

## RAMBLE ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Which homecoming event are you looking forward to most?

Homecoming Step Show  
**25%**

Homecoming Comedy Show with Gary Owens & Tony Roberts  
**8%**

Red & Black Affair ft. Wale & Monica  
**31%**

Homecoming football game vs. Pembroke  
**36%**

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## The 'makeup' of a Morehouse man

Morehouse University is an all-male historically black college and university that has produced some historically influential African-American figures in history, after all Martin Luther King Jr. attended Morehouse.

Anyone familiar with Morehouse knows the university prides itself on producing the Morehouse Man. A Morehouse Man exudes masculinity and strength.

A Morehouse Man dons a suit, is impeccably well-groomed and is, without a doubt, intelligent.

However, according to an interview with Philip Hudson in *necolebitchie.com*, he suffered harassment

at Morehouse at the hands of students for his sexuality and appearance.

Hudson recalls the constant harassment on campus from the cafeteria to the classroom. He was constantly taunted, spit on and had items thrown at him regularly.

His only safe haven was his dormitory. He says he attended Morehouse because it was an exceptional school and he had hoped to become more masculine.

### Our Take:

To say the least, Hudson does live up to what many consider a Morehouse Man. As I stared at the photograph of Hudson wearing make-up

and women's clothing, I was shocked. Hudson and a group of his alternatively-dressed friends inspired a dress code at Morehouse, but the school's administration seems to have sanctioned their harassment.

After reading his ordeal, I think it's all the more important for schools to work toward embracing people's differences instead of shunning them.

Hudson's experience gave me a chance to rethink masculinity and what it means to be a man.

Many would argue he has no place at Morehouse because it's a conservative school and he doesn't fit the mold.

Yet, how many places were accepting of LGBT people until a group of individuals decided that needed to change.

While initially I thought he didn't fit the mold but, Hudson truly does.

He's a black man who's strong enough to stand up for what he believes in, despite extreme adversity.

I would like to think a Morehouse Man is one who uplifts his fellow man instead of tearing him down because he wasn't in a suit.

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## Remembering the Cole on Columbus Day

### Commemorating heroism, not colonialism

September 11, 2001 is a day that rocked the country and undeniably changed the comfort level of the security of most Americans.

What many Americans forget, is that less than a year before, on Oct. 13, 2000, the United States suffered its first real terrorist attack of the millennium.

I was there.

The USS Cole, a fast attack destroyer deployed to the Persian Gulf, took a shot to the gut as the American vessel was conducting replenishments in Aden, Yemen.

A small fishing boat, loaded with explosives, rammed the side of her hull.

A destructive blaze ensued, claiming the lives of 17 sailors, most of them no older than 25.

The Al-Qaeda Network took responsibility for this heinous

act, promising to repeat a terrorist attack on the United States annually.

I was part of a search and rescue team that led a quick response to the injured ship.

We had the solemn duty of setting up a security and Flood & Fire Watch.

The USS Cole was shredded up and across its port (left) side, taking out most of the galley and part of an auxiliary room.

As we boarded the vessel, the heat of the sun and the chill of death caused me to sober my thoughts; up to this point everything that I had ever done in the U.S. Navy was just training for events such as these.

This was detrimental.

For the better part of four weeks, I spent my days and nights on small boats and

flight decks.

Sometimes I was inside of an unlit compartment, knee deep in water, coping with smell of those who had passed on.

Other times, I baked in the Arabian heat and tried my best to help the survivors cope with the surreal events of the past month.

There had never been a more pivotal moment in my life, let alone my career, that forced me to take account of my own purpose and worth.

As Winston-Salem State commenced its fall break (which happened to coincide with the government-observed holiday Columbus Day), students and faculty got a chance to take a breath and relax from their normal routine.

Meanwhile, Naval Station Norfolk, USS Cole's home port, commemorated Oct. 10, 2010 as the 10-year anniversary of the attack on the destroyer.

Although the validity of Columbus Day is arguable, the heroism of those sailors and their sacrifices to the United States are not.

As time moves on and WSSU approaches another year, take time out in 2011 to celebrate the freedoms that you have by remembering the fallen service members on that fateful day.

Instead of focusing on a day littered with controversy, take advantage of your leisure and say a prayer for the families of the lost.

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