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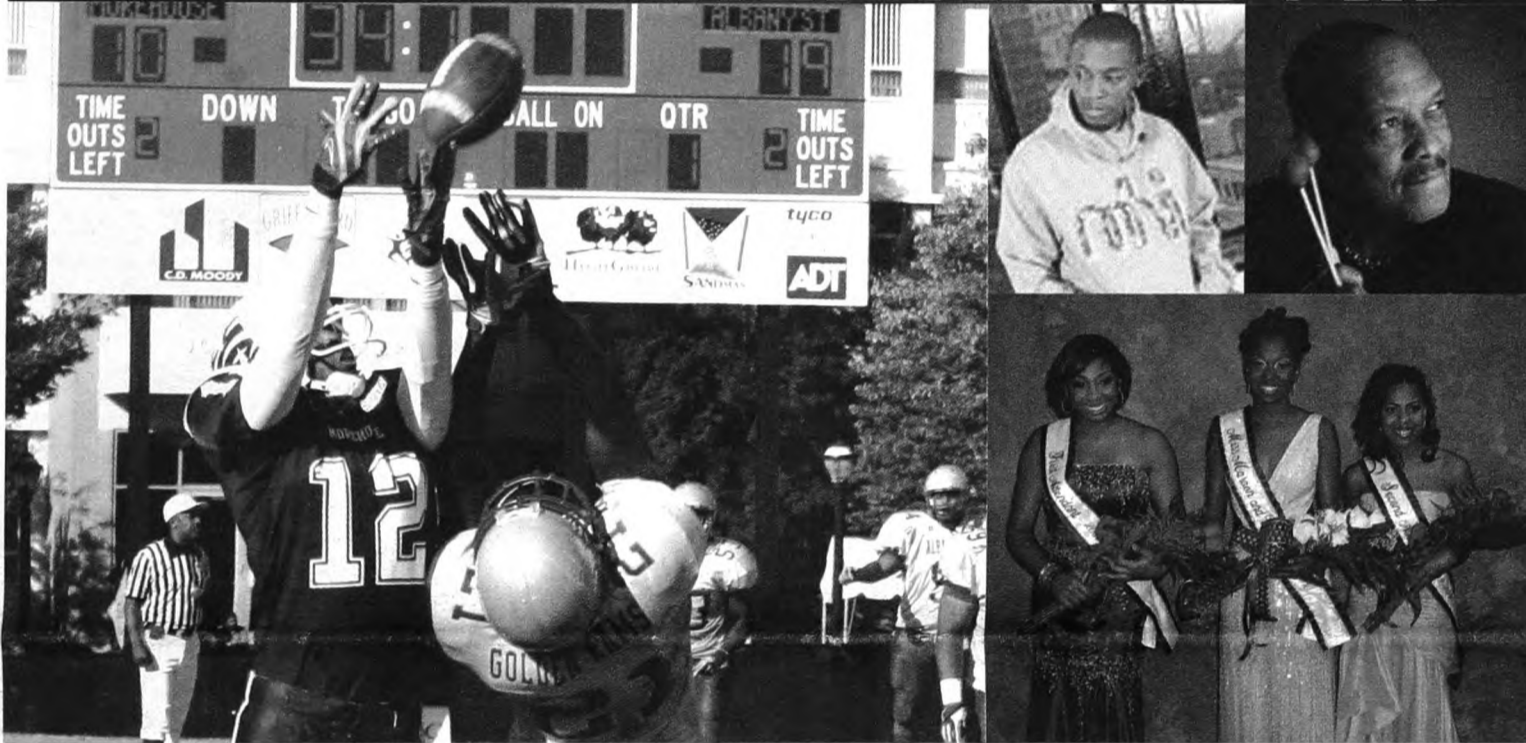
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Football, music and coronation highlight Homecoming, which features (clockwise from upper left), rapper Lupe Fiasco, jazz artist Roy Ayers, the Homecoming Coronation and the Morehouse football game.

Police Chief Urges Campus to Go One Step Further to Ensure Safety

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

A Georgia State University student was robbed at gunpoint while walking back to his dorm room on Sept. 7. Three days prior, a University of Georgia student was assaulted. And the day before that, a Spelman College sophomore died after being shot while walking back to campus, an innocent victim of a stray bullet fired during an altercation she wasn't involved in.

The three incidents underscore the importance of campus safety and awareness in collegiate environments.

"The Morehouse administration, however, is determined to foster an environment where everyone is free from harm," said President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75. "To that end, we are working in tandem with all the campus security units in the AUC, as well as with the mayor's office and the Atlanta Police Department, to determine the best course of action."

Crimes around campuses are hardly just an Atlanta University Center issue, or even a metro Atlanta problem.

A Sept. 20 story from the website The Daily Beast, using two years of U.S. Department of Education statistics and reporting crimes on campus across the country, lists schools such as Yale, Brown and Harvard, along with Grambling, Alabama A&M and South Carolina State among the nation's 25 colleges and universities with the highest crime rates. No Atlanta University Center schools were on that list, however Morehouse Police Chief Vernon Worthy said the crime problems in the Atlanta University Center community mirrors those of society.

Theft continues to be the biggest crime problem nationwide, he added.

"And the people who steal are often tied to others who [commit violent crimes]," he said.

Worthy encourages people to go one step further in ensuring their safety and safeguarding themselves against theft. He said people should not leave their valuables, like purses or laptops, on their desk or in open, unsecured places in their workspaces or in their cars, even when the parking is equipped with cameras.

Arts and Alumni Highlight Week of Music

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

The arts will take center stage during Homecoming 2009 as a slew of alumni performers will join a buzzing campus full of alumni, family and friends Oct. 18-25.

Along with the Oct. 24 traditional Homecoming football game (the Maroon Tigers will host Clark Atlanta University at B.T. Harvey Stadium) and the Miss Maroon and White Coronation Ball on Oct. 23 and other activities, music, film and other artistic endeavors will be celebrated in discussions and in performance. "The arts are important at

Morehouse, especially this year as we get ready to open the Morehouse Center for the Arts," said Henry Goodgame '84, director of Alumni Relations, Special Events and Annual Giving.

"It's really important for Humanities brothers to let them know that we know and we support them as they continue their climbs for that success," he said.

On Friday, Oct. 23, a distinguished group of faculty, alumni filmmakers and performance artists will talk about, "The State of the Arts at Morehouse," from 10 a.m. until noon at the Bank of America Auditorium in the Exec-

utive Conference Center.

A member of that panel will be veteran jazz and R&B vibraphone player Roy Ayers, who will also headline the 2009 Alumni Show-case and Sound-stage on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Ayers will join a number of hip hop, jazz, R&B and rock artists, all Morehouse and Spelman graduates, who will be performing on the Soundstage in two sets, the first from noon until 2 p.m. and the second from 3 until 6:30 p.m.

But before they take the stage, food, fellowship and fun will fill the campus as nearly 20,000 people are expected for the

Homecoming Alumni Tailgate Experience from noon until 6 p.m. Tailgaters will fill West End Avenue between Westview Drive and Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard and along Wellborn Street in front of B.T. Harvey Stadium.

The day begins with the annual Homecoming Parade at 9 a.m., with the route running from West End Avenue, right down Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard and then right onto Fair Street.

For a full list of Homecoming 2009 activities, turn to page 5 or go to www.morehouse.edu.

Coca-Cola Gives \$7.2 Million to Atlanta University Center Schools, Library

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Thanks to help from the Coca-Cola Company, men of Morehouse will get needed assistance in paying for their college education.

The students are the recipients of more than \$1.7 million in scholarship money, courtesy of a gift Coca-Cola made to Atlanta University Center institutions on Sept. 9.

"We were very grateful to

receive that gift," President Robert M. Franklin '75 said. "Morehouse has been able to respond to about 140 students who were in a real financial bind."

Coca-Cola gave a total of \$6 million in scholarship money that was directed to Morehouse, Spelman, Clark Atlanta and the Morehouse School of Medicine who are experiencing economic hardships that could force them to leave school.

"This gift from Coca-Cola really represents a fulfillment of the college dreams of so many men of Morehouse," Franklin said. "Its size is humbling and inspiring."



Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent (second from right) joins AUC presidents John Maupin (left) (Morehouse School of Medicine), Beverly Tatum (Spelman), Robert Franklin '75 (Morehouse) and Carlton Brown (Clark Atlanta) along with Robert W. Woodruff Library CEO Loretta Parham.

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Welcome Home, Fellow Morehouse Alumni, Parents and Friends

We are excited to have you join us for Homecoming 2009. Alumni from across the nation have arrived in Atlanta to celebrate this annual tradition. This year, our Homecoming theme is **Winners Take All**.

We hope you will join President and Mrs. Robert M. Franklin '75 and our Fighting Maroon Tiger Football Team for a fun-filled and victorious Homecoming weekend as we take on our Atlanta University Center rival, Clark Atlanta University, at B.T. Harvey Stadium beginning at 2 p.m.

Whether you are returning to reflect, reconnect or revive that Ole' Morehouse spirit, we look forward to celebrating the festivities of Homecoming with you.

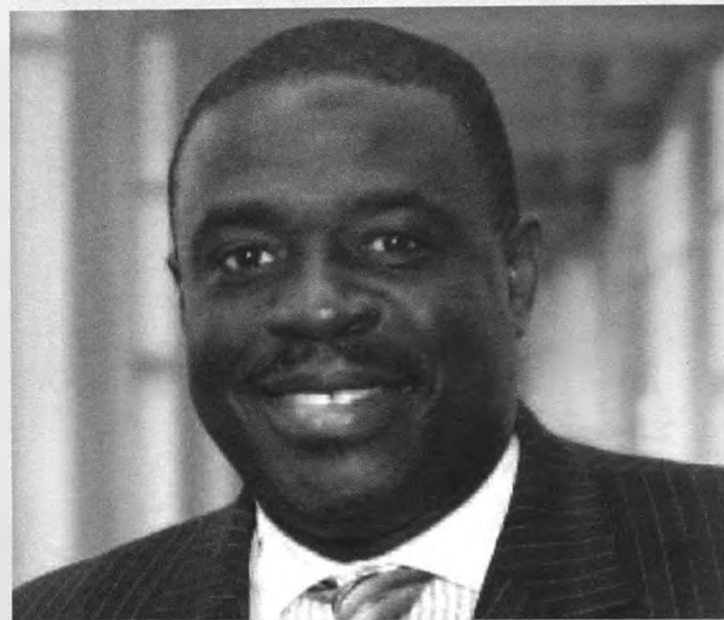
- Experience the Alumni Arts Panel and Showcase.
- Enjoy the taste of Homecoming at our world famous Tailgate experience.
- Engage with fellow classmates.
- Expect a victory on the field.

(See page 5 for the full Homecoming calendar.)

DONATE FOR TOMORROW

And we hope you will not leave your checkbook and philanthropic spirit at home. Our brothers need to know you care.

The Morehouse Homecoming experience is enhanced only by your generous financial support. Today, fewer than 20 percent of our alumni give back to support Morehouse. With more than 20,000 people expected to attend Homecoming,



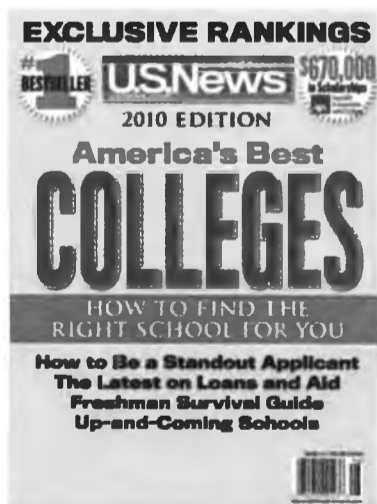
imagine if everyone made a special Homecoming gift to fund the dreams and aspirations of deserving Morehouse students who may not be able to continue their education. We hope each Morehouse alumnus will make a monthly commitment to support our Annual Giving Campaign.

To make a donation, go to <http://alumni.morehouse.edu>

Once again, welcome home and we hope you enjoy the experience of Homecoming 2009 and see that **Winners Take All!**

In the Spirit of Morehouse,
Henry M. Goodgame Jr. '84
Director, Alumni Relations

Magazine Tabs Morehouse as One of the Nation's Top Black Colleges



Morehouse's stellar reputation for academic excellence has earned it the No. 3 spot in *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's ranking of the nation's top historically black colleges and universities.

It is only the third time the magazine has compiled a list of the nation's top ranked HBCUs in its annual "America's Best Colleges" issue. Morehouse was third behind Howard University and top-ranked Spelman College among 80 of the nation's HBCUs that met the magazine's criteria.

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Franklin urges students, particularly juniors and seniors, to reach out to the Office of Financial Aid to inquire about the Coca-Cola scholarship funds. The criteria for receiving the scholarship include academic performance, seniority (though some freshmen were scholarship recipients), financial need and student responsiveness in seeking the funds.

The gift is important as students and their parents nationwide continue to deal with a struggling economy, tighter credit market and fewer available loans.

Coca-Cola also gave \$1.2 million to the Robert W. Woodruff Library to upgrade the facility's information technology infrastructure and enhance the ability to manage and provide access to

critical archival documents, such as the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection.

"The Coca-Cola Company will always look for opportunities to make a difference in the communities where it operates, especially in our hometown," said Muhtar Kent, Coca-Cola's chairman and chief executive officer.

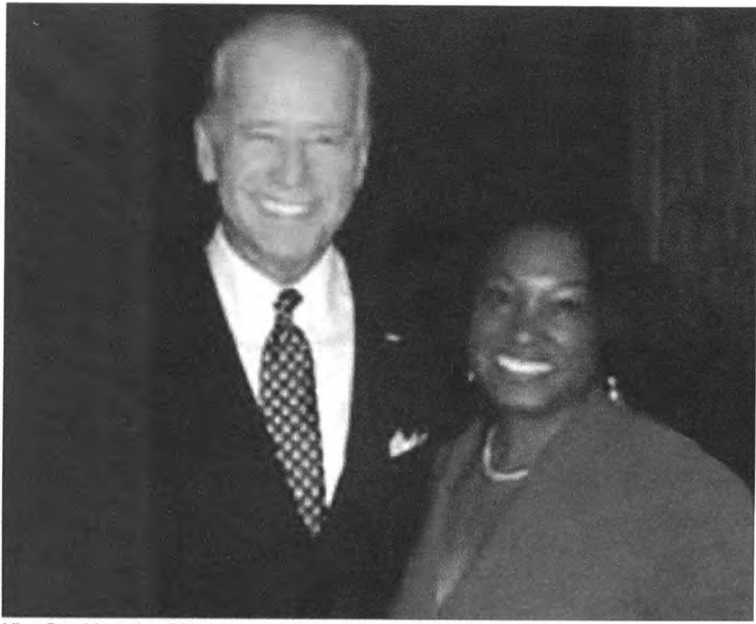
"On behalf of our associates

who call Atlanta home, we are proud to provide \$7.2 million to these leading institutions of higher learning. We view this as an investment in the next generation of students who will pass through these campuses, continue their education and benefit from having Dr. King's papers within arm's reach."

America's Top 5 Black Colleges

- 1) Spelman College
- 2) Howard University
- 3) **Morehouse College**
- 4) Fisk University
- 5) Xavier University of Louisiana

Entrepreneurship Center Named National Advocate of the Year



Vice President Joe Biden greets MCEC director Tiffany Bussey.

The Morehouse College Entrepreneurship Center has been named the National Entrepreneurial Advocate of the Year. MCEC director Tiffany Bussey received the honor Aug. 28 during the 27th Annual National Minority Enterprise Development Week gala in Washington, D.C.

Bussey also was greeted by Vice President Joe Biden during a reception at the White House.

The awardees represented "best in class" as determined by an independent panel of evaluators who considered the nominations from across the United

States. MCEC was earlier selected as MBDA Regional Entrepreneurial Advocate of the Year before being named the national award recipient.

MCEC was honored by approximately 200 participants at the event, including successful minority entrepreneurs, corporate and government supplier diversity and purchasing representatives, and leaders of local minority business organizations.

The MED Week Conference is the largest federally sponsored conference held on behalf of the minority business enterprise community.

CHANGING GEARS

New Hires

Roger Cusick, assistant professor, Political Science

Melissa Bailey, administrative assistant II, Alumni Relations

Damon Phillips, associate director, Alumni Relations

Mark Shivers, associate professor, Biology

Julie Sills, director, Corporate and Foundation Relations

Alicia Wilson, instructor, Business Administration and Economics

George Yuhasz, assistant professor, Mathematics

Please Submit Your Nominations for Employee of the Month

Send all nominations to the Office of Human Resources, Gloster Hall Suite 100. The Employee of the Month will be recognized effective the first day of each month and ending the last day of the month.

TAKE NOTE



Ebenezer Aka Jr., director of the Urban Studies Program, presented a paper titled "National Ecological Footprints in Africa: Human Development Hierarchy and Ecostructural Factors" at the National Social Science Association Professional Development Conference, Oct. 4-6, in San Francisco, Calif.



Harold V. Bennett, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, presided over the section on Biblical Theology at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Rome, Italy, June 30-July 4.



Vicki Crawford, co-director of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, participated in a plenary session at the 2009 UNCF/Mellon Programs Conference on Scholars Transforming the Academy: Advancing the Legacy of Black Intellectual Thought and Activism held in Charlotte, N.C., October 1-3.



Mel Foster, professor of music, performed as "Ahijah the Prophet" in the three-act biblical opera, *The Seduction of King Solomon*, presented by the Americolor Opera Alliance, Sept. 25-27, at Benjamin E. Mays High School in Atlanta.



President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75 was presented the 2009 Hope Award by Essence Magazine and The Southern Co. Franklin, along with U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, musician and activist Henry Panion III and journalist Suzanne Malveaux, was honored as architect of change during the 2009 Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 25.



Walter E. Fluker, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, has been named the inaugural professor for the UNCF Skirball Scholar Program. He will supervise a process of experiential and reflective learning with students at Morehouse and Spelman colleges by using three interrelated ethical concepts and practices that impact character, civility and community in the development of ethical leaders.



Allen Jones, a junior music major, has been awarded the prestigious ASCAP Cherry Lane Foundation/MUSIC ALIVE! Scholarship, given in honor of music legend Quincy Jones. He was chosen because the singer/trombonist/pianist demonstrates musical talent and proficiency in the areas where Quincy Jones made his mark: composing, arranging, producing, conducting and performing. Allen Jones will be presented the \$2,500 scholarship check on Dec. 9 in New York.



Bryant Marks, assistant professor of psychology, is the principal investigator for a \$95,000 grant from the Department of Education to support the research of the Morehouse Male Initiative. He is also co-principal investigator, along with **Belinda White**, assistant professor of business administration and economics, on a \$111,000 grant from UNCF/Ford for faculty enhancement.



Alexandra Piester, assistant professor of biology, and her collaborators received a program project grant from the National Institutes of Health that will support research at Morehouse, Georgia Tech, the University of Rochester, Emory University and the University of Queensland in Australia. The grant will be funded for two years and supports research at Morehouse at a level of \$36,000 each year.



Henrietta Yang, director of the Chinese Studies Program, wrote the article "A Proposal for Transcending Barriers of Intercultural Communication in Global Business: An Instructional Innovation" that was in the *Journal of Global Business Languages*, Vol.14 (2009): Borders and Frontiers.



Sinead Younge, assistant professor of psychology, **Wallace Sharif**, assistant professor of biology, **Bryant Marks**, assistant professor of psychology and **Ulrica Wilson**, assistant professor of mathematics, participated in the Quality Enhancement Education for Minorities Network's Leadership Development Institute in Washington, D.C., in August 2009. Each will continue in the program through August 2010.

NEWS BRIEFS

TRIO Director Rubye Byrd Receives Service Award During HBCU Week

Rubye Byrd, director of the TRIO programs at Morehouse, received a Special TRIO Service Honor for her leadership of five outreach and support programs at the College during the 2009 National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week Conference, held from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 in Washington, D.C.

Byrd was just one of several Morehouse persons prominently featured during the three-day conference.

President Robert M. Franklin '75, who served as a panelist during a workshop focused on the benefits of the Federal TRIO Program, urged attendees to follow the College's lead in "building a culture of high expectation" for young men at their institutions. He also promoted holistic development of students through group mentoring, intrusive counseling and exposure to examples of success.

David Morrow, director of the Morehouse College Glee Club, was again selected as one of only four conductors of the famed 105 Voices of History, the HBCU National Concert Choir that represents each of the HBCUs in the country.

Finally, Morehouse alumnus John S. Wilson Jr. '79, was introduced as the newly appointed executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the organization that sponsored the conference.

Robert W. Woodruff Library to Display Tupac Shakur Collection in 2010

Poetry and other writings by one of rap music's most noted performers will join papers by Martin Luther King Jr. '48 as collections that will be on display at the Robert W. Woodruff Library.

The library, in collaboration with the Tupac Shakur Foundation, will display the Tupac Shakur Collection, a cadre of the slain rapper's handwritten lyrics, notes and other writings. Shakur's works will be available for scholarly research in fall 2010.

The rapper's papers join the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection and other pieces in the Library's Archives and Special Collections.

PREPARING FOR THE POSSIBILITY

Campus Prepares for H1N1, Flu Season

By KAI JACKSON ISSA

With the H1N1 virus a major concern for colleges and universities nationwide, Morehouse has put measures in place to ensure the College is prepared to combat the spread of the virus and safeguard the College community.

The College acted as early as 2008 by establishing an Emergency Preparedness Program, which includes a web page, www.morehouse.edu/emergency. The site contains up-to-the-minute information on the virus, as well as other important information about campus safety.

"The Morehouse College Emergency Preparedness Team, led by [vice president for Campus Operations] Andre Bertrand '76 and myself, has finalized its Pandemic Influenza Emergency Plan," said William Bynum, vice president for Student Services.

"Dr. Joe Williams [infirmity physician], [director of the Morehouse Public Health Science Institute] Dr. Cynthia Trawick and I have stayed abreast of the latest developments and apprised the College community and students accordingly."

The College's Emergency Management Team, which is also led by Bynum, also has initiated a system of email, voicemail and text messaging has also been put in place to alert everyone in the event of an emergency.

Regarding H1N1, Morehouse is following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for college and university environments. The CDC says college campuses are particularly vulnerable as points of spread for the virus.

"Students in general think they're invincible," Trawick said. That attitude, she added, combined with the continuous interaction among students in buildings throughout the day, makes for a dangerous combination.

There has been only one confirmed case of the H1N1 among the Morehouse student body, with that student being seen by his personal family physician and treated at home. The College's Emergency Management Team, the Office of Student Services, and the Student Health Center are in close contact with the Fulton County Health Depart-

ment and the CDC in monitoring flu conditions.

The Student Health Center hasn't confirmed any H1N1 cases on campus, but as a precaution, students with symptoms of the flu are sent isolation area in Mays Hall where they are monitored closely by the Center medical staff.

"Right now, we are very early in the flu season," said Harry Wright, associate vice president for Student Services. "The number one action to protect ourselves is self care – wash your hands." He also encourages everyone to use the hand sanitizers that have been placed around campus and in the common areas."

Seasonal flu and H1N1 have identical symptoms which include fever, sore throat, muscle aches, cough, runny nose and fatigue. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. The virus is typically spread from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Free flu shots are available to members of the College community. For more information about shots or the flu in general, www.morehouse.edu/emergency.

Harold Ford Jr. Tells Students to Lead at Every Opportunity



Harold Ford Jr., chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, speaks to students at the Bank of America Auditorium.

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Harold Ford Jr. recalled being a young congressional candidate in his hometown of Memphis, Tenn., with the only groups willing to listen to his plans being kindergarteners.

But after a grandparent of a student called a local radio show to tell the world about the way Ford spoke, the aspiring politician's entire campaign took an upward swing.

It is the kind of moment that Ford, who went on to serve 10 years in Congress, urged students during the Conversations on Leadership lecture in the Bank of America Auditorium to ready themselves for.

"Anytime in life, there's going to be that turning point," he said. "For me, that was my turning

point... And the great lesson about leadership that I learned from my dad was very simple: Every opportunity you have to show that you are a leader, do it... If you believe it's right and you believe it's the right thing to do, be a leader and it will pay off in the long run."

Ford, now chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, spoke to a capacity audience as part of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College's Bank of America Lecture Series, which has featured speakers such as talk show host Tavis Smiley, Princeton professor Cornel West and CARE CEO Helene Gayle.

"Indeed, they have demonstrated themselves to be Renaissance women and Renaissance

men with social conscience and global perspective," said President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75.

"That certainly is the case for today's speaker, Chairman Ford, one who I have admired a great deal over the years. He's an extraordinary leader, leader of dynamism, a leader committed to integrity and excellence."

Ford talked about the many lessons in leadership he learned from his father, Harold Ford Sr., who in 1975 became the first African American to represent Tennessee in the U.S. Congress. They are many of the same words of advice he had for Morehouse students.

"Do not be afraid to rally around an idea or set of ideas and not be afraid to fail," he said. "You have to be bold and willing to embark and put yourself out there in order to have a chance to do well. And three, as my dad always told me, in every situation you're in, always lead. That doesn't mean to be bossy and be arrogant, but to be a leader. Sometimes being a leader means helping a person who's in charge to do better."

Ford served in Congress from 1997 until 2006 when he decided to run for the U.S. Senate. He lost a contentious, but close, race.

"I think I could have run a smarter campaign," Ford said. "But what really drives me is I love public service and I can't give that up.

PASSAGES



Robert A. Clark '59 Worked 40 Years for His Beloved Alma Mater

Robert Alexander Clark '59 held a variety of prestigious positions during his 44-year career in higher education, including the last 40 at Morehouse. But it was his final job at the College that became one of his favorites: van driver for the Bonner Office of Community Service.

"We'd leave our service sites after long hours and we'd sometimes be frustrated and tired," said sophomore psychology major Richard Williams. "But he would always remind us why we were doing our service. He always had a bright perspective on everything."

Clark passed away suddenly on Sept. 19. He was 74. Services were held on Sept. 25 at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

Clark, a native of Mershon, Ga., lettered in football and track as a student at Morehouse, where he earned a degree in business administration and economics. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army and later earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from Atlanta University, now Clark Atlanta University.

After stints as the registrar and director of admissions at Barber-Scotia College in Concord, N.C. and as a business professor at Alcorn State University in Alcorn State, Miss., Clark was personally recruited by President Benjamin E. Mays to return to his alma mater in 1969. He held several positions in the Office of Fiscal Affairs and the Office of Campus Operations.

But as a van driver, he loved talking to students about their community service projects, debating about issues and stories and talking about politics and current affairs.

Williams added: "He would keep you abreast of the news. He would always keep the AJC, the New York Times and The Maroon Tiger in the van. He was an awesome guy." ■



SUNDAY, 18

Opening Worship Service
Sisters Chapel, Spelman College
10 a.m.

Kick-Off Jam
Spelman Oval
8 p.m.

MONDAY, 19

Fashion Show
"Park Place"
Forbes Arena
8 p.m.
\$10 in advance (for AUC students with a valid ID)
\$15 general admission and at the door

TUESDAY, 20

Neo-Soul Concert featuring
Lloyd
Spelman Oval
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 21

Hump Wednesday (Block Party)
Morehouse Freshman Quad
4-6 p.m.

Hip Hop Concert
"Electric Company"
Forbes Arena
7-midnight

\$20 in advance (for AUC students with a valid ID)
\$25 general admission
\$30 at the door

THURSDAY, 22

Homecoming Registration
Kilgore Campus Center
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Homecoming Crown Forum
Speaker: Jeh Johnson '79,
General Counsel, Department
of Defense
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
11 a.m.

Pep Rally
Westview Drive in front of the
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
Noon

Miss Spelman Coronation
Sisters Chapel, Spelman
College
7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, 23

Homecoming Registration
Kilgore Campus Center Plaza
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Homecoming Golf Tournament
Mirror Lakes Golf Course
Villa Rica, GA
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
\$125 per person before Oct. 15;
\$150 after

Athletic VIP Reception
(By invitation only)
The Cascade Club
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**"Welcome Back to the House"
Party**
The Cascade Club
2890 Continental Colony Pkwy
Atlanta, GA
6 p.m.-midnight

**Miss Maroon & White
Coronation**
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
7 p.m.

Homecoming Coronation Ball
"Luxury Tax"
Atlanta AmeriMart
240 Peachtree Street, N.W.,
Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA
10 p.m.
\$10 in advance (for AUC students with a valid ID)
\$15 for general admission and for AUC students the day of the event at the Morehouse College Bookstore
\$20 at the door

SATURDAY, 24

Homecoming Breakfast
Chivers Dining Hall
8 - 9:30 a.m.
\$15 per person

Homecoming Registration
Kilgore Campus Center Plaza
9 a.m. - Noon

Homecoming Parade
Through West End community
to Fair Street
9 - 11 a.m.

**Homecoming Pre-Game
Caribbean Brunch**
College Town at West End
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Homecoming Alumni Tailgate
Noon - 2 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game
Clark Atlanta University vs.
Morehouse
B.T. Harvey Stadium
2 p.m.

\$20 adult general admission
\$15 for children aged 6 and over
Free for Morehouse and Spelman students. Faculty and staff, along with one guest, are admitted free with an ID.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council
Step Show "Chance"**
Forbes Arena
7 p.m.

\$10 in advance (for AUC students with a valid ID)
\$15 general admission
\$20 at the door
Senior Pastor, First Corinthian Baptist Church
Harlem, N.Y.
King Chapel
11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 25

Homecoming Worship Service
Speaker: The Rev. Michael A. Walrond Jr. '93
Senior Pastor, First Corinthian Baptist Church
Harlem, N.Y.
King Chapel
11 a.m.

THE STIMULUS PACKAGE - \$45
Includes one ticket to each of the following events: Fashion Show, Hip-Hop Concert, Coronation Ball and NPHC Step Show. Also includes one free Homecoming T-shirt.

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Office of Alumni Relations,
(404) 215-2658
Morehouse College National
Alumni Association,
(404) 215-2657



Nearly 600 People Attend 10th Annual Cancer Walk

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Sandra Walker promised that the 10th Annual Morehouse College Breast Cancer Walk would be the biggest one so far. Her prediction came true.

Walker, executive assistant to the vice president of Business and Finance who founded and has organized each walk with the Counseling Research Center's Mary Peaks, said nearly 600 people took to the Atlanta University Center's streets to raise money for breast cancer research in this year's walk on Sept. 26.

The walk raises money for the American Cancer Society's work

in helping find a cure for breast cancer. Since Peaks and Walker started the walk in 2000, the College has raised more than \$150,000. The amount raised from this year's walk was not available at press time.

"It was marvelous," Walker said. "We had a great time. We had the most participants than we ever have had past years. And the students, I can't say enough about them. Some of them were out at 5:30 a.m. to prepare for the walk. They did a tremendous job."

Walker even had family from Texas and California who converged on the campus to take part in the event.

Joining the nearly 600 people who participated were First Lady Dr. Cheryl Franklin and her brother, Dr. Willie Goffney, a California surgical oncologist who is also a board member of the American Cancer Society.

"There's a lot we can do," Goffney told The Maroon Tiger newspaper. "We've made tremendous strides. We're seeing survival rates of over 95 percent now."

Franklin, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, also hosted "Party With a Purpose," at Davidson House the night before to raise money for cancer and to announce a new collaboration health care advocacy



Co-founders Sandra Walker (right) and Mary Peaks lead record crowd during 10th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

between Morehouse and the American Cancer Society.

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Walker said donations are still being accepted and can be brought to the Cashier's Office on the second

floor of Gloster Hall.

But this year's successful event already has Walker thinking about next year.

"For our 11th year, I plan on it being much bigger and better and much greater," she said. ■

After Hours



Ball Helps Empower Women with Career Guidance

Antoinette Ball (right) talks with Margaret Bryant, administrative assistant for the *CLA Journal*, who is also a participant in Ball's WEOP program.

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Antoinette Ball's mother was a self-taught painter and wrote a novel. Her brother works with an international humanitarian agency. Another brother is a filmmaker. So is Ball's daughter.

So it seems natural that Ball, the program director of NASA's Project S.P.A.C.E. (which encourages current and potential Morehouse students to consider careers in science, engineering, mathematics and technology), is a budding author, magazine publisher and the founder of a women's empowerment agency. She even makes her own jewelry.

"I come from a very creative family," she said.

But Ball's motivations run deeper than a creative legacy. She was shaped by early lessons from growing up as a young, single parent.

"I was one of those mothers who didn't have direction and was living on welfare in Indiana as a single parent," she said. "But I saw myself going down a different kind of route."

Instead of a life of public housing and public assistance, Ball took advantage of a program that helped her get into, and thrive, in college.

"I went on and got my master's degree and kind of got on the right track," she said. "I believe that you can be a victim of your environment, especially if you're in your environment and you never really come into contact with anyone else."

Ball, who has been at Morehouse and with Project S.P.A.C.E. since 1989, wanted to impart that knowledge to other women who needed extra motivation or the knowledge that there was a better way of living.

Ball and twin sister, Marionette, formed Women's Employment Opportunity Proj-

ect, Inc. (WEOP). The non-profit organization provides programs and services for disadvantaged women and girls, promotes social change, improves family economic self-sufficiency and provides opportunities in training, employment and business.

"We do a host of things that empower and educate women," Ball said. "For example, we designed a computer training class. We bring women in during the day from homeless shelters and from other centers and we show them how to use Microsoft Word and that helps them acquire marketable job skills."

"I have a passion for women, especially women who are disadvantaged and just trying to make ends meet," she added. "I think knowledge is power and so I try to design initiatives and programs that can empower, inspire, educate and motivate women to reach their full potential."

Ball also has published her first online magazine *WEOP Online*, and is finishing a book called *Power of Her Biz*, which introduces women to technological resources.

"So my life right now is just the way I like it to be," she said. "I'm doing everything I want to do." ■

Melvin Jones Gives Tyler Perry Film and Dreamgirl's Band House of Funk Flair

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Melvin Jones '01 spends most of his day preparing students to perform as part of the Morehouse College House of Funk Marching Band. But he is also spending lots of time afterwards performing himself.

For the past two years, Jones has been a musician in director Tyler Perry's band, the Ronnie Garrett Orchestra, which performs on the soundtrack for Perry's latest film, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself."

"I've been asked in the past to participate in a couple of other movies and TV shows, but normally I can't do it because

I'm here at Morehouse with the band or with class or something along those lines. It just so happens that filming took place during the summer months, so it was something I was actually able to do this time around."

The Ronnie Garrett Orchestra plays all of the music in the film. In fact, Perry liked the music the band was playing so much that he thought the band should be on the screen performing the pieces, something Jones said is rare for a musician.

But the big screen isn't the only place Jones can be seen. He is also a regular musician in the band of original Dreamgirl and

friend, Jennifer Holiday.

Jones said finding the time for all of his activities can sometimes be tough.

"There's not much of a split of time that I get between being here and performing," he said. "This job runs me from maybe 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day. And then from the night hours, I'm usually [performing somewhere]."

"But it's rewarding," he said. "The thing I like about working with the band is you get to see your work. You get to see it come to fruition every weekend. Whereas with performing, music is instant gratification



Melvin Jones '01 is the band director of the House of Funk Marching Band.

because at that moment, you get to do what you've been working hard to do. The best thing about it is if you enjoy playing and you

play as a professional, it's as if you're not really working. It's rewarding on both ends, but it is equally taxing."

NFL Prospect Ramon Harewood Excels in the Classroom and on the Football Field

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

The stern-faced men with the Polo shirts that have NFL logos on the chest have been constant visitors to the Morehouse football offices in Gloster Hall Annex.

They've inquired about several players, but one has been a constant.

"Ramone Harewood," said Maroon Tigers head football coach Rich Freeman. "Scouts from pretty much every team have been at least once to see him. He will be playing on Sundays."

Harewood is a hulking offensive lineman who stands 6'8" and weighs 350 pounds. He anchors an offensive line that has helped put the Maroon Tigers amongst the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference leaders in several team offensive categories this season.

For someone who has been playing football for only four years, Harewood has come a long way – literally and figuratively. He's only played football since coming to Morehouse. Growing up in Barbados, he was a rugby player.

"It's a whole different culture. A whole different experience from America," Harewood said. "It's a

small country. But I played a lot of sports growing up. I played rugby, but also track and field, soccer and cricket. That's what pretty much kept me busy and kept me out of trouble."

He also was a good student. After his mother died, Harewood was raised by his mother's best friend, whom he calls his aunt. She is a professor in Barbados and made sure Harewood studied as much as he played sports.

But Morehouse never entered his mind. Harewood had never heard of the school, until a former Maroon Tigers assistant coach saw him in a high school track meet.

"He just told me, 'If you're trying to leave here and go play some ball, give me a call,'" Harewood said. "I was not planning on calling him, but at the spur of the moment in July, I called him. The next January, I was enrolled at Morehouse."

Since then, Harewood has excelled in the classroom and on the football field. He is an engineering major with a 3.7 GPA. He's been an All-SIAC pick and has been an honorable mention Player of the Week.

NFL scouts love Harewood's

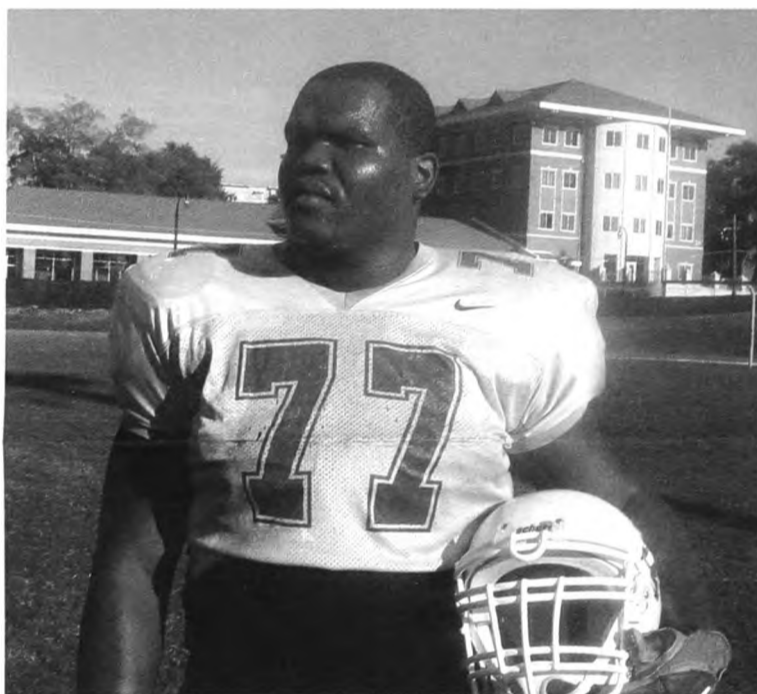
size and foot speed. They also like his intelligence and dedication to his studies. In fact, Harewood wants to be a civil engineer if a professional football career doesn't work out.

"Where I'm from, education is key," he said. "If you don't have an education, you really can't get anything. So I guess that's been my mentality from day one. So even though I play sports, it's never

really guaranteed. But once you've got a degree you can go anywhere."

Freeman is proud that Harewood has not only become a great football player, but someone other players look up to.

"For a younger player seeing that school is important [through watching Harewood], that's great for our younger players," Freeman said. "He's a great kid." ■



Ramone Harewood



Abraham Kiprotich

Lessons in Leadership Point Cross Country Team Towards Title Run

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

The group of young men in sweats and shorts surrounding legendary cross country coach Willie Hill at Edwin Moses Track at B.T. Harvey Stadium is learning a lot more than running.

Hill is looking to teach his team about life.

"What we're trying to do is get the young men to understand how to be leaders and how to get the job done," he said.

On many days, not only does Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's top-ranked squad talk about running, but they also talk about God, family and school, along with issues in each young man's life or other concerns.

"If it takes the whole practice, so be it," Hill said.

It's a recipe for success that Hill said strengthens each runner internally, which makes him not only a better person, but a stronger and smarter athlete.

The approach has been a good one. The Maroon Tigers won 13 consecutive SIAC titles from 1995 through 2007. They finished second in 2008, but are looking to recapture their championship form on Oct. 23 during the SIAC Conference Championships.

Leading the way will be seniors Abraham Kiprotich and Noble Swint, though Hill said his entire team is loaded with talent. And while they are shooting for another SIAC title, Hill is pointing to bigger things.

"When we go to Tampa [for the NCAA Division II South Regional Championships] that's when it all counts," he said. "That's when we've got to be ready."

2009-2010 MOREHOUSE MAROON TIGERS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 18 University of West Georgia Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 25 Talladega College Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 1 Stillman College Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3 Clafin University Orangesburg, S.C. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 5 Miles College Forbes Arena 3 p.m.

JANUARY

Monday, 4 Paine College Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 Miles College Birmingham, Ala. 3 p.m.
Monday, 11 LeMoyné Owen College Memphis, Tenn. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 14 Kentucky State University Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 16 Lane College Forbes Arena 3 p.m.
Tuesday, 19 Paine College Augusta, Ga. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 21 Stillman College Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 23 Tuskegee University Tuskegee, Ala. 3 p.m.
Thursday, 28 Clark Atlanta University Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 30 Albany State University Albany, Ga. 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 2 Fort Valley State University Fort Valley, Ga. 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 4 Benedict College Columbia, S.C. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 6 Clafin University Forbes Arena 3 p.m.
Tuesday, 9 Fort Valley State University Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 Albany State University Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 13 Clark Atlanta University Atlanta, Ga. 2 p.m.
Monday, 15 Tuskegee University Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 18 LeMoyné Owen College Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 23 Benedict College Forbes Arena 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 25 Lane College Jackson, Tenn. 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 27 Kentucky State University Frankfort, Ky. 3 p.m.

MARCH

SIAC Tournament

*(home games in MAROON)

INSIDE MOREHOUSE, OCTOBER 2009

OCTOBER

THURSDAY, 22

Master Class Lecture Series
Speaker: Ronald Clifton Potter, philosophy professor, Hinds Community College
"The Decline of Humanities and Social Sciences at HBCUs"
Wheeler Hall, Room 234
11 a.m.

Contact: Angelita Jacobs, (404) 507-8636 or at ajacobs@morehouse.edu

Chinese Moon Festival Mooncakes, Tea and Calligraphy
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Program, Chinese Studies Program and the Morehouse Chinese Club
Dubois International House Lounge
4-6 p.m.

Contact: Henrietta Yang, (404) 614-8566 or at hyang@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, 24

SIAC Cross Country Championships
Contact: Willie Hill, (404) 215-2751 or at whill@morehouse.edu

THURSDAY, 29

Crown Forum
Speaker: Dr. Clayborne Carson, executive director, Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.

Contact: Cherise Jones, (404) 572-3660 or chiones@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, 31

Football
Morehouse vs. Albany State
Albany, GA
2 p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Higgs, (404) 215-2686 or at rhiggs@morehouse.edu

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY, 5

Crown Forum
Speaker: TBD
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.

Contact: Cherise Jones, (404) 572-3660 or chjones@morehouse.edu

SATURDAY, 7

Football
Morehouse vs. Miles College
1 p.m.
B.T. Harvey Stadium

THURSDAY, 12

Crown Forum: Howard Thurman Day
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Speaker: Julian Bond '71, social activist
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
11 a.m.

Contact: Cherise Jones, (404) 572-3660 or chiones@morehouse.edu

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 13 14

National Conference: Expanding Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL) in the Sciences and Mathematics

Georgian Terrace Hotel
659 Peachtree St., Atl., GA 30308, (404) 897-1991

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For registration, transportation and housing, access www.morehousepltl.org
For more information, contact: Lea Brooks, Conference Coordinator at (404) 572-3661 or via email at pltl@morehouse.edu

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 26 27

Thanksgiving Holiday
Administrative offices closed

MONDAY, 30

Classes resume
8 a.m.

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, 1

Basketball
Morehouse vs. Stillman Colleg
Forbes Arena

WEDNESDAY, 2

Last day of classes

THURSDAY, 3

Basketball
Morehouse vs. Claflin University
Orangeburg, SC
7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 3 4

Reading period

Senior final exam

FRIDAY, 4

83rd Annual Morehouse/Spelman Glee Club Christmas Carol Concert
3 p.m.
Forbes Arena

SATURDAY, 5

Basketball
Morehouse vs. Miles College
Sisters Chapel – Spelman College
8 p.m.

83rd Annual Morehouse/Spelman Glee Club Christmas Carol Concert
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
8 p.m.

SUNDAY, 6

83rd Annual Morehouse/Spelman Glee Club Christmas Carol Concerte
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
8 p.m.

MONDAY - FRIDAY, 7-11

Final exams

THURSDAY, 10

Senior grades due by noon

FRIDAY, 11

Semester ends

TUESDAY, 15

Grades are due by noon

MONDAY- MONDAY, JAN. 21-4

Christmas and end-of-the-year recess
School closed



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Name: Jamal Pearce

Title: Lab Coordinator
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at Douglass Hall

Tenure at Morehouse:
30 months

Hometown: New York, NY

Something not commonly known about Jamal:
Jamal is a USA Masters Track and Field athlete, participating in indoor and outdoor meets. He is Georgia's reigning 100-meter dash champion in the men's 30-34-year old age group.

What I Do

“I’m responsible for all of the technology in Douglass Hall, as far as implementing, repairing, diagnosing and just making sure everything is maintained correctly. If there is a problem with the computer or there are other technology issues, I resolve them or forward them to the Information Technology department for further repair. If students have any problem with software or computers, I’m here to help them out as far as that.

We also work with the faculty, as far as presentations such as Powerpoint or slide shows, and we have documents on file for students to use for their studies. We keep them in archives here. A lot of times we get requests

from professors for articles that we then find in the archives and give them to the students as study materials.

One thing I like about this job is I’ve gotten to come back to the Atlanta University Center, as I went to Clark Atlanta University from 1992 to 1997. But I get to interact with students and get a chance to give back to them and impact their lives. A lot of times, they don’t understand that someone has experienced the same things that they are experiencing. I like giving back to them by sharing my experience and help them as far as what they should and shouldn’t do.”