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Tailgating, Football and Other Events Bring Alumni Home

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.



Homecoming tent? Check. Food and drink? Check.

It is the annual ritual for Brock Mayers '99 and his friends who each year plan their Morehouse / Spelman homecoming tailgate party to eat, drink and fellowship with old and new friends from their college days.

"It's about the camaraderie and just plugging back into the campus and seeing old faces," said Mayers, the program manager for the Ronald E. McNair Program. "It is really an opportunity for us to come back and just reconnect with the College and old friends we haven't seen in a long time."

Nearly 20,000 people, most

clad in maroon Morehouse gear, will fill West End Avenue and Welborne Street during the annual Homecoming Tailgate Experience, one of many events during Homecoming 2010 at Morehouse.

This year's activities include the annual parade, Crown Forum featuring Dr. Corey Hebert '92, concerts featuring Chrisette Michele and rapper Rick Ross, the Miss Maroon and White Coronation, Alumni "Welcome Back to the 'House" party. One of the biggest events will be the Saturday football game against Albany State University. The winner will be in first place in the Southern Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference.

It all makes for one of the most important times of the year for the Morehouse community, said Henry Goodgame '84, director of alumni relations, special events and annual giving.

"It's that one time to come back, engage, be re-inspired and re-connect to the institution," he said. "Morehouse homecoming is about welcoming people home. The students' job is to prepare home for those people who have been away and let them know that this house is standing and still in great shape. Those alums become an example for students who can then say, 'Wow, I can't wait until

I become and come back for my first homecoming.' It becomes a rite of passage."

The Homecoming Tail-gate Experience has become one of the most popular events. Not only do alumni participate, but also many of the College's programs and offices host their own tents. For the first time, the Morehouse faculty will have their own tailgating tent area.

"I've been to quite a few other homecomings," Mayers said. "But there's no other place I'd rather be than homecoming at Morehouse."

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ribbon-cutting audience moved into to hear performances by the Music Department's students and faculty.

"This facility is the reflection of the vision of two presidents, Dr. Walter E. Massey '58 and Dr. Robert M. Franklin '75, and is truly a versatile, attractive and

unique structure dedicated to the performing arts," he said. "The Ray Charles Center Performing Arts Center will provide an exceptional venue for the performing arts it is destined to become a beacon throughout the Southeast and the nation for performance."



President Emeritus Walter E. Massey '58 and President Robert M. Franklin '75 cut the ribbon to open the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center. Also pictured are Joe Adams and Valerie Ervin.

Newsweek Names Morehouse One of Nation's Top Service-Minded Institutions

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

For Richard Williams, going out into the community to serve others – be it mentoring high school students or serving food to the homeless – is not something used to pad his resume. The junior psychology major said it is a welcomed part of being a Man of Morehouse.

"When you arrive at Morehouse, you are told that you have a responsibility to the world," he said. "It's really a culture."

Williams, who is part of the College's Bonner Office of Community Service, is a prime example of why Morehouse was named by Newsweek magazine as one of the nation's Top 25 Schools for the Service-Minded in its annual College Rankings: The Best Schools in America issue.

The magazine focused on the nation's top institutions, particularly those with high academic standards and a wide range of degree programs. The editors looked at colleges and universities that prepared students to be successful in life educationally, socially and in other aspects of life.

"Morehouse College is a school steeped in tradition – including a long history of service," the article states. "Morehouse men are all about giving back to their community. A residential campus within a city of 500,000, 75 percent of the student body volunteers."

Williams, who is from Moncks Corner, S.C., mentored Atlanta high school students this summer among his many community service activities. He also is a campus organizer for Advocates For Youth, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that educates young men about sexual health and education.

Helping others is something Williams and other Morehouse students take seriously.

"Community organizations and people volunteering to help had a direct effect on my life," he said. "I feel like now I have a personal responsibility to do the same."

To see all of the rankings, go to <http://education.newsweek.com/choosing-a-school/college-rankings.html>.

Morehouse Cuts Ribbon on Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Uzee Brown '72 was all smiles as he walked around the plaza of the new Ray Charles Performing Arts Center on Sept. 29.

The \$20 million, state-of-the-art facility housing music education and performance was ready to become the modern new home for the Music Department.

"This has been a long time coming," he said. "This is a great day."

With nearly 300 people in attendance, including Charles' long-time business manager and confidant, Joe Adams, the ribbon was cut on the campus' new south side anchor.

"This facility is not simply

just another building at Morehouse," said President Robert M. Franklin '75. "This is also a symbol of the Morehouse renaissance."

The 76,000-square-foot facility features 12 faculty studios, nine practice rooms, two rehearsal rooms (one each for the Morehouse College "House of Funk" Marching Band and the Morehouse College Glee Club) and three academic labs.

One of those is the David Geffen Keyboard Digital Music Laboratory, featuring 16 digital keyboards and other computerized music equipment.

The performance space is the 550-seat Joe and Emma Adams Concert Hall, where the

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International Group of Ambassadors Get Close Look at Morehouse and King Collection



Ambassadors from around the world view documents from the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection.

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Ambassador Bockari Kortu Stevens of Sierra Leone has long been an admirer of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. '48.

"The 'I Have a Dream' speech, I learned it by heart as a student in those days," Stevens said after he and 50 ambassadors from

around the world were introduced to King and Morehouse during an Oct. 13 visit to the Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library.

"To this day, I can say every single word of it by heart," he said. "It shows my affinity towards King and my admiration for what

he did. So for me, Morehouse represents that legacy."

Stevens' story is just one of many as the international dignitaries got an up close look at Morehouse and the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection. It was part of their "Experience America" tour of Atlanta. Sponsored by the U.S. State Department, the tour gives ambassadors an opportunity to see U.S. cities they've been curious about.

Their interest in Morehouse mirrors the College's emphasis on international relations, said Julius Coles, director of the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs and Office of Global Education.

"We also are taking the whole process of internationalization of our curriculum very seriously," he said. "We are seeking to double, even triple, the number of students who participate in study abroad programs."

Chinese Studies Program seniors Sean Haythe and Jermaine McMichael recited poems in Mandarin Chinese; senior Ali Osman talked about his study abroad experiences in China and Turkey; and Boris Dobrijevic, a freshman from Johannesburg, South Africa, talked about his journey to

Morehouse.

Vicki Crawford, executive director of the Morehouse King Collection, gave an overview of the 10,000-piece collection housed in the Woodruff Library. The ambassadors also saw a video detailing the College's acquisition of the Collection.

"I was very moved when I was looking at the video. I had to fight back the tears," said Ambassador La Celia Prince of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"This is a rich legacy. Atlanta is the home of the civil rights movement and it would have been a sin and a shame for these documents to not be vested in the rightful owners, which are the people of Atlanta. So I was very moved and I think it even heightened my appreciation of Dr. King."

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed agreed.

"When you see the enormous amount of human sacrifice that was put forth to provide the lives we have today – for both black people and white people – it's hard not to be moved by the details of it," he said. "It's one thing to have a view of the architecture, if you will. I think it's another thing altogether to look at the details that make up Dr. King's life." ■

Two Streets Renamed to Commemorate Atlanta Student Movement

By VICKIE G. HAMPTON

Fifty years ago, Lonnie King '69 was a foot soldier in the civil rights movement, racing through the streets that connected Atlanta University Center schools as he strategized and recruited for the non-violent Atlanta Student Movement.

The movement grew from lunch counter sit-ins to a boycott of downtown Atlanta shops and restaurants. It dealt a blow to Atlanta's Jim Crow laws and triggered one of the nation's most significant movements for social change.

Because of King and 4,000 other AUC students' historic stance against segregation and racial injustice, two AUC-area streets now have been renamed to pay homage to their accomplishments.

Fair Street from Northside Drive to Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard has been renamed Atlanta Student Movement Boulevard, and SNCC Way is the new moniker for Raymond Street.



But King, who went on to serve as SNCC chairman, does not want to stop there. As the Morehouse representative on a commission established in August to plan the commemoration of the student movement, he insists more must be done in Atlanta and on AUC campuses to honor the students.

"We have to do more than just change a street name," King said. "All of the [AUC] institutions need to rededicate themselves to bringing forth this legacy."

"The 22 people on the commission will do their best to address this oversight of our city founders and others by making more visible representation of what those young people did 50 years ago."

Andrew Young Joins Leadership Center as Scholar-in-Residence



Ambassador Andrew J. Young, has accepted an invitation to serve as Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence with the Leadership Center at Morehouse College.

In his position, he will conduct public lectures, participate in academic programs, forums and workshops and serve as a critical resource on his areas of expertise.

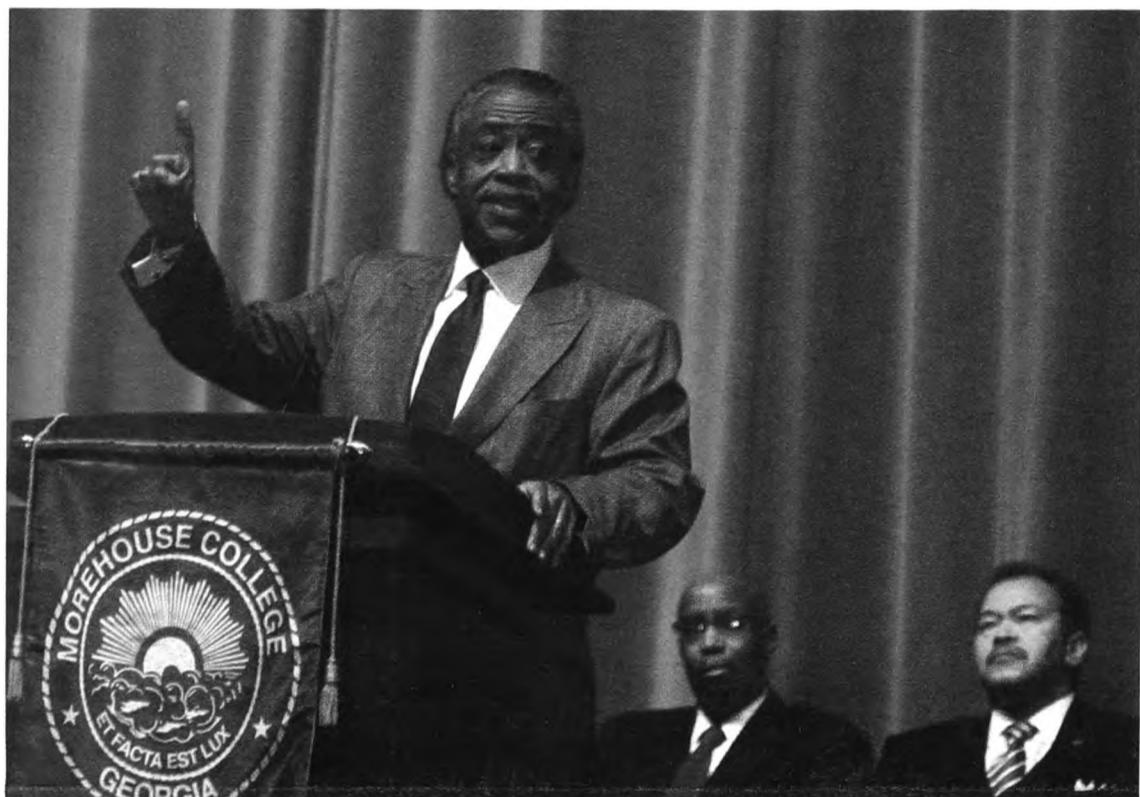
"We all know Ambassador Young for the role he played in the civil rights movement and his illustrious career as con-

gressman, ambassador, mayor, author and entrepreneur," said Melvinia King, interim executive director and professor of Leadership Studies. "He brings an extraordinary gift to the College. Now more than ever we need an advocate for peace and justice."

Last year, the Center began working closely with the Andrew Young Foundation and its executive director, Andrea Young in developing a special topics course Social and Political Change in the 20th Century that is being offered this semester. His joining the staff seemed a natural extension of this work.

"Beyond titles and accolades, his presence on the campus provides the platform and opportunity for student, faculty and staff to experience firsthand his wisdom and unmatched credentials," King said.

The Rev. Al Sharpton Urges Younger Generation to Strive For More In Life



The Rev. Al Sharpton speaks to students, faculty and staff in King Chapel

Blood Drive Surpasses Goal



Two students relax while donating blood during the AUC National Sickle Cell Awareness Month Blood Drive.

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

The 2nd Annual Atlanta University Center National Sickle Cell Awareness Month Blood Drive hosted by Morehouse College on Sept. 15 was a huge success as 156 pints of blood were collected, surpassing the goal of 150.

"Specifically as a result, the American Red Cross has been given the ability to save up to 468 more lives," said Jatana Beadle, Southern Region Blood Services diversity account manager for the American Red Cross.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Services and the Office of Communications, the drive drew a steady stream of 300 students, faculty and staff from Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta to the lobby of Kilgore Campus Center for over six hours.

"This was a great turnout," said Randy Edwards, chief executive officer for the American Red Cross, Southern Region Blood

Services. "It's a critical time. About 20 percent of our donors are students, so we struggle to collect enough blood during the summer. Plus we love going to college campuses," he said. "The students are so enthusiastic. This is a great achievement."

Additionally, the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia screened 65 people for sickle cell disease.

"There are more cases of sickle cell disease in metro Atlanta than in any other place in the state of Georgia," said Elise Durham, Morehouse media relations manager. Durham is also a member of the board of directors for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc.

"Everyone should know whether they carry the sickle cell trait," she said. "There is power in knowing given the implications should you have children with someone else who has the trait."

MOREHOUSE FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

The 2010 Maroon Tigers football season has become one of the most memorable in school history. Here are some numbers that stand out from the season so far.

10,000 – The number of people expected to fill to capacity B.T. Harvey Stadium for Saturday's game against Albany State University.

1930 – After defeating Lincoln University on Sept. 25, Morehouse's record went to 5-0, the Maroon Tigers' best start since 1930.

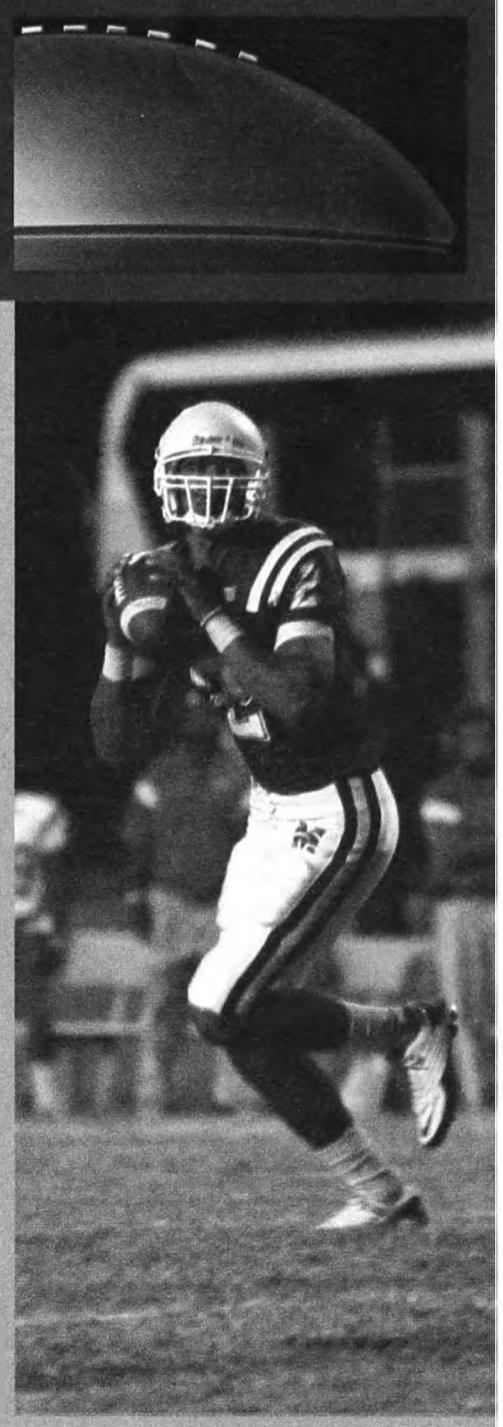
909 – Sophomore running back David Carter leads the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 909 rushing yards so far this season. He also leads the SIAC with 935 all-purpose yards.

225 – Carter rushed for 225 yards against Stillman College, the best rushing performance in the SIAC so far this season.

49 – Quarterback Byron Ingram was part of three touchdowns when the Maroon Tigers defeated Lane College 49-6, the most points the Maroon Tigers have scored all season.

15 – Derrin "Freight Train" Nettles had 15 tackles against Lane College, the best by any player in one game in the SIAC this season.

1 – The 2010 season marks the first time the Maroon Tigers football program has been ranked among the nation's top Division II football teams.



By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Veteran civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton wants the hip-hop generation to stop glorifying being down and start focusing on getting up.

"The [civil rights] culture showed a determination of purpose and upward mobility. The culture of this generation shows the opposite," he said during the Oct. 14 Leadership Crown Forum in Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

"That's the challenge – to turn around the cultural implosion and the inferiority complex of young blacks," he said. "You're not responsible for being down. You're responsible for getting up. If you're down, don't relax. Don't celebrate it. If you're down, get up."

Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, received continued applause throughout his 45-minute speech that focused on getting young people to be more aggressive in making positive strides in their lives and not accepting a lesser life.

"The issue has never been how far down we were," he said. "The issue was no matter how far down we were, we were determined we would rise. And we'd never let those with power or control to determine for us how we evaluated ourselves. So even if we're down, we don't relax being down. You don't get comfortable being down. We don't glorify being down." ■

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CALENDAR

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Homecoming 2010 Oct. 17-24

"LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION" – "GALACTIC ASCENSION"**SUNDAY, 17**

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

Kick-Off Jam
Bessie Strong Parking Lot
Spelman College
8 p.m.

MONDAY, 18

Fashion Show
"Cosmology"
Forbes Arena
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 in advance;
\$15 general admission and at the door

TUESDAY, 19

Neo Soul Concert
Chrisette Michele
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
7 p.m.



Comedy in the Cafeteria
Phat Comedy
Chivers Dining Hall
Noon – 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 20

Hump Wednesday
"Center of Gravity"
AUC Idol competition to determine
the opening act during the
Homecoming Concert
Alumni Step-Off
Douglass Hall Parking Lot
5 p.m.

Hip-Hop Concert

"Absolute Magnitude"
Rick Ross, Travis
Porter and Yung L.A.
Forbes Arena
8 p.m.

**"Welcome Back to the 'House" Party**

The Cascade Club
Atlanta, Ga.
6 p.m. - midnight

Miss Maroon and White Coronation
"The Black Hole"
Martin Luther King Jr. International
Chapel

7 p.m.
Coronation Ball
"Celestial Aurora"
America's Mart
250 Spring St.
Atlanta, Ga.
9 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 general
admission and day of the event; \$20
at the door

Football Game

Senior Day
Albany State University vs. Morehouse
B.T. Harvey Stadium
2 p.m.
Tickets: \$12 general admission;
free for Morehouse and Spelman students.
Faculty and staff, along with one guest,
free with valid I.D.

National Pan-Hellenic Council

Step Show
"Cataclysmic Fault"
Forbes Arena
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$10 in advance;
\$15 general admission; \$20 at the door

THURSDAY, 21**Crown Forum**

Speaker: Dr. Corey Hebert '92,
president, Hebert Medical Consulting
Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
11 a.m.

Pep Rally
King Chapel Plaza
Noon

FRIDAY, 22**Homecoming Registration**

Visitors Center
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Golf Tournament

The Crystal Lake Golf & Country Club
100 Crystal Lake Blvd.
Hampton, Ga.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(registration begins at 8 a.m.)
\$125 per person before Oct. 15;
\$150 per person afterwards

Alumni Mixer

Twelve Hotel, Centennial Park
400 W. Peachtree St.
Atlanta, Ga.
5 – 10 p.m.

Alumni Athletic Reception

The Cascade Club
2890 Continental Colony Pkwy.
Atlanta, Ga.
(by invitation only)
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 23

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

Homecoming Registration
Kilgore Campus Center
9 a.m. – noon

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

Pre-Game Caribbean Brunch
College Town at West End
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
\$35 per person

Tailgate Experience
Noon – 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24

Closing Worship Service
Speaker: Anthony Bennett '88
Senior Pastor, Mt. Airy Baptist Church,
Bridgeport, Ct.
Martin Luther King Jr. International
Chapel
10 a.m.

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