-athletes at Morehouse who would be interested in a career working with Chinese basketball. “We hope that this will open the doors for some of our students who are interested in the business aspect of sports and might not have even con-

sidered an opportunity abroad,” Morehouse Athletic Director Andre Pattillo said.

This definitely makes it a fair trade. The best basketball talent in the world is right here in America, and to gain knowledge from the game at the college level is a hard deal to pass up.

“We look at all of the different positions on the court, whether it is the guard or the center, and focus on their techniques,” coach Yuan Yuan said through Morehouse professors of Chinese Dr. Ruihua Shen and Mark Levine, who interpreted for him.

Yuan coaches the CNBA youth teams from ages 15-19 to develop them to play professionally in China. He was joined by other Chinese coaches who lead middle school, high school and college teams.