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■ **May 22, 2008, *Los Angeles Times***

Morehouse College faces its own bias – against gays

Michael Brewer '08 was strolling purposefully around the storied Morehouse College campus on a hot spring day, clutching a small stack of fliers that read: "No more hate" and "No more discrimination. No more." This is the lead of an article in the *Los Angeles Times* written by a reporter who attended several campus forums associated with a week of gay rights events.

■ **May 31, 2008, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune***

Priorities pay off for businessman: Founder of paint, coatings

firm balanced work and family Vice Board Chair Robert C. Davidson Jr. '67, recently retired founder of CEO of Surface Protection Industries Inc, grew a business that has become one of the top African American-owned manufacturing firms in California. But the Pasadena resident is more proud that he has managed to keep his family a top priority in his life. This story was covered by several papers in the southern California area after Davidson received the Father of the Year Award, presented by the National Father's Day Council and the American Diabetes Association, at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

■ **June 4, 2008, "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams"**
Obama Clenches the Nomination
When Barack Obama clenched the Democratic presidential nomination, media outlets across the nation wanted to know how black men felt about the historic moment. Greg Hall, chair of the

■ **July 28, 2008, *Atlanta Journal Constitution***



Mr. Sensitive & Ms. Feisty: How Harpo and Sofia of 'The Color Purple' keep it real onstage and in life

Stuart James Flemister '89 was featured with Felicia P. Fields as the stars of the hit stage play, "A Color Purple." Flemister, an Atlanta native, returned home when the national tour of the musical played at the Fox Theatre.

political science department, was interviewed by Ron Mott of NBC News, as were a group of Morehouse students. The story also was covered by "ABC World News Tonight" and CNN.

■ **June 5, 2008, *Philadelphia Sun, CNN, The Washington Sun, CNN, NABJ*** choose college winner for CNN's Black in America Contest
Travers Johnson '08 was the grand-prize winner of CNN's Campus iReporter contest, which featured first-hand accounts of the black experience through video, photo, audio and text submissions to promote CNN's "Black in America" multiplatform programming initiative. Johnson beat more than 11,500 students from eight HBCUs. The contest was co-sponsored by the National Association of Black Journalists.

■ **June 8, 2008, *The Network Journal***

Roundtable on the Economy: A difficult agenda ahead for the next president

Greg Price, professor and chair of the economics department, was featured in a roundtable discussion on the nation's failing economy. When asked about his outlook for the second half of 2008, Price replied: "Given rising housing inventories and gasoline prices, I suspect that the second half of 2008 will also be anemic. This could change if gas prices halt their rise and/or generous residential mortgage refinancing for defaultees emerge."

■ **June 12, 2008, *Memphis Business Journal***
Following the Call: Elliot leads technology initiatives for City of Memphis, but his passion for theology grows

Charles Elliott '91 was profiled after a move back to his hometown brought him one step closer to his life's calling. Elliott supervises the handling of all things technology for the city of Memphis. But in 2002, he became an ordained minister and, in

■ **May 12, 2008, *Associated Press, CNN, "The CBS Early Show," "The View," "NBC Nightly News," "ABC World News Tonight"***



Valedictorian is Different Kind of Morehouse Man

From his first day at Morehouse, Joshua Packwood '08 was a standout. His popularity got him elected dorm president as a freshman; his intellect made him a Rhodes scholar finalist and valedictorian of the class. But it was his skin that made him an anomaly. Packwood is the first Caucasian to graduate as valedictorian of Morehouse. The story made national and international news, running in hundreds of papers across the country, as well as on several network news programs.

2006, took on the role of temporary pastor at Golden United Methodist Church. He became the permanent pastor of the church in 2007.

■ **June 17, 2008, *The Plain Dealer***
Radio personality encourages students to go the extra mile
 Basheer Jones '06 went back to Cleveland to help inner-city kids overcome some of their struggles. Now he hosts a talk show for WERE AM/1490 from 6 to 9 a.m. "If you want what average people don't have, you have to do what average people won't do," he said. Along with his radio show, Jones talks to students from the greater-Cleveland area about overcoming struggles, regardless of where they come from.

■ **July 1, 2008, *Florida Trend***
The Mitre Touch
 Jimmie Davis Jr. '90 was profiled in the Aerospace and Technology section for his recent honor as Black Engineer of the Year in the community service industry category. The award is sponsored in part by Lockheed Martin. Davis, who leads an Air Force Electronic Systems Center-led project, was cited for creating educational opportunities for minorities, anti-drug work and mentoring students in his field.

■ **August 14, 2008, *Atlanta Journal Constitution***
Morehouse fully embraces works by Purvis Young
 The Miami-based Rubell Family Collection has given Morehouse 109 of Purvis Young's paintings. Worth an estimated \$1 million, the gift will be hung in its entirety on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel. It is the largest single gift of art Morehouse has received, and its display will be, it is said,

the largest permanent installation of Young's work in the world. The story was also covered by the *Associated Press, ArtInfo, Miami News Times, Miami Art Guide, The Network Journal, Miami Herald, Art Circuits* and several television stations across the Southeast.

■ **August 28, 2008, "CBS Early Show"**
Lonnie King and Charles Black celebrate Obama's nomination
 "CBS Early Show" interviewed Lonnie King '69 and Charles Black 45 years after the historic march on Washington. As Barack Obama prepared to accept the Democratic nomination, King and Black remembered the significance of the historic moment. WSB-TV also interviewed King for a similar story.
 ■ **September 11, 2008, *Atlanta Journal Constitution***
United Way looks to kick off new campaign
 Demetrius Jordan '93 began his workday where he believed he could do the most good. For most of his life, Jordan has been saying,

"We're with you," a mantra he adopted while growing up in Atlanta's Ben Hill community. It's a sentiment that Jordan says is part of the organizational culture of United Way of Gwinnett. In September 2008, Jordan, who heads the Gwinnett office of the United Way, was charged with raising \$4.7 million toward the \$82-million campaign launched by the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.
 ■ **September 19, 2008, *CNN***
The Relevancy of HBCUs
 CNN's T.J. Holmes did a story about the relevancy of HBCU; It ran during HBCU Week on Capitol Hill. He interviewed alumnus Terrance Dixon '87, assistant dean of Admissions and SGA president Chad Mance for the story.
 ■ **December 7, 2008, *Atlanta Journal Constitution***
Morehouse wants men with class
 Morehouse President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75 is talking about a Renaissance. He said a Renaissance man is one who is "well-read, well-traveled, well-

spoken, well-dressed and well-balanced." The story ran on the front page of the AJC.
 ■ **January 13, 2009, *Atlanta Journal Constitution***
King papers go public today with online access
 The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection is now accessible for scholarly access. The story was covered by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution, CNN Headline News, ABC World News Now, Associated Press, CNN, "Fox and Friends"* and all of the local television stations.
 ■ **Jan. 20-21, 2009, *CNN, WAGA-TV, WSB-TV, WGCL-TV, Religion & Ethics Newsweekly***
King Holiday/Presidential Inauguration
 Morehouse was front and center during the historic inauguration of the 44th president of the United States and television stations and newspapers from across the country witnessed the College's participation.

■ **November 4, 2008, ABC News, BBC, HBO, Associated Press**



Election Night History

The world paused to celebrate the election of Barack Obama as the nation's first African American president of the United States and Morehouse was center stage in its efforts and elation. The eyes of the nation and the world watched as the No. 1-rated ABC News Network and the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) made Morehouse a live location during their five hours of election coverage. Just after Obama's victory, President Robert M. Franklin Jr. '75 was broadcast around the world on BBC as he reflected on the remarkable moment.