



# Morehouse Teams Up to Build Habitat Homes

SEVERAL MOREHOUSE football and basketball players traded their jerseys and athletic shoes for hammers and hard hats to help Habitat for Humanity build a home for a Hurricane Katrina evacuee.

As part of Atlanta's Final Four celebration this March, the NCAA partnered with Habitat and Lowe's to build two houses for Habitat families. Students from Morehouse and other Atlanta-area colleges volunteered for the project that took place in Centennial Olympic Park.

The Morehouse team was led by Dr. Robert Wilson, chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education. Athletes who participated included football players Timothy Alford, Richie Jones, Carlos King, Michael Robinson, Ross Thompson and James Steadman; and basketball players Marlon Ferguson and Joseph Hines.

"It was great to see the Morehouse student-athletes working on the NCAA build during the men's final four basketball championships," said Larrie Del Martin, Atlanta Habitat Executive Director. "What an amazing contribution!"

Under the guidance of trained professional, the student-athletes helped construct the home's wooden frame. Once completed, the frame was assembled in the park and relocated to an Atlanta community for permanent placement.

Though it took a little practice and some coaching, the self-professed "city boys" quickly mastered swinging hammers and driving nails. Working as a team, the athletes from various sports, constructed the inner- and outer-walls of what would become a three-bedroom house.

The house that Team Morehouse worked on was intended for



Football player Ross Thompson helps with building of a Habitat for Humanities home.

Chalonda Simpson, a former Xavier University student who fled hurricane-ravaged New Orleans with her one-year-old son, Domonique. The mom and son relocated to Atlanta and Simpson completed her degree at Georgia State University.

"We bounced around through four states before settling in Atlanta," Simpson said. "We didn't know we would be out of a home for so long. It will be nice to finally have a permanent place to live."

Founded in 1983 Atlanta Habitat has built 888 homes in the Atlanta area, providing quality living for more than 3,000 residents.

A video of the home-build is currently posted on the NCAA web site ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)) and shows the Morehouse students at work. ■

## 2007 MOREHOUSE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
AUGUST 25	BENEDICT COLLEGE*	ATLANTA, GA	7 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 1	FORT VALLEY STATE UNIV.*	ATLANTA, GA	7 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8	LANE COLLEGE* (TELEVISED ON ESPNU)	JACKSON, TN	3 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 15	SHAW UNIVERSITY	DURHAM, NC	4 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 22	CONCORDIA COLLEGE	SELMA, AL	5 P.M.
OCTOBER 6	TUSKEGEE UNIV.* (72ND ANNUAL TUSKEGEE-MOREHOUSE FOOTBALL CLASSIC)	COLUMBUS, GA (MEMORIAL STADIUM)	2 P.M.
OCTOBER 13	SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY	ATLANTA, GA	2 P.M.
OCTOBER 20	CLARK ATLANTA UNIV.*	ATLANTA, GA (HOMECOMING)	2 P.M.
OCTOBER 27	ALBANY STATE UNIV.*	ALBANY, GA	3 P.M.
NOVEMBER 3	MILES COLLEGE*	ATLANTA, GA	1:30 P.M.

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 Dean of Student Services: Dr. Kevin Rome  
 Athletic Director: Andre Pattillo  
 Head Coach: Rich Freeman  
 Sports Information Director: Yusuf Davis



*Coach Richard Freeman prepares his team for the upcoming season.*

## ***TSU Grad Richard Freeman Named New Football Coach***

RICHARD FREEMAN, a former assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Lane College, has been hired as the new head football coach, announced director of Athletics, Andre Pattillo.

“We are happy to have Rich Freeman here at Morehouse, and we expect our football program to make steady progress under his leadership,” Pattillo said. “Rich is an outstanding individual with excellent coaching credentials, which should greatly benefit our players.”

A native of Atlanta, Freeman is a 1997 graduate of Tennessee State University, with a bachelor’s in physical education and recreation. He was a team captain and a standout linebacker at TSU.

Primarily a defensive specialist, Freeman also had coaching stints at Tennessee State, Alabama State University, Concordia College and Miles College.

Freeman was hired later than usual for a college coach and inherited a complete staff. He replaces Terry Beauford, who resigned as head coach after two seasons with a record of 6 wins and 15 losses. ■



### TRACK AND FIELD

#### MOREHOUSE GAINS THIRD AT TRACK NATIONAL

Soaring ever higher and faster, the Flying Maroon Tigers dashed and leaped their way to a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Track and Field Championships this May.

The highest finish in Morehouse track and field history was powered by excellent coaching by head coach Willie Hill and his assistants and a total team effort by a dedicated group of student-athletes.



Randall Flimmons

Morehouse improved from 10th place last year. The team's score of 68 points was five points behind last year's national champion, St. Augustine's College, and 26 points ahead of fourth-place finisher Ashland University.

Long jumper Randall Flimmons, 400-meter hurdler Damian Prince and the 4x400-meter relay team of Curtis Dayson, Brandon Hartley, Marquis Horn and Prince won national titles in their events.

Flimmons, a drama major from Columbus, Miss., soared 25'- 10 ?" to claim his first national outdoor long jump title. His leap was nearly two feet farther than his nearest competitor. In March, Flimmons won the NCAA Division II national indoor long jump title.

Prince, who entered the tournament with the second fastest time in the nation for the 400-meter hurdles, performed even better than expected. The junior health and physical education major from Decatur, Ga., ran away from the competition in a time of 49.21.

As the top-seeded team entering the nationals, the 4x400-meter relay team

performed as expected, winning the last event of the three-day championships. Dayson, Hartley, Horn and Prince sprinted to a 3:06.18, to nudge out Central Missouri, which finished second at 3:06.42.

Keith Moffatt, a senior from Newport News, Va., took second place in the high jump, with a leap of 7'-3." Moffatt entered the meet as the defending champion, but



Damian Prince

finished behind Minnesota State-Mankota's Jim Dilling who also edged out Moffatt at the indoor nationals, in March.

Sprinter Marquis Horn was a major contributor to the Morehouse cause. The junior speedster from Long Beach, Ca. took third-place in the 100-meter dash (10.45) and the 200-meter dash (20.80). He also ran in the 4x100-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay.

In the triple jump, Flimmons finished fifth – hopping, skipping and jumping his way to a total of 50'- 2 ?."

Sophomore Evan Flax, a sophomore from Fontana, Ca., had outstanding performances in three jumping events. He finished fifth in the long jump, with a leap of 23'- ?;" he took fifth in the high jump, with a height of 7' ?;" and he grabbed sixth in the triple jump, covering 50'- 2 ?."

The Morehouse 4x100-meter relay team of–Brandon Hartley, Marquis Horn, Brandon Morgan and Damian Prince snagged fifth-place, in a time of 40.43.

All participants who finish in the top eight in their event are named to the All-America team.

For complete results of all events, visit [www.trackshark.com](http://www.trackshark.com) for a link to the NCAA Division II Championships.

#### THREE MAROON TIGERS IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Three of Morehouse's premier student-athletes competed in the nation's top track and field meet this June for a chance to represent the College and the United States in the World Track and Field Championships in Osaka, Japan, in August 2007.

Long jumper Randall Flimmons, high jumper Keith Moffatt and hurdler Damian Prince will travel to Indianapolis to showcase their talents at the AT&T USA National Track and Field Championships, June 20-24. At stake is the opportunity of a lifetime – a trip to the year's biggest stage in track and field.

The top three finishers in each event will represent the United States at the World Championships, which is considered a prelude to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

Flimmons, a drama major from Columbus, Miss., is the leading collegiate contender entering the national competition. In May, Flimmons, soared 25'- 10 ?" to win the outdoor long jump title at the NCAA Division II National Track and Field Championships (see previous article).

Prince, a junior health and physical education major from Decatur, Ga., won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles event at the NCAA D-2 championships. He also is the reigning SIAC champion in the 400-meter hurdles.

Moffatt is the four-time SIAC high jump champion. The senior physical education major from Newport News, Va., finished second at the NCAA D-2 outdoor championships in May. Moffatt, who has never finished lower than second place in a collegiate high jump competition, won that event in 2006.

Both Flimmons and Prince were named the South Region 2007 Athletes of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Additionally, Prince was named the overall 2007 Track Athlete of the Year based on his outstanding season, while Coach Willie H. Hill was named the South Region Coach of the Year for the second straight year.

### GOLF

#### MOREHOUSE THIRD AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Moving up one spot from last year, Morehouse finished third in the Division II section of the 2007 PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship held in May in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

More than 170 contestants from 36 colleges and universities, representing 13 countries, comprised the field for the 21st annual event.

Morehouse scored a 301-294-299 – 904, to take third behind Fayetteville State University (852) and Lincoln University (889). The Maroon Tigers placed ahead of conference rival Paine College, which scored 948. The only other SIAC school—Kentucky State University – took seventh place.

All of the Morehouse golfers scored in the upper echelon of the 42-man D2 lineup and contributed to the team victory.

Philip Allen led the five-man Morehouse team in scoring, with a three-day total of 71-74-71 – 216. The Atlanta freshman finished fourth among Division II golfers.

Steven Wooten, a junior from New Paltz, N.Y., tied for 14th place with an 80-76-73 – 229; Bilal NuMan, a sophomore from Columbus, Ga., earned 16th place, tallying a 75-76-80 – 231; and Edward Hills, a junior from Cleveland, Ohio, grabbed 19th place with a 79-78-77 – 234.

Esquire Ward, a junior from St. Mary's, Calif., shot a team high 237 for the tournament, to take 22nd place. His 76, on day one, and 78, on day three, were instrumental in the total team victory, which uses the lowest four scores of each round.

Coached by teaching professional William Lewis, the Morehouse team has made a steady rise up the collegiate ranks since golf was re-instituted as an intercollegiate sport at the College four years ago. The team won three of six tournaments this season.

State Farm Insurance and The Golf Channel produced a one-hour Championship highlight program that aired on June 6. For complete results of the championship, visit [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com) ■