Climbing a Mountain – Original poem by Ayana Turner

My eyes are ready to drink from the achievement fountain
People may say I’m crazy to attempt this climb alone
Failure doesn’t live here; I’ve evicted it from my home
When you’ve decided you’re had enough, you’ll start your climb
There will be those that you’ll have to leave behind
Your mountain is yours, it doesn’t belong to anyone else
You climb for you as I climb mine for myself
I’m almost there, the sun has lit up the skies
I’m rising higher and feel it warm on my face
Bravery and I decided to tackle this mountain together
The fear of being a failure almost paralyzed me forever
A few more twists and turns and it’ll be there
On the other side will be joy and peace everywhere
How do I know? I’ve convinced myself of this
I’m determined to live in complete and total bliss
I’ve arrived at my mountain and I’m ready to climb
But I never thought I would see this day
There were many trials along the way
I made it here, but how I do not know
It started in the valley when my life was low
Fear will set in and they will accept their defeat
Many will start on this journey but will not complete
Decide in your heart that you are ready to climb
Although I cannot climb over your life’s mountain for you
It’s the crab in the barrel syndrome they’re not realizing
Some people will pull you down as you begin rising
It’s the crab in the barrel syndrome they’re not realizing
Successful people will reach down and pull up their brother
Life is all about being able to help one another
Although I cannot climb over your life’s mountain for you
You can give me advice on just what to do
Decide in your heart that you are ready to climb
I will make sure that I don’t leave you behind
Many will start on this journey but will not complete
Have you ever felt like you’ve accepted defeat
It started in the valley when my life was low
I made it here, but how do I know
There were many trials along the way
But I never thought I would see this day
I made it over and there is no turning back
When I couldn’t go on, bravery took up the slack
I have climbed over my mountain leaving behind my past
It’s a brand new horizon, I’VE MADE IT AT LAST

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I LOVE my HBCU

Karla Dillard

There are a number of undeniable truths understood by students of prominence. Historically black institutions of higher learning. Among them is the realization that we are part of a treasured legacy unlike any other, and of course, the dedication to fulfilling the promises of our predecessors.

Another is understanding that while our institutions’ names are usually followed by words of praise, time and again they are subject to undeserved scrutiny. However, such ignorance is generically bred by those on the outside, people unaware of the richness of the historically black campuses that educated our ancestors when no one else would. And they give us pride that no one else can.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities find themselves in the news in the wake of negativity, rather than as a result of their good works.

This type of one-sided publicity fuels the already-contented question, “Are HBCUs still relevant?” Those unknowledgeable on the subject often view our schools as segregated, antiquated or subpar, and news outlets that splashed our misfortunes across front pages do nothing to dilute such ignorant opinions.

Sure, we may criticize our colleges of choice but as students of HBCUs, our institutions are woven into our spirits. Our schools are imperfect as any other college or university but we accept this with the realization that for every grievance there is gratitude. With every complaint comes undying appreciation for Miles College and in fellow black institutions of higher learning.

When it comes to fielding criticisms from those on the outside, it is understood that the Black college experience is above reproach for the simple fact that nobody understands the inner workings of our institution. It is easy for the way our people and nobody challenges them as we do. We respect our schools, flows and all, so why is it so difficult for others to do the same?

These disrespectful assumptions represent the exact type of baseless opposition that HBCUs prepare us to combat. The moment we set foot on our respective campuses, we accepted the charge of protecting, uplifting, and advancing black academia. We are as much more than we know, let alone anything someone on the outside could assume.

Though we may balk at welcoming people who deem our methods inferior, they are the ones in greatest need of our brand of education. I pity the institutions of higher learning. Among them is the realization that we are part of a treasured legacy.

HBCU students have been spared an educational experience marked by tokenism in favor of four years in a learning environment unlike any other in the nation, and a lifetime of unique pride that only we understand. Despite the difficulties we face, our classrooms are packed of history, intelligence, tradition, and most importantly, respect. We give it freely, and we expect it deservedly.

I love my HBCU. I excel in academics, win championships and have the best instructors. It’s always a great day at Miles College.

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Getting it right

The Milean is dedicated to providing a public service of getting information right. This photo from the last issue of The Milean was labeled incorrectly. It should have noted it was a photo of the 2007 Purple Marching Machine Drum Majors. We apologize for the error.

Letters to the Editor

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// KEEPING YOUR EYES ON THE BIGGER PICTURE //

A look at the Miles College Metacognition Learning Lab and the services it provides to Miles College students

Interview with academic coach Ebonee Horn

Milean: What subjects do you specialize in?

Horn: I specialize in all areas of social and behavioral science.

Milean: Do you feel like the Metacognition Learning Lab is an asset to the college?

Horn: I do. There are other labs here, but the Metacognition Lab not only helps you with your work, but we teach the study skills that help you succeed in college, so we’re more than just a tutorial service.

Milean: Have you seen a significant change in grades or motivation to learn?

Horn: Yes! I have. I actually have a few students that I monitor. A few of them are doing well and they test me periodically and let me know about updates on their classes. I actually received a text message from a student that reported he had A’s, a B and a C at midterm, and at the beginning he wasn’t doing so well. So, visiting the lab helped him achieve that.

Milean: What does the job of an academic coach consist of?

Horn: Wow! That’s a 24/7 job. We’re very informal so the students contact us at any time. So anytime we’re available we go and help them.

Milean: How does being an academic coach make you feel?

Horn: It makes me feel honored. I didn’t apply for this job. I was actually selected based on my character and my grades. So it’s definitely an honor. It definitely makes me feel good.
When it comes to his fan base, Burnett greatly appreciated the support of his fans, his ultimate motivation coming from his mother, who never misses a performance. "To look up at my mother and grandmother in the stands at a game helps me to push more," said Burnett. Being a drum major in 2012-13 has not stopped Burnett from giving it his all. He feels as if it’s more of a challenge; but since he has been drum major for the past three years, he feels as though he’s prepared for the challenge. “It’s my job. I have nobody else,” he said, adding that he is always sharing the field with other drum majors. “Because you are able to do more, and you have someone on the field right beside you to motivate you and keep you going.” The band staff, section leaders, and upperclassmen also play a major role in helping him balance his duties. "It’s my job. I have nobody else," he said, adding that he is always sharing the field with other drum majors. “Because you are able to do more, and you have someone on the field right beside you to motivate you and keep you going.” The band staff, section leaders, and upperclassmen also play a major role in helping him balance his duties.

Burnett is a native of Birmingham, Ala., is a senior majoring in biology. He is the head drum major of Miles College’s historic, traditional “Showboat” routine. During a halftime show and to lead Miles’ former drum major to march in the PMM’s old uniform and the first to march in the new uniform as the band transitioned from “Old School” to “New School.” He had a chance to share his “Michael Jackson’s Thriller” tribute during a halftime show and to lead Miles’ former drum major in the historic, traditional “Showboat” routine.

Burnett would like to leave a legacy of being a leader and a role model on and off the field. Tradition will be kept, he said, but there is always room for growth and manifesting new ideas. “I strive every day to better myself,” said Burnett, knowing that his biggest competition is himself. "I strive every day to better myself," said Burnett, knowing that his biggest competition is himself.

Burnett stays driven as he lives upon the scripture, “I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.” “To the student body, staff, and fans who have supported me, thank you for being a push, and a light of motivation, and a foundation for me to stand upon.”

But this past semester, I was very moved by my mentor’s passion for this institution and his knowledge of Miles College’s history. He even spoke of his sports teams with reverence. It occurred to me that even with a few falls from glory, newly imposed fees for additional credits and hours and some facilities that could use some work— it was YOU, for one reason or another, who chose to come here. So be proud of your school.

Focus instead on our nationally-recognized academic programs, the growing diversity among student and faculty, the renovations of our original entrance and academic buildings or whatever inspired you to attend Miles College.

Our school is growing steadily, becoming more respectable with each new freshman class or campus alteration, but those things can only carry it so far. What Miles College needs is a student body filled with individuals excited to be Golden Bears.

During the football teams’ 2011 season, culminating in a chance at a championship, there was such an outpouring of support and pride for our school. Where is that now? I’m not suggesting that you be obnoxious; please don’t take this too far. What I am suggesting is for you to be supportive of all of our athletic teams and participate in events that showcase local talent, such as the Spring Arts Festival, Town Hall SGA meetings, international showcases or watching the plays that our theater department produces. Go see a movie in the auditorium on the weekends. Something. Anything.

Besides focusing on our nationally recognized academic programs, the growing diversity among students and faculty, the renovations of our original entrance and academic buildings or whatever inspired you to attend Miles College, there are so many reasons to be excited about our college, so what are you waiting for? Why are you here?
**Community alert system provides information during emergencies**

Aubreica Stewart
Photo Editor

Miles College currently has a web-based system in place to notify students, faculty and staff whenever there is an emergency that affects the campus.

The W.A.R.N. (Wide Area Rapid Notification) Alert system, a web-based service that provides timely information and instructions during emergencies in interest of the community’s well-being.

The system can send messages to the community by phone, email, and text messages. These messages can be sent to one or all the listed devices.

V.A. Tate, director of human resources at Miles College oversees the project and discusses the importance of the system and how it came to be:

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“The food really impresses him, because he has watched the MC Café make tremendous changes in the menu. MC Café has really taken the healthy eating challenge to a different level.” If I could change the cafeteria I would have more than two lanes, because I’m starving around lunch hour,” said Jeronne Johnson.

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Students patronize the services of MC Café

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“Do we not use frozen vegetables. Everything is freshly cut and prepared to cook,” said Mr. Ruth. Even the MC football players loves the café. Tyrell Kinder and James Gaines love the cafeteria but they should serve different food, because although it’s great food I enjoy having something different sometimes,” his teammate Tyrell Kinder thinks differently. “I adore that the staff in the café are very nice and helpful. When I have a bad day I know that the staff will make me laugh.”

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“Find me on Twitter or you can tweet me @...” This phrase ends most conversations these days. Twitter names are given out as frequently as phone numbers and e-mail addresses, if not more. Twitter has taken over as a means of communication and is ranked the No. 1 social media outlet in the world, with millions of tweets posted a day. But are we aware of what’s happening when we use it and the consequences of its use? Twitter should be used as a tool, not a toy. As aspiring future workers in corporate America, students should be cautious about its use because ALL messages we post on Twitter are merely thoughts that come up in any election. They’re the things that we are exposed to everyday. The wild and crazy days of one’s youth used to mean every time a person hits that blue button to post their random thoughts onto their Twitter account they automatically get added to a database of over 400 million tweets daily. This means every time a person hits that blue button to post their random thoughts onto their Twitter timeline, it is saved in an archive forever.

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With the NFL Season well underway there is already talks of who will be going to the 2013 Super Bowl. If you have been keeping up with the NFL, you will already know who has the best records as of right now.

The Atlanta Falcons a.k.a "The Dirty Birds" are tied for the best record in the NFL right now with the Houston Texans at 11-1.

The Falcons are showing up and showing out on their way. The Chicago Bears, who were once 7-1 are now posting an 8-3 record, with their worst loss to date being to the 49ers who are now 8-2 and are on top of the NFC West.

So now the question is, who is going to be going head to head for the chance to appear in the NFL Super Bowl 2013? I guess we will just have to wait to find out.

Besides the NFL, the NBA season has kicked off and everybody has been talking about the 2012 NBA Champions the Miami Heat. With the Heat acquiring former Boston Celtics Ray Allen, there were concerns if Allen would be a good fit for the team. Lebron James and Dwyane Wade are still showing why they are the dynamic duo.

The Heat are currently are on top of the Eastern with the surprise of the East, the Brooklyn Nets currently in second. In the West, the Memphis Grizzlies and the San Antonio Spurs currently hold the top two spots.

I know it’s a lot of Los Angeles Lakers fans that were wondering what was going on with Kobe Bryant and the Lakers. With the acquisition of Former Orlando Magic Dwight Howard a.k.a. “Superman”, the Lakers appeared to have made the right choice for their future. The chemistry of the team is off and they don’t look like they really trust each other on the court. Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak announced that Head Coach Mike Brown was being relieved of his duties and would eventually be replaced by Mark D’Antoni.

This came as no surprise because Kobe Bryant openly blamed his slow 1-4 start solely on the coaching abilities of Mike Brown.

It’s still early in the NBA season to tell who is going to be the team to beat this year but I will be giving you the latest information just in case you missed it.
FOOTBALL SEASON REWIND

The Golden Bears Football Team has had one amazing season, posting an 8-3 record. Their season came to an end with a 27-17 loss to Tuskegee University for their last regular season home game and a post-season 41-7 loss to West Alabama in the first round of the Division II playoffs.

The Golden Bears at one point in the season were ranked as high as first place in the NCAA’s Division II Super Region Poll but unfortunately fell short of their goal to repeat as SIAC Champions.

Head coach Reginald Ruffin said that he is deeply hurt that the Golden Bears were not able to play in the championship game. “It’s what you work hard for and every team wants to be champions.”

When asked about the loss to Tuskegee, Ruffin said: “The team that doesn’t give up big plays, doesn’t turn the ball over or have any unnecessary penalties wins the game 100 percent of the time. We fumbled the ball on the 7 yard line going in, we had a big completion, and we had a penalty to go back to the drawing board.”

Even though the Golden Bears season didn’t end with a championship, the team did post another winning season under the two years of coach Ruffin. This is a positive change from the 3-8 record posted by the Bears during the 2010 season. The Milean congratulates the Golden Bears football team and wishes them continued success in the future and hopes for another championship in the 2013 season.

The purpose of FYE is to provide opportunities for first year students that will help engage and enrich their first year experience and to focus on retention through orientation, leadership lecture series, social integration, and peer-to-peer tutoring.

Objectives of the First Year Enrichment (FYE) Program:
1. Facilitate student growth: Academic, Intellectual, Personal, and Social
2. Facilitate student transition from high school to college
3. Promote learning and achievement
4. Promote community engagement

A message from Joi Hudson …

To the Class of 2016,

It has been an amazing experience serving as your First Year Enrichment (FYE) program manager. I am so thankful for the love that you have shown me thus far. Each student has amazing potential with unique stories. I have gained a wealth of knowledge from my interactions with you daily. Many of you know me for my encouraging spirit and that will never change.

I want to remind you that you are here for a reason. There is greatness in you. Believe in yourself and believe that you are designed perfectly. There is power in your imperfections. I believe in you more than you know, and I hope that you will come to realize the magnitude of your being. It is easy for us to conform to the likeness of the majority but it takes boldness to set the pace and trends for others. Do not conform to the likeness of this world. It is always a great day to be you! As long as there is time on the clock, you are still in the game. Fight to win! In order to be a winner, you have to work. It is easy to lose because nothing is required. You are the BEST gift; know it and believe it. As you go through each day, remember that we are responsible for each other. Be the light that others see. Make a point to be a blessing to someone each day. We are all in need of help in one way or another. One day, you might need it. I want to leave you with one of my favorite quotes.

“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, then you might need it. I want to leave you with one of my favorite quotes.

To the Class of 2016, it is my hope that you stay focused as you work hard toward graduation and discovering your life’s purpose. Remember that we are all here to further our education, and that the main goal is to graduate in 2016. Due to the economy, it is important that we have a college degree. I believe that each and everyone of us can do it. Because we are all intelligent, young, and bright individuals. I pray that all of you hold on to faith because without faith and hard work, limitations come into existence. As you are blessed to see another day, I want you to encourage, motivate, and push one another to achieve his or her goals.

Sincerely,

Quincy D. Thomas
Freshman Class President, 2012-2013
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A LOOK BACK AT THE 2012 U.S. ELECTION AND WHAT TO POSSIBLY EXPECT MOVING FORWARD

Utilizing the library for research resources

Laurie Hackney
Special to the Milean

Do you start to sweat when your professor describes your upcoming research assignment? Does your heart race? Do you start to panic? Don’t let that research assignment stress you out! There is a plethora of information and guidance just waiting for you at the library. The first step to research is understanding your assignment. If you have written instructions from your professor, read the instructions thoroughly and bring them with you when you come to the library. I’ll ask to see them. Don’t be afraid to ask questions, and don’t be embarrassed if you don’t know exactly what you are doing. No one is born knowing how to expertly use library resources. It is a skill that is taught, and expertise takes practice.

The next step is to familiarize yourself with the resources available to you. The library has printed books, E-books, printed periodicals, electronic databases, and general internet access. Take the time to get to know the collection, and get to know your reference librarian, me. I am available to walk you through your resources and guide you through your research process. You can make an appointment with me or drop by the library and ask for me by name (Ms. Hackney). Here are some helpful tips for conducting research and writing college level papers.

Research takes time. Don’t wait until the last minute to begin. Use reputable/scholarly sources. Wikipedia is not a scholarly source. Database searching should be the first electronic source you try. Cite your sources. Ask if you are unsure the proper way to include citations. Every assignment is different, so you won’t use the same sources every time. Read your work aloud. It helps you catch sentences that are confusing. It is almost impossible to self-edit your writing. You are too familiar with the text to catch all grammatical errors and weak idea presentations.

If you need help composing your paper, visit the Writing Lab. The lab is located in room 201 of Pearson Hall. Hopefully this will help give you the confidence to tackle your assignments. Come find me in the library if you need assistance. You won’t be sorry.

Campus organization primer

Brittany Alexander
Campus Life Editor

Miles College offers the best options for choosing extra-curricular campus organizations. From Greek Life and Religious groups to several Division Clubs and General Organizations, each one of these organizations plays a key role in the MC community by offering students the opportunity to be a part of whatever affiliation they have a passion for.

Whether you are an incoming freshman, sophomore, junior or a senior, many of these organizations require you to put in time and effort. You may have already spotted many of our scholars at Miles wearing those fancy blazers. That’s because they are students who are a part of the Honors Curriculum. Or, you may have seen Pre-Alumni Council of UNCF sporting very nice cardigans. Don’t get too excited about the fashion. An organization here at Miles College requires you to maintain a healthy GPA in order for you to participate or be inducted into these societies.

Here are the top academic organizations that feed campus life with greatness:

CAMPUS GENERAL ORGANIZATIONS
Student Government Association
Miles College Ambassadors
Pre-Alumni Council of UNCF
Alpha Kappa Mu (Honor Society)
Student Support Services Club
First Year Academy
Public Policy Leadership Academy
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
CME Student Association
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
Alpha Omega Fraternity
Delta Psi Epsilon Christian Sorority

DIVISION CLUBS
Phi Beta Lambda Business Club
Education Club
Press Club
Health Careers Club
Humanities Club
Communications Club
Mathematics Club
Students in Free Enterprise
Spanish Club
Institute of Management Accountants
English Club
Criminal Justice Honors Society
Miles College Intelligence Community
Center of Academic Excellence

What’s your favorite cell phone app?

“iHeartRadio because the app lets you listen to different songs that’s played in other states.”

YAZMIHE PARKER, Criminal Justice sophomore.
The ’12 U.S. election is over . . .

BUT THE WORK OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IS JUST BEGINNING

Milean Staff Editorial

The U.S. Presidential election is over and the country has spoken. Citizens went to the polls and exercised their rights and duties of taking part of the electoral process and President Barack Obama was selected for a second term as President.

Now comes the hard part. It’s simply not enough for the American citizen to take part in the electoral process; we have to be an active participant in the process of American government. The great country was founded upon the principles of democracy to where its success hinges upon the activity of American citizens taking part of the check and balances’ system that ensures our liberty remains and our interests are served.

Are the servants of the American people. And in order for them to serve the American people, they have to hear our petitions in what we need. We see that President Obama has already outlined a plan for what he would like to accomplish for the American people. How does that plan affect you? Does it address any of your concerns or needs? What about the plans of Gov. Robert Bentley? Your members of Congress and local government leaders? Their plans should reflect the voice of the American people and that voice is only as strong as we make it.

Trust us, I know it’s a challenge to partake in the American government process with the things we face in our everyday living. We work in most cases eight or more hours a day, we provide for our families, and we raise our children. Most of the time, our biggest connection to the American governmental process is through television reports, which at times can be driven by political views and not the true voice of the American people. So how can we actively be a part of the governmental process? Take time to attend the council meetings of your municipality and let your voice be heard. Attend functions your congressional representative produces and converse with them on a regular basis. Thanks to technology, we can easily email and voice our concerns and needs to our representatives. We even have the ability to contact President Obama through the White House website.

Not only is it our right as individual Americans to share our voice, it is our duty. We cannot continue to be apathetic and allow the voice of Fox News, CNN, MSNBC and others to be the voice for us. Nor can we allow the voice of those who feel that it is better to succeed from this country speak louder than the voice of the American people who believe how great this country is and what it can be.

This country is not perfect by any stretch of the imagination but it is strongest when the process of democracy that governs it is utilized to the fullest capability. And this government process is checked and balanced by the voice of the American people. So . . . what do you have to say?
President Barack Obama’s PLAN FOR AMERICA

Here’s a synopsis of President Barack Obama’s plan for the United States during his second term:

- President Obama has a long-term economic plan to invest in education, small businesses, clean energy, infrastructure, and tax cuts for companies that bring jobs back to the United States.
- Under President Obama, we’ve seen 32 straight months of job growth, adding 5.4 million private sector jobs, including nearly 479,000 manufacturing jobs since 2010.
- Cut taxes by $3,600 for the typical middle class family making $50,000 a year over his first term - find out how his plan impacts your taxes.
- "All of the above" are strategies to develop every available source of American made energy — including oil, gas, clean coal, wind, solar, biofuels, nuclear - and taking steps to protect our climate.
- Set a goal to cut tuition growth in half over the next decade with a plan to double campus based student aid and incentives for schools that are successful at keeping tuition growth down.
- Responsibly ended the war in Iraq is bringing our troops home from Afghanistan, and will use half the savings to reduce the deficit and the rest to engage in nation-building here at home.
- 100 million Americans saw lifetime caps on coverage lifted, so that families have the security of knowing that their insurance will cover them when they need it most.
- Believes a woman’s health care choices are personal decisions, best made with her doctor — without interference from politicians.
- Improve Medicare by adding free preventive care, closing the "doughnut hole" saving seniors an average of $600 last year, and extended the life of Medicare by 8 years by eliminating $716 billion in waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Is lifting the shadow of deportation from young, hardworking immigrants who were brought here as children, and is committed to comprehensive immigration reform.

Source: www.barackobama.com

Marching Forward

(Right) Voters line up at the Fairfield Fire Station to cast their ballots.
PHOTO/ MOSES LEE IV
(Righth) Dr. George T. French Jr., along with Miles College students march toward the Fairfield Fire Station to vote in the 2012 election.
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