Alton Hornsby Retires After 42-Year Career as History Professor at Morehouse  

By ABD SEYMOUR JR.

Alton Hornsby ’61 sat back and listened inside a Bewley Hall classroom in April while nine students debated Louis Armstrong’s place in history. Passionately, they exchanged well-thought-out opinions.

It was exactly what Hornsby wanted to hear. The way he taught the “Great Men and Women of America” course has become legendary for those brave enough to endure the hours of preparation for his class.

“There was certainly a reputation and mystique to this class,” remembered Courtney Gober ’00, who is now a high school principal in Plano, Texas. “Every class always turned into a very heated debate that Dr. Hornsby facilitated and tried not to impose his opinions until the very end when he’d summarize and provide us vital guidance.”

The Armstrong debate was one of the last of Hornsby as a professor as after 42 years at Morehouse, he has decided to retire. He is leaving the place where he studied history and spent the bulk of his academic career.

“I knew that I would begin a career at Morehouse and end it here,” Hornsby said. “I’m committed to the mission of this institution. Some people think the mission has changed, but I think the basic mission of the College – to produce black leaders with a focus on the African American heritage with ethical conduct – I think that stands and I support those principles.”

Hornsby graduated from Morehouse in 1961 and then earned his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He began teaching at Tuskegee Institute in 1962 and joined the Morehouse faculty in 1968.

President Hugh M. Gloster ’31 appointed him chairman of the history department in 1971. In what is believed to be the longest tenure for any departmental chair at an American college or university, Hornsby served for 30 years.

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A Discourse on My Impressions of Morehouse

By CEDRIC SLETON ‘10

The trials of the real world for a man of Morehouse can wear down the strongest brother, but every time I have visited Morehouse to address my desires to graduate, I am overwhelmed and comforted by the sense of family and brotherhood. In the faculty, staff, and student body of Morehouse, I have found a sense of mentorship, support, and brotherhood that I have searched and longed for my whole life. I cannot walk on campus or stand in a single door without being accosted by someone interested in my endeavors and supportive of my progress. I have been on several campuses and considered matriculating somewhere else; however, something within me would become unsettled at the very thought for there is no place in the world like Morehouse and there is no other institution of higher learning that I would be more proud to graduate.

Today, as I stepped onto the campus wresting with the wind and rain, I heard the bell before King Chapel and felt it tolling for me. I felt the call of leadership, service, and new renaissance that I once heard as a freshman. In every step toward Glaster Hall, I felt the thunder of ‘Welcome to the House’ that echoed in the hallowed halls of New Student Orientation, calling me home.

I heard the chimes of ‘Dear Old Morehouse’ and could feel in my heart the bond of brotherhood in the locked arms of brothers swaying in the processions of Crown Forum and knew that every struggle I faced here as a student prepared me as a man to face the challenges of the world.

I can say these things because attending Morehouse means something to the world, for everyone I have met beyond campus speaks highly of every relative, friend, and acquaintance they know from Morehouse. And regardless of class, rank or major, they ask me, ‘Do I know him?’ because the world views Morehouse as one contiguous community and family. And by the association of excellence and greatness, people naturally expect us all to know each other.

I can say these things because bearing the insignia of a Morehouse graduate as the first male college graduate in my family means something to me. It means that I have fulfilled the dreams and hopes of my community and family, and that the only limit to opportunity is the reach of my arms.

I can say these things because this day marks the end of a final chapter that will open greater doors for me on the journey I began so many years ago. As I submitted my application for graduation, I truly felt Morehouse raising the bell and the crown of excellence for me.

Cedrick Shelton is a senior sociology major who is graduating in May 2010.

For Me... Every Day is Founder’s Day

By HERMAN “SKIP” MASON

When the College celebrated its 143rd Founder’s Day this year, it was a time when we, the Morehouse community, revisited the College’s past. Since last fall, I have had the pleasure of setting up the Morehouse College Archives located in the new Welcome Center. The on-campus repository contains in one place hundreds of boxes of historical documents, thousands of photographs, textiles, film footage and video and artifacts that document the College’s history since the late 1880s. These items currently are being processed to make available to the academic community.

When I returned to Morehouse in 2003 (I previously taught in the History department in the 1990s), it was a consensus that the College needed its own campus archives to document Morehouse’s rich history and supplement the personal collection of papers of some of the stalwart Morehouse faculty at the Robert W. Woodruff Library. Since that time, I have had the wonderful task of creating several exhibits (Martin Luther King Jr. in the African American Hall of Fame, “Crowns and Gowns: The Legacy of Miss Maroon and White,” and the permanent exhibit in Douglass Hall), as well as gathering the physical remnants of the College’s history from myriad places, including an orchestra pit, the cold and damp basements of Graves and Perdue halls, and college-owned houses where other items were stored.

Before President Walter E. Massey ’58 retired, we packed more than 40 boxes of his papers and artifacts, waiting to be processed. Now, seven years later, they are being used on a limited basis by scholars, doctoral students, faculty members and students, including members of the Torch and Maroon Tiger staffs.

With the sesquicentennial celebration (150th) just seven years away, folks will be asking how has this small, liberal arts college sustained itself to become one of the most prominent institutions for the education of African American men. New books will be written, documents and exhibits produced and the intellectual conversations of Morehouse’s triumph and challenges will be examined. The College archives should be at the center of these exciting projects. I believe that there will be an awakening of the Morehouse spirit.

While Founder’s Day is a once-a-year celebration, I am blessed to walk in and hear the voice of William Jefferson White and be reminded of the struggles and successes of Morehouse’s presidents: Groves, Roberts, Tuke, Hope, Mays, Glaster, Keith, Massey and our current president, Robert M. Franklin, President Franklin, a student of history, also understands the importance of the College archives as we document the Renaissance era. Every great liberal arts institution has a college archives for it is in the spirit of the National Archives that we understand that “the past is prologue.” For me, as the Morehouse College archivist, every day is Founder’s Day.

Herman “Skip” Mason is the College Archivist and Director of the Learning Resource Center. He can be reached at (404) 681-5536, or in his office in Room 104 in the Welcome Center by appointment only.
Stafford Addresses Georgia Legislature

Morehouse took center stage as a member of the Georgia State Legislature on April 12 when 13-year-old Morehouse student, Stephen Stafford Jr., addressed lawmakers after being honored for his hard work. Former Morehouse student, Rep. Rashad Taylor (right), invited Stafford to speak.

New Hires

Vince Baskerville, Multimedia Developer, Communications
Satyn Geary, Prospect Researcher, Institutional Advancement
Gail Scott, Gift Processor, Institutional Advancement
Samantha Stewart, Administrative Assistant III, Leadership Center
Julius Coles, Director, Andrew Young Center for International Affairs Office
Leah Mickens, Processing Archivist, Archives, Museums and Library
Rosemary Davis, Administrative Assistant II, Academic Affairs
Shanone Monroe, Administrative Assistant III, Office of the President
Weldon Jackson, Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Crystal James, Research Coordinator, Public Health Science Office
Haydennis Smith, Assistant Registrar, Registrar’s Office
Nector Charles, Security Officer, Campus Police
Vincent Edwards, Security Officer, Campus Police
Willie Nighthower, Lieutenant, Campus Police
Kimberly Jordan, Security Officer, Campus Police
Santos Lopez, Security Officer, Campus Police
Alphonso McDonald, Security Officer, Campus Police
Robert Mix, Security Officer, Campus Police
Markus Moore, Police Officer, Campus Police
David Palmer, Police Officer, Campus Police
Barton Wade, Police Officer, Campus Police
Alvin Wright, Security Officer, Campus Police

Please Submit Your Nominations for Employee of the Month

Send all nominations to the Office of Human Resources, Glover 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.


Melissa P. Bailey, administrative assistant in Alumni Relations, Special Events and Annual Giving Programs, graduated with a bachelor’s of science degree in business management from Shorter College on May 8.

Kai Jackson Issa, managing editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project, was named a visiting scholar of the Jules Weldon Johnson Institute at Emory University for the 2010-11 academic year. During her residency, Jackson Issa will complete a book on Sue Bulley Thurman, the wife of theologian Howard Thurman (23).

Bryant Marks ’94, associate professor of psychology, was a featured speaker during the April 29-30 “A Dream Deferred: The Future of African American Education” national conference, hosted by Morehouse and Spelman colleges. Marks also was part of an April 2010 story in Black Enterprise magazine about graduation rates of black men.

Ron Thomas, director of the Journalism and Sports Program, was a panelist for a May 1 discussion, “Before Mayweather vs. Mosley: Tiger Flowers and the Racial Politics in Early 20th Century Atlanta,” at Atlanta’s Auburn Avenue Research Center Library on African American Culture and History.

Ebenezer Aka Jr., professor and director of the Urban Studies program, published the article, “Geostatification and Socioeconomic Impacts of Neighborhood Integration and Diversification in Atlanta, Georgia,” in the National Social Science Journal, 2010, Vol. 35, #1.

NOTE
Ambassador Michael Battle Sr. Urges African Americans to Invest in Africa

Michael Battle Sr., ambassador to the United States focuses on the need for investment in Africa and partnership with Africa. “It is our goal to make sure that the African continent is represented at every table when decisions are made,” he added.

Peaceful Student Protest Gets Administrators’ Promise to Address Concerns

A large, yet orderly student protest over issues such as improving customer service, enhancing the operation of the James B. Ellison College Information and re-initiating summer commencement services, ended with applause for President Robert M. Franklin ’75 as he promised to look into their concerns.

In fact, Franklin and members of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees were impressed by the students’ respectful and organized expression of their concerns.

“You stepped forward today and gave us confidence that you have moved the movement forward,” Franklin said to approximately 400 students, locked arm-in-arm in silence outside of the Executive Conference Center where the Board of Trustees were meeting on April 23.

“These aren’t new [issues],” he said. “They are being examined and worked on.”

Six areas of concern (improving services at Douglas Hall, adding a way to collect and track student concerns and implementing a four-hour credit system were the other three) were listed on fliers students passed around campus earlier in the day.

By 3 p.m., students were gathering on the Centenary Campus. They then lined up in rows of two and marched through campus. Many of them wore maroon Morehouse blazers.

After stopping at the gates of campus between Brumley and Wheeler halls, they silently paraded, arm-in-arm to the Executive Conference Center. Upon arrival, they stood outside of the parking lot along Welborn Street, not muddling a word.

Inside, student Trustee members made the case for other men of Morehouse.

Many board members joined Franklin and other administrators outside.

“You do not have to take a stand today,” Franklin said. “But you do want to make sure the basic needs of students are met. We listened.”

Student Government Association President Adam McFarland said, “We gathered. We came forward. We got results.”

The eight members of the class of 2010 who will be teaching this fall, their majors and their hometowns are:

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- Warren Chancelor, mathematics, Greenville, S.C.
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BRIEFS

Morehouse Staff to Get Three Percent Raise In July

Morehouse staff members applauded when President Robert M. Franklin announced during the Spring Semester Campus Wide Staff Meeting that the College would not need to furlough employees, as other institutions have been forced to do during the current national financial downturn.

But they got a bit of even better news: a higher than expected number of staff for the Fall and Spring semesters, along with the College’s overall strong financial strategy, has allowed for the implementation of three percent raises, effective July 1, Franklin said.

Free Parking on West End Ends as City Adds Parking Meters

As of May 1, parking along West End Avenue will not be free anymore. The city of Atlanta has installed new parking meters on the street running behind the Lead-ership Center and R.T. Harvey Stadium, from Westview Drive to Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard.

It is part of an overall strategy by Atlanta officials to add more parking meters around the city as a way of raising additional revenue for the cash-strapped city. Parking meters have also been installed along other arteries in the West End area. Meters will operate 24 hours each day, except for Sunday.

Purvis Young, Artist of Exhibit in African American Hall of Fame, Dies

The gritty Miami neighborhoods where Purvis Young lived became the tools and canvases that propelled his art to worldwide acclaim. An old swath of carpet. A slab of wood. A rusted piece of metal. They all combined with the colorful earth tones that characterized Young’s portraits of African-American life to hang in some of the world’s finest museums.

Young passed away at the age of 67 on April 20 after a long battle with diabetes and other ailments.

His connection to Morehouse is strong on many fronts,” said Trustee Chuck James ’81. “But no one has infinite resources and the College is stressed on many fronts,” said Trustee Chuck James ’81. “But we do want to make sure the basic needs of students are met. We listened.”

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Eight Graduating Seniors to Become Teach for America Instructors This Fall

Eight Morehouse seniors will head to classrooms around the nation this fall as part of the Teach for America, program that matches recent college graduates of all disciplines with public schools in low-income urban and rural areas. The teachers, or corps members, commit to two years in the classroom and then are expected to become leaders in their respective fields with a stronger awareness of the importance of equity in the nation’s educational system, across economic levels.

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Students March Through Campus to the Executive Conference Center.

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Quotable Quotes from 2009 - 2010

From a former NBA star to a veteran civil rights worker, campus guests shared their unique perspectives with the Morehouse community throughout the 2009-10 academic year. One lauded the way Morehouse teaches entrepreneurship, another talked about technology’s effect on music, yet another talked about why the civil rights movement was important. Their advice, albeit on different subject matters, encouraged our ongoing pursuit of building the beloved community.

“All of us, not some of us, must accept our collective responsibility for transforming our institutions into not just places where we celebrate our heritage, but also places where we embrace the present with boldness and determination.”

– Michael Lomax ’68, president and CEO, UNCF, Feb. 11, Founder’s Day Convocation

“Research is critical and it is important to share your honest opinion. And know the facts. A lot of people in the media are just guys. They don’t know the game. They just talk. So it’s important to have the facts.”

– Chris Webber, former NBA star, Feb. 3, lecture to Journalism and Sports students

“Teaching entrepreneurship isn’t going to just benefit the students here at Morehouse. It’s going to radiate outward to create positive social change in African American communities because there is no better vehicle for job creation in America than entrepreneurship.”

– Gary Locke, secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, Feb. 19 speech to Morehouse business professors and students

“There are a lot of musicians who are eliminated because of the technology. It’s unfortunate because I think there will not be as many creative musicians. It seems as though [technology] is going to eliminate some of them. That’s unfortunate.”

– Ray Ayers, legendary jazz/R&B musician, Oct. 22, Homecoming Alumni Arts Panel

“The partnership of blacks and Jews brought about many of the greatest social and political changes in the history of our nation. And yet I believe that the greatest legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is that he understood that a people who fight for their own rights are only as honorable when they fight for the rights of all people.”

– Rabbi Marc Schneier, president of The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, Jan. 14, Martin Luther King Jr. Crown Forum

“Engage yourself here in not only the Morehouse community, but also in the larger community.”

– Harold Ford Jr., chairman, Democratic Leadership Council, Sept. 28, Conversation on Leadership

“When your time comes, we want each of you to remember that you have pledged your life to this institution and its ideals, in all things that you do, and answer your call to serve.”


“You must come and take your rightful place at the table – the community table. You must come… You are able. The question this morning is, are you willing?”


“We had to help ourselves to become un-brainwashed and to understand that we had to really look at how we were not given access to those wonderful documents that this country was founded on.”

– Dorothy Cotton, veteran civil rights worker, Oct. 21, speech to Morehouse King History students

“We saw all the people and the buildings were down. It was very horrible. It was like, ‘We need to do something. They need our help.’”

– Fifth grader Brianna Perry who helped load Carter G. Woodson Elementary School students in a drive to raise $1,000 for the Morehouse College Haitian Relief Effort

“Al was never heavy handed with making points in discussion,” said Willa Sherfett ’64, an economics professor and former provost. “His points always had a degree of subtlety that required you to think a little bit and also created situations where the ‘A-ha moment’ came a little bit after he made his point. That’s not just a strategy he uses with his students. That’s a strategy he uses with talking with people, period.”

While Hornsby leaves the classroom behind, he will continue his history research and writing. Hornsby is the author of 18 books and numerous articles about black history in the South, particularly in his hometown of Atlanta. He has two projects on the horizon, one a look at African Americans in the post-emancipation South and another an editor of a state-by-state encyclopedia of black America.

"I'm going to continue to research and write books," Hornsby said with a laugh. "Otherwise, I'd fade away if I stay in a rocking chair."

ALTON HORNSBY

Hornsby Retires

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1968 - The year Hornsby started at Morehouse, 1968, was full of historic happenings with the arrest of the Civil Rights Notables, Cato’s arrest in the post-emancipation South and the deaths of Martin Luther King Jr. ’48 and Robert F. Kennedy.

1961 - Hornsby graduated from Morehouse.

25 - For 25 years, Hornsby was the editor of the Journal of Negro History.

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1 - Hornsby’s 30-year tenure as History department chair is believed to rank as the longest in American colleges and universities.
Julius Coles ’64 Returns and Looks to Further Internationalize Morehouse

By ABD EHANKUR JR.

Coming back to Morehouse after eight years in Washington, D.C., and regularly traveling the world was an easy decision for Julius E. Coles ’64.

He made huge contributions to the nation’s ties to Africa as president of Africare, managing a $60-million budget and 1,200 employees spread out over 23 countries. But returning to his alma mater to work with students as director of Global Education and the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs was a job he could not resist.

“Think it is a wonderful opportunity to add to the globalization of the College and the global experience of our students so they can become successful leaders in the global community,” Coles said.

Coles served as the first director of the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs from 1997 until 2002 when joined Africare. He also had been the director of Howard University’s Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center from 1994 to 1997.

“Morehouse is honored and pleased to welcome Alumnus Coles back to the senior leadership team,” said President Robert M. Franklin ’75. “His experience and accomplishments as president of Africare will serve our students immeasurably in becoming what Julius has always promoted and modeled, a Renaissance man with social conscience and global perspective.”

Most of Coles’ distinguished career—28 years—has been spent in Foreign Service as a senior official with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Coles was the mission director in Swaziland and Senegal while also serving in Vietnam, Morocco, Liberia, Nepal and Washington, D.C.

He has received numerous honors and awards over the years, including the 2009 Princeton-in-Africa Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2006 Morehouse College National Alumnus of the Year award and was decorated by Senegal President Abdou Diouf as Commander in the Order of the Lion in 1994. This past spring, Coles was honored during the “A Candle in the Dark” gala as a Bennie Award recipient for achievement.

His focus will now be on ensuring that men of Morehouse become well-traveled and obtain a true global perspective.

“We have 150 students studying abroad and approximately 300 with some sort of short term international experience,” Coles said. “I would like to boost that number to 500 and eventually increase that number to a third of the student body.”

Coles also hopes to increase the number of languages that are taught, further building the Chinese and Middle Eastern Studies program, adding more emphasis on African and Caribbean studies and increasing the number of foreign students at Morehouse.

“But right now, he is happy to be back at the College. “It feels great to be back,” Coles said. “When I look at my final years on Earth, I can’t think of any better place to be than here.”

Library Redesigned with AUC Community in Mind

From its new furnishings to its cutting-edge technologies and diverse group study and meeting spaces, the newly renovated Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library is designed specifically to meet the needs of AUC faculty, students and staff.

With the input and approval of Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Spelman College and the Interdenominational Theological Center, the AUC Woodruff Library began a construction and renovation project in May 2009. The project encompasses the total reconstruction of the Library’s main level, and major renovations to its upper and lower levels.

The first completed stage of the renovated main level opened in January, featuring warm colors, open spaces, modern lighting and glass panels. Faculty, students and staff can also use the “WOODI Learning Center” with new features, including:

- Colorful, contemporary and comfortable seating options
- Additional group study and meeting rooms
- Four new high-tech classrooms
- Additional power and connectivity for laptop computing
- Technology Design Studio with several MACs, fully outfitted video and audio editing rooms, and presentation practice rooms
- In-house coffee counter will open for business, serving premium coffees, pastries, cold sandwiches and salads that will open in August 2010.

Faculty and staff, as well as students, can reserve group study rooms for meetings or seminars. In addition, high-tech classrooms can be reserved on a short-term basis for technology-infused classroom instruction, or professional development workshops. By construction’s end in May, there will also be a new General Reading Room for quiet study, new Graduate Study Suites, and a totally redesigned Archives Research Center reading room for researching the AUC’s historical treasures.

A ribbon cutting and student celebration commemorating the successful completion of Phase I renovation is planned for Fall 2010. View the AUC Woodruff Library’s renovation website at www.auctr.edu/renovation-site/index.asp for more information on the “WOODI Learning Commons,” other soon-to-be completed improvements and upcoming renovation celebration activities.
SIAC CHAMPIONS!
Track and Field and Tennis Teams Win Conference Tournament Titles

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

The streak of success for the Morehouse tennis and track and field teams continued this year as both won 2010 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles.

The host Maroon Tigers tennis team, seeded second headed into the SIAC men’s tennis championships, won its second straight SIAC title behind Tony Martin, Ben Seagle and Dewain Dixon. All three won their singles matches while Martin and Seagle won the doubles title.

Martin was named the tournament’s most valuable player and was joined by Seagle on the All-Conference first team. Together, Martin and Seagle were named to the All-Conference doubles team.

The Flying Maroon Tigers track and field team won its fifth consecutive conference title during the SIAC Championships at B.T. Harvey Stadium/Edwin Moses Track.

The host Maroon Tigers finished with 231 points in winning the College’s 16th conference track and field championship. Benedict College was second with 156 points while Albany State was third with 146 points.

Matt Tuffuor won the javelin throw, finished second in the decathlon and discus and fourth in the shot put. Karlton Mitchell won the 3,000-meter steeplechase and finished second in 1,500-meter and 5,000-meter runs. Dreyfus Clemmons won the 1,500-meter race, was second in the 800-meter and sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Jeremy Timley won the 800-meter run.

The winner in the high jump was Justin Oliver, who also finished third in the javelin. Joshua Ramseur took the hammer throw, while LeMario Bland topped the 100-meter dash and finished fourth in the 200-meter run. Turner Coggins won the shot put, finished fourth in the hammer throw and fifth in the discus. Abraham Kipruto finished second in the 10,000-meter run and fourth in the 5,000-meter run. Clemmons, Coggins, Tuffour, Ramseur, joined Chevon Cunningham, Michael Vinson and Khiry Lee on the SIAC’s All-Conference squad.

Tinsley, Mitchell, Tony Reynolds and Barry Batson were second team picks.

Bland, Tuffour and William Payne were named to the SIAC’s All-Academic Track and Field Team.

Led by Olajuwon Ajamu and Bryan McElroy, the Morehouse Maroon Tigers have become back-to-back golf champions after winning the 2010 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference golf tournament title in April.

Ajamu, a junior, and McElroy, a sophomore, tied for the top spot, shooting a three-day total of 225, which was nine over par and seven shots ahead of the next competitor. In fact, the top five finishers were Maroon Tigers.

Junior Philip Allen, last season’s top golfer in the SIAC tournament, finished third, followed by sophomores Thaddeus Hill and Earl Cooper.

Morehouse’s Ramone Harewood Headed to the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Ramone Harewood bent down in a three-point stance while a coach for the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens pointed at some chairs placed in front of the two outside the Morehouse football offices in late April.

The two were getting in some extra work before Harewood, the team’s sixth round draft pick in the 2010 NFL Draft, heads to the Ravens’ three-day rookie camp beginning on June 16.

Harewood, a 6’6”, 340-pound offensive tackle, who will wear number 78 for the Ravens, wasn’t a nationally-known prospect. But NFL scouts were on campus throughout the fall and spring to get a look at Harewood, who impressed them with his size, strength, intelligence and quick feet.

An Engineering major, Harewood was a two-time Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pick and was one of the top players in Division II.

Morehouse Tigers Win Second Consecutive SIAC Golf Championship

By ADD SEYMOUR JR.

Morehouse’s Ramone Harewood (right) works out with a Baltimore Ravens offensive line coach outside the Morehouse football offices.
126th COMMENCEMENT 
AND ALUMNI REUNION

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:30 – 10 a.m. – Golden Tigers Breakfast (50-Year Alumni), Douglass Hall
10 a.m. – Noon – Reunion Registration, Kilgore Campus Center
10 a.m. – Noon – Reunion Panel Discussions, Various Locations
10 a.m. – Noon – Individual Candidate Photos Taken, Lobby at the Martin Luther King International Chapel
1 p.m. – Group Photo, B. T. Harvey Stadium
2 p.m. – Mandatory Baccalaureate and Commencement Rehearsal, King Chapel
2 p.m. – National Alumni Association General Body Meeting, Sale Hall, Chapel of the Inward Journey
4 p.m. – Rite of Passage Ceremony (New Alumni Induction), King Chapel
5 p.m. – Senior Reception, Kilgore Campus Center
6 p.m. – Morehouse Spelman Joint Mixer, Ritz Carlton Atlanta, Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, GA 30303

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:30 a.m. – Reunion Registration, Kilgore Campus Center
9 – 10:30 a.m. – Reunion Panel Discussions, Various Locations
10 – 11 a.m. – Class Agents Meetings, Kilgore Campus Center
11 – 1:30 p.m. – Class Reunion and Fundraising Meetings:

- 1935 – Kilgore Campus Center, Lounge
- 1940 – Kilgore Campus Center, Lounge
- 1945 – Kilgore Campus Center, South Lounge
- 1950 – Kilgore Campus Center, Snack Bar
- 1955 – Kilgore Campus Center, 1st Floor
- 1960 – Kilgore Campus Center, Seminar Room
- 1965 – Kilgore Campus Center, President’s Dining Room
- 1970 – Sale Hall, Classroom 109
- 1975 – Merrill Hall, Henderson Lounge
- 1980 – Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall, Lecture Room 1
- 1985 – Nabrit-Mapp-McBay Hall, Lecture Room 2
- 1990 – Sale Hall, Chapel of the Inward Journey
- 1995 – Sale Hall, Classroom 105
- 2000 – Sale Hall, Classroom 107
- 2005 – Sale Hall, Classroom 106
- Noon-1:30 p.m. – Class Photo, Steps of Kilgore Campus Center
- Noon-2 p.m. – Distribution of Reserved Commencement Seating Tickets, Sale Hall
- Noon-3:30 p.m. – Reunion Cookout, Kilgore Campus Center
- 1:30 p.m. – John Hope and Benjamin E. Mays Memorial Gravesite Service Honoring Deceased Alumnus

What I Do

As the associate director of Alumni Relations, my primary role is to connect the College with the more than 11,000 alumni around the world. Along with the team in Alumni Relations, I develop and implement programs and events that engage alumni with the College. One of these events is the annual Homecoming festivities each fall. I along with other staff members, design, plan, and execute the layout and events during Homecoming week.

We also create and manage diverse fundraising activities for alumni to donate back to the institution and manage the alumni portion of the capital campaign. I am responsible for fundraising initiatives focused on younger alumni (graduates between 1990 and 2010). I also serve as the co-adviser to the Morehouse College Pre-Alumni Association, which focuses on leadership development, fund raising, and student-alumni interaction. The Pre-Alumni Association serves as the conduit between alumni and students.

After receiving my MBA in summer of 2008, I decided to pursue a career in higher education. It is an honor to work for my alma mater. Having an impact on the lives of young African American men makes this a vocation or a calling and not a job.