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Duke falls short despite Sulaimon's heroics

BY DANIEL CARP
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SYRACUSE, N.Y.—A buzzer-beater was not enough for Duke to pull off the upset.

As the final 4.6 seconds ticked off the clock in regulation, Rasheed Sulaimon evaded two Syracuse defenders, stared down the rim and exhaled as he shot. When the ball went through the net, a record-setting crowd of 35,446 at the Carrier Dome was rendered speechless.

Sulaimon's buzzer-beater sent the first-ever ACC matchup between Duke and Syracuse to overtime, where the No. 2 Orange prevailed against the No. 17 Blue Devils 91-89. Duke and Syracuse's long-awaited first ACC matchup lived up to the hype—it was an instant classic.

"I don't think I've been involved in a better game here that I can remember where both teams played at such a high level," Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim said.

Sulaimon finished with 16 points and six assists points off the bench and played his biggest basketball after the Blue Devils' two primary offensive contributors—freshman Jabari Parker and sophomore Amile Jefferson—had fouled out of the game.

In overtime, Jerami Grant hit a pair of free throws to give Syracuse (21-0, 8-0 in



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Sophomore Rasheed Sulaimon hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to send the game to overtime, but the Blue Devils fell to Syracuse.

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Kondamuri emphasizes breadth of experience

BY SASHA ZIENTS
THE CHRONICLE

In his campaign for Young Trustee, senior Neil Kondamuri is emphasizing the breadth of his Duke experience.

A native of Munster, Indiana, Kondamuri's involvement at Duke spans a wide range of organizations. Kondamuri, a public policy major and economics minor, was Duke Student Government's first-ever vice president for social culture last year. He additionally works as a

wall monitor at Wilson Recreation Center, is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and sits on The Chronicle's editorial board as well as the Senior Gift Committee. In the past, Kondamuri has staffed the pre-orientation program ProjectBuild and participated in an independent DukeEngage in India.

"[President Terry Sanford] said that the Young Trustee should be a representative of

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Microsoft Office 365 officially replaces Duke Webmail

BY IRIS KIM
THE CHRONICLE

The University will switch exclusively to a new e-mail platform starting Monday.

The Office of Information Technology began making the move this Fall in efforts to create a more collaborative environment for communication. Currently, the university uses both DukeMail and Microsoft Office 365, but access to the University's Webmail platform will stop

Monday. Students and staff can access the Microsoft Office 365 system through a web browser, Microsoft Outlook or mobile platforms such as the iPhone.

"Moving to Microsoft Office 365 will allow us to consolidate those into one mail system that will foster better collaboration and communication across departments and between the university and health system," OIT

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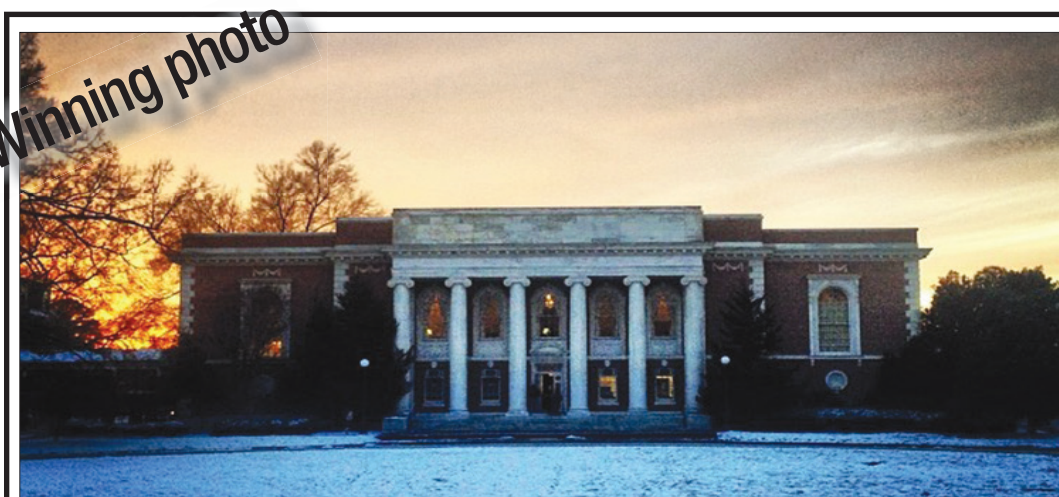
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Dukies share a laugh during a commercial break while watching the Super Bowl.



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Students cheer for their favorite teams while watching the game.



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Painting, Space
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Abstract:
Max Liebermann was not only an outstanding painter and, as co-founder of the Berlin Secession, leader of the aesthetic opposition against the emperor. He also had a particular sensibility for space and the creation of the interiors in which he lived, worked and presented his outstanding art collection. Liebermann commissioned the construction of unusual studios and developed architectonic ideas that touched fundamental issues of this discipline.

Biography:
Matthias Pabsch (born 1970 in Hildesheim, Germany) lives and works in Berlin. His artistic mediums are painting, sculpture and photography. He has published books on art, architecture and urban design:

- Berlin und seine Künstler (Berlin and its Artists), Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, Darmstadt 2006
- Zweimal Weltstadt. Architektur und Städtebau am Potsdamer Platz (Twice a Metropolis. Architecture and Urban Design at Potsdamer Platz), Dietrich Reimer Verlag, Berlin 1998
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Students sound off on Super Bowl



The Seattle Seahawks won this year's NFL Super Bowl in East Rutherford, New Jersey against the Denver Broncos 43-8. As people gathered all over the country and across campus to watch the 48th Super Bowl, The Chronicle's Tierney Marey spoke with students about the big game.

"It's tradition, I play football and always dreamed of playing in

junior Marcus Aprahamian

"It's the quintessential American football experience."

freshman Krista Kowalczyk

"I accidentally wore a Broncos colored t-shirt, but I'm going for the Seahawks."

senior Drew Rotolo

"I just don't think the Broncos were ready for the Seahawks. They weren't prepared at all."

freshman Chris White

"I watch the Superbowl to pretend I am American."

sophomore Shannon Moyer



"I kinda like to be in a quiet place where I can actually watch the game...but actually

freshman Jake Kite

"It is usually very riveting, no matter who is playing. You get the community feeling, everyone is into it."

freshman Luis Martinez-Moure

"Egh. I don't do football."

freshman Julia Schwartz

"I just wanted to see a good game. I wish it were closer."

senior Kevin Chiou



"I'm from Denver so I am a little bit heartbroken right now, a piece of me died."

sophomore Michael Mann

"Superbowl commercials are the best."

sophomore Lauren Alef

"I really wanted the Broncos to win so that's depressing, but Bruno Mars killed it!"

freshman Allie Kenny

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English Department brings George Saunders to campus

BY KATIE FERNELIUS
THE CHRONICLE

New York Times bestselling author George Saunders will give a reading in Smith Warehouse Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Winner of the National Magazine Award for fiction four times, Saunders is a renowned author of short stories, essays, novellas and children's books. In 2013, Saunders won the PEN/Malamud Award, which honors excellence in the art of the short story, and was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Most recently, he released a collection titled "Tenth of December," which Joel Lovell of the New York Times referred to as the "best book you'll read this year." Similarly, fellow author Zadie Smith, who visited Duke for the Archive's Blackburn Literary Festival Thursday, claimed George Saunders has one of her most beloved American contemporary writers.

The event was organized by the English Department's Creative Writing Committee, which uses the Blackburn fund to bring a prominent writer to campus each year. Fiction writer Joe Ashby Porter, professor of English and theater studies, was on the committee that made the decision.

"We fiction writers knew who George Saunders was for a long time, but only now is he getting his due claim," Porter said. "This acclaim he has received is not just good for him, but also for American literary culture; it manifests the fact that this culture is open to valuable and new ways of creating art."

In bringing Saunders to campus, Porter noted that the committee was hopeful that they could attract both familiar and uninitiated readers.

"George Saunders is, as many say, an observant social critic and satirist," said James B. Duke professor of philosophy Owen Flanagan. "His stories are often dark, but unlike Flannery O'Connor, who is also really compelling on the dark side, there are stories where goodness, especially compassion, basic human kindness, reveals itself."

In a commencement address to Syracuse University in 2013, Saunders not only jokingly related his experiences of skinny dipping in a feces-infested river or working as a knuckle-puller in a slaughterhouse, but also advocated for the graduates to "err in the direction of kindness." Those familiar with George Saunders affirm that such an address speaks not only to the fiction he produces, but also to the life he lives.

"Although Saunders has a difficult personal history, he has a generous op-

timism," Porter said. "His optimism is not at all sentimental and recognizes that there is much to be deplored in the human race, yet he still has an inspiring sunniness. He seems to have sunshine streaming out of his face."

Such subtle optimism is infused into his stories, whether it's a nonfiction exposé of a boy in Nepal suspected to be the next Buddha or a science-fiction narrative about the chemical basis of emotion.

"The compassion in his stories never saves the day, exorcises all evil, redeems us: but it shows itself. And sometimes that is enough," Flanagan said. "So this powerful streak of humaneness, not real optimism, but tempered realism about the loving, heroic side of ourselves is something I admire."

As an author, Saunders manages to earnestly and hopefully portray the human condition while leaving room for darker themes and satire. It is this tempered realism that lends an affect of earnestness and hope to his stories.

"Sometimes there are cultural pundits who choose to claim that all life has gone out of Western culture," Porter said. "I have fearful moments where I wonder if those naysayers and prophets of doom could be right, but Saunders is a good example of how wrong they are. He is good medicine."

Author George Saunders will give a reading Tues., February 4 at 7 p.m. in the Franklin Humanities Institute Garage in Smith Warehouse. The event is free and open to the public. Reception and book sales will follow.



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Saunders has won the National Magazine Award for fiction four times, as well as the PEN/Malamud Award.

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Lower doctors' bills

Medical school is an expensive proposition. Last year, the average annual cost of attending a private medical school was \$278, 455—dramatically higher than that of a private law school, which costs about \$60,000. Although some financial aid exists, medical students and new doctors often find themselves burdened with crushing debt, forced to either enter specialized fields or spend decades repaying loans. The rising cost of medical education is troubling, and the deterrent effect it may have on prospective doctors, especially those considering lower-paid medical careers, strikes us as particularly alarming and in need of quick remedy.

Training in medicine requires high-quality instruction and access to specific, often expensive, facilities and resources. But, even if the value of medical school matches its price-tag, doctors do not always scrape up enough money to quickly and comfortably pay back their loans. As Dr. Westby Fisher, a cardiologist and medical blogger, notes, the image of the wealthy physician, flush with cash, no longer corresponds to the experiences of many doctors.

As a result of mounting costs, some students are opting out. Having to borrow hundreds of

thousands of dollars to attend school can dissuade many would-be doctors from applying. It can also encourage those who do apply to flock to high-paying specialty fields. This hurts low- and middle-income students, and it robs society of doctors dedicated to serving the public interest.

Editorial

Medicine is a public service, and students rarely pursue medical degrees for money alone. The prestige associated with the profession—which persists more from cultural inertia than from an accurate conception of physicians' incomes—continues to lure some, but many who enter the medical field do so to apply their knowledge and training to help treat illness and improve wellbeing. It concerns us that individual medical schools and the government at all levels are not doing more to ensure students who want to practice medicine have access to medical training. In our view, students interested in medicine and qualified to study it should be able to attend medical school, regardless of their means.

Government and medical school budgets

are tight, but both should make financial aid for medical students a priority. Ideally, medical training would be free or highly subsidized, as Ph.D. programs often are. Many doctors, like many academic researchers, apply their skills in the public interest, and subsidizing their training is not only fair, but pragmatic.

Because, however, resources are scarce and budgets lean, medical schools should at the very least offer some form of debt forgiveness for graduates pursuing low-paying jobs that serve the public good. Some law schools, like Yale, encourage graduates interested in low-salary, public service work to pursue those jobs by agreeing to forgive a portion of their debt. Although defining “public good” is a difficult task, medical schools ought to consider relieving the debts of doctors who eschew lucrative specialty practices for general practice or non-profit and government work.

Graduate study, especially professional training, is often astonishingly costly, and governments and universities should seek ways to lower financial barriers of entry for those interested in graduate school. This is particularly important for fields of study, like medicine, whose graduates often work in the public interest.

onlinecomment

Unless and until significantly more financial aid is forthcoming, Duke and places like it will, as Dean Nowicki stated, remain “inherently an upper middle class environment.”

—“Bruce Coleman” commenting on the editorial
“Of diversity and poor phrasing”

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Dick

Blue Devil Nation, Recently, during my time pelting golf balls at the impoverished at the WaDuke, I've started to hear people speak ill of our beloved President Richard Brodhead. Although the insults have ranged from his incompetence during the lacrosse scandal to the lack of necessity of DukeEngage, the more persistent persecution comes from those that disdain his

for the starting operating costs of a campus that not many people approve of may have put Dick in some hot water, but apparently the fact that he failed to tell alumni, students and parents about the project details also made people fairly mad. But, you can't be mad at him for this because it's not like he only hid this from the donors. He also hid information from his professors. Professor of German and Eads Family Professor of English



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secret. More specifically, because of his ties to secret societies, Duke Kunshan University and DukeOpen, Dick seems to have it hard. But Dick's not all that bad—and in order to showcase this, I wish to give some perspective for my brother from another hedge fund.

1. Secret societies

Many give flak to Brodhead because of his refusal to crack down on secret societies, which are apparently “sexist” (seeing as no Duke secret society allows female members) and “give unfair advantages to students based on arbitrary levels of status and intelligence.” But secret societies are essential to the fabric of this school. I can't think of what life at Duke would be like if we didn't have people in dark robes making various geometric shapes around campus. And to get back to Dick, he can't be blamed for this because he, himself, is a member of a secret society. For those that didn't know, in his senior year at Yale, he was tapped to be a member of Manuscript (the premier secret society at Yale if you've never heard of the Skull and Bones). Along with alumni like Anderson Cooper (who was in the closet when he was tapped, so no harm, no homo), Brodhead learned the value of being in an exclusive group and that people basically throw presidential leadership positions to anyone that can solve a puzzle like “Under the Footpaths of Many/Lie the True Feet of Few.” (I swear, if someone figures that out please tell me what it means. I've been racking my brain about this for almost a year now.) So Brodhead can't turn on his own kind. It'd be like if zombies started eating other zombies. Of course, it would make complete sense, but it would ruin the good thing zombies have going for them.

2. Duke Kunshan University

Although you may not even know about Duke's Chinese counterpart, Duke Kunshan University, it's been a big deal in the past couple years, largely due to the gaping black hole in spending. Now, \$37 million being thrown across the globe

Thomas Pfau is quoted as saying, “much of the growing resistance to the Kunshan adventure... stems from the faculty's pervasive alienation from, and distrust of, a University administration that consistently fails to consult its faculty's collective expertise.” But this is a faux faux from Pfau. Clearly, my bro Brod is too smart to need to consult the people that are essential to allowing the University to function. Imagine being Jabari Parker on Duke's basketball team. Yeah, you could pass the ball more frequently and improve the team by promoting synergy. But you're Jabari.

3. DukeOpen

DukeOpen was the campaign by a coalition of students to force the administration to be more transparent with the monetary spending of the Duke University Endowment. They're better known as the group that staged an entire protest with giant garbage bags. The main figure that the garbage men protested against was our President. Let's try and think about this problem from the perspective of the Jabari Parker-esque Brodhead we've created. You're in the paint and you are surrounded by four Syracuse players. You can either dish it out to Rasheed (in this case, consult professors), you could pass it to Plumlee or you could keep to the secrecy that has allowed you success in life and just go up for the shot, thus getting an offensive foul and fouling out with a score of 70-73. I think we all know what that Dick-Jabari did.

The secrecy and lack of transparency that Brodhead holds is one of his defining characteristics. It's what makes this University the way it is. If we were to say, fire Brodhead, it would totally alter Duke as we know it. So the question you have to ask yourself is: Do I want a transparent school or a Dick?

Am I Right, or am I right?

Right Wing has a Duke stance on hazing and racism. How can I cause it if I don't acknowledge it?

Duke Forward together (not one step back)

My first year at Duke, I enrolled in a class with the Center for Documentary Studies that would mold my college experience. It didn't introduce me to professors, internships or leadership positions. Instead it introduced me to a little old man at a march in downtown Raleigh. It was the first time I had been to Raleigh. It was cold and overcast, yet, for some reason, thousands of people had decided to assemble with the North Carolina NAACP for the annual Historic Thousands on Jones Street march. I talked to people with clipboards



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about voting against North Carolina's Amendment One, which defined marriage between one man and one woman. People told me how proposed voter ID legislation would make it especially difficult for low-income people, people of color, seniors and students like myself to vote—essentially functioning like a new-age Jim Crow. But what left the most lasting impression was a conversation I had with this little, fiery, old man.

He probably doesn't even remember me, but his few words changed how I saw my time at Duke and in North Carolina. He told me he was from Alabama, but recently moved to North Carolina because he wanted to be a part of what the NAACP was trying to accomplish. Although he came from a long line of KKK family members, he got involved with the civil rights movement at a very young age.

He recounted conversations he had with people like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael. He said he enjoyed the time he spent in North Carolina with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. I wasn't quite sure why, but I was convinced that, if this man who was so connected to the civil rights movement felt like he needed to be in North Carolina, I had to make the move to North Carolina myself. Sure, I was living in Durham, but I needed to immerse myself in the movement that was outside of the East Campus boundaries. Soon after my brief conversation with this man, I found his name appearing in my textbooks: Bob Zellner, lifetime activist, the first white field secretary for the SNCC and member of the Congress of Racial Equality.

The time between my first HK on J and my last would change the status of our state dramatically. Our state was the first to cut federal unemployment benefits for over 170,000 people. The North Carolina General Assembly cut Planned Parenthood funding. They created a commission that will pave the way for fracking as early as 2015.

They cut over \$66 million in funding from the UNC system for the upcoming year and made college more inaccessible by raising tuition rates state-wide. They cut public hospital appropriations. They chose to not expand Medicaid, which would have insured over a half a million people and created an estimated 25,000 jobs. They passed Voter ID legislation making it impossible for a Duke student without a North Carolina ID or passport to vote. They made it difficult for high school dropouts to obtain GEDs. The list goes on. I find myself infuriated by the legislation, but also disconnected. Many Duke students like myself have the opt-out option. We can leave, most of us have health insurance, our school is privately funded, we can just vote at home, we could get an abortion if we needed one, we probably don't know what it's like to have our unemployment benefits cut by \$200 a month. Choosing to not be involved, however, is not an option for the friends I met at HK on J. Our community is fighting an uphill battle against aggressively classist, sexist and racist legislation and some of us have the privilege of being spectators.

Luckily, along with abhorrent legislative changes came a movement. A year after meeting Bob Zellner, I sat with him and other members of the North Carolina Student Power Union and the NAACP to discuss civil disobedience and the start of what would later be known as Moral Mondays. These Moral Mondays attracted thousands and are now the nucleus of progressivism and hope in the South. The people affected by these legislative changes and people who feel like fighting for a better North Carolina drove the movement. They changed me, someone who thought I could casually neglect the injustices in my community.

Although the state is changing, Duke has remained the same. Sure we launched new initiatives, programs and campaigns, but we aren't thinking of what it means to move North Carolina forward. We aren't thinking about how regressive legislation keeps students and faculty from considering coming here. We think about our commitment to the community in terms of how we, the prestigious institution, can help them. We don't think about how we could join the grassroots movement that already exists.

If you care about women's rights, voting rights, workers rights and environmental justice, march with us on February 8. North Carolina is moving forward—being pushed by civil rights activists old and young. Come to Raleigh, join the Moral March so Duke and North Carolina can move forward together, not one step back.

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Letter to the Editor

Duke Partnership for Service endorses Tobia for Young Trustee

Duke Partnership for Service would like to announce our endorsement of Jacob Tobia for the position of undergraduate Young Trustee in the 2014 election. After hearing from all three final candidates, we believe Jacob's platform and goals align with what we think would be best for our organization and this campus as a whole. During his time at Duke, Jacob has demonstrated a willingness to listen to students and lead successful campaigns and endeavors.

His work on the Business and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees has provided him with a broad knowledge base and familiarity with Duke's numerous student organizations and yearly operational plans. Moreover, he has exhibited his dedication towards a cause through his work for endowment transparency with DukeOpen, which took the better part of a year to formulate, advocate and create. Jacob also has experience collaborating with multiple student groups through his proposal for

gender neutral living, which incorporated interests and gained endorsement from a broad range of students on campus.

Jacob plans to stay in touch with active students, as to fill the role of Young Trustee as a representative of the undergraduate vision on campus, through open forums and meetings for discussion. Most importantly, we believe Jacob is someone who will stand up for what he believes and make his voice heard—which is an incredibly important quality in a group as accomplished and powerful as our Board of Trustees. This especially applies to Jacob's willingness to advocate for student groups which may not be the largest or most well-known but still have a vital role as exploratory, advocacy and engagement institutions for students, which many of the service organizations at Duke fall under. We believe he will be a highly successful Young Trustee, and we are proud to endorse him.

*Executive Board
Duke Partnership of Service*

I bleed 'Sippi, and so do you

I bleed blue, but I bleed 'Sippi, too.

And somewhere along my three-year hiatus from home, I have lost sight of this.

Freshman year, I wasn't surprised that there were only two of us. Although we're a mere three-hour flight away, countries oceans away were represented better than us. Despite the lack of state representation on campus, I showcased with confidence my Mississippi pride, wearing my year-round Yellow Box flip-flops: bright, loud and proud.

And then came the stings.

"No offense, but Mississippi is the only state that makes us look better." Sting.

"No offense, but all I know is that you all are fat and stupid." Sting.



Leena
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(DIS)EASED (RE)PRESENTATION

"No offense, but I don't know anyone from there—you must be the only one?" Sting.

Those comments sting, but what scares me the most is I'm actually not offended. My body has become desensitized, my ears numb from the songs-on-repeat. To avoid a long conversation revolving around nuanced Mississippi, I just uncomfortably laugh to brush off a discussion my Duke course load won't allow me time to have.

After three years of listening to essentialist egos, I have acclimated to these conversations. Or maybe it's that I internalized them, and, after three years, I've had enough.

So let me fill in where education has fallen out.

If you identify with America in any shape or form, Mississippi is the source of much of your history. The problem is that this is a history some people conveniently don't have to know. Call it privilege, if you must. Not too long ago, Mississippi was considered the New York of the South, the nexus of fortune and fame. An early leader in cotton, agriculture and sugar, Mississippi led the country in economic growth. And it's no secret how these profits accumulated. White plantation owners extracted free labor off the backs of black slaves. But let us be honest about history: Blacks in America remain disenfranchised, and much more progress is needed. We situate ourselves so far from the past without realizing our present is a result of our history. The 2013 Sentencing Project to the United Nations Human Rights Committee reports that one in three black men will go to prison, compared to one in 17 white men. Inequality isn't selective or unique to Mississippi. It's pervasive all across this country.

Aware of the disenfranchisement of blacks, Mississippi is actively recovering from its wounds, actively learning from its history and experiences. And if we're able to have these conversations in the classrooms in Mississippi, we're strides ahead of most states.

Mississippi has produced a remarkable number of musicians and writers. Robert Johnson, Bessie Smith and Muddy Waters are credited for laying the foundation for the Blues, but they did so much more. Blues influenced rock and roll (think Elvis Presley's sample of Willie Mae Big Mama's "Hound Dog"), funk, country, hip-hop and R&B music. Mississippi is also a hub for extraordinary writers that have shaped much of our education. William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty and John Grisham are just a few of the writers that have contributed to Mississippi's literature—world literature. Much of American culture is seeped from Mississippi's talented, and to ignore our country's historical origins is ignoring one of the main actor's stories.

Contrary to what epidemiology tells us, Mississippi also produces athletes. And a lot of them. Mississippi has the highest number of NBA athletes per capita (well, save Washington, D.C.). Yet, our talented athletes are always seen as something else—as something unconventional. In an ESPN article, Duke basketball player Rodney Hood—a native of Meridian, Miss.—was described as a patient leader with southern roots. The article is saturated with stereotypical foods that many Mississippians eat, such as pig's feet and chitterlings (although many, like myself, don't even eat pork). The article began and ended by mentioning Hood's affiliation with, as ESPN recalled, "some of the good stuff that may or may not be cringe-inducing to those who have never tried or never heard of it before." Sure, Mississippi loves its food—there's no denying our food culture. But when you describe a phenomenal player as a "patient leader with southern roots," your description of his leadership better involve more than what foods he puts into his body.

Despite Mississippi's history, culture, athletes and transparent influence it has had on the country (and, in an orbital view, the world), the bashing continues. Recently, Politico magazine published an article ranking the 50 states of our country. Mississippi was number 51, following the District of Columbia. The authors used a systemic study approach, reviewing data and research from prior studies.

Let me tell you something about convenient research—it's fake. The author of this article admitted that the methodology was not airtight, the writers were swayed by prejudices, and their rankings had only partial data. Researchers publish what they know, and they know what has been disseminated (although falsely) via media and social outlets.

So let's step back from the Mississippi bashing, and let's talk. It's OK. I'm the only Mississippian you've ever met, but the real conversation I want to have with you is how we can get the rest of this country introduced to more of us:

Because our mouths sing Mississippi. Because our food tastes Mississippi. Because our books read Mississippi. Because our talents scream Mississippi.

Because 'Sippi blood runs in all our bodies.

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EMAIL *from page 1*

Senior Technical Director Charley Kneifel wrote in an email Thursday.

Kneifel said students, faculty and staff will see several benefits, including a mailbox size increase from 2GB to 50GB, unified email and calendaring across the university and health systems and improved web interface and calendaring system.

"The move provides for future cost savings, because as we transition to the new system, we will continually see decreasing requirements on hardware, software and licensing," Kneifel wrote.

He added that users should save emails before their account is moved to prepare for the transition.

OIT opted to transition students to the new system during the school year in the hopes that students could assist each other during the transition, Kneifel said. The student migration should be completed in 10 days.

OIT Communications Strategist Cara Bonnett said

that, 1,800 users have already migrated to Microsoft 365.

"Feedback has been very positive," Kneifel wrote in an email Thursday.

Ernest Zitser, librarian for Slavic, Eurasian and Eastern European studies, already accesses his email through the cloud system.

"I use Microsoft Outlook right now, but I usually access it through the Outlook Web App, which is the online version, so I don't think switching to the new system is going to change mentally the way I use the email client," Zitser said.

Kneifel said a number of university users currently forward their emails to Gmail or other services, which will not change after the transition.

Sophomore Chris Lee said he forwards his University emails to his personal Gmail account and does not expect the change to Microsoft Office 365 to affect him.

"[Gmail] is just a lot more convenient," Lee said. "I don't really like checking emails in the first place so if I have to check multiple different email accounts it takes too much time. Just having everything in one place is easier for me."

KONDAMURI *from page 1*

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the entire student body, and I agree and think that it is particularly dangerous if you have a candidate who understands one part of the school too well," Kondamuri said. "I have a wide swath of experiences."

During his time on DSG, Kondamuri lobbied for student tailgating prior to football games and what he describes on his website as improvements to campus alcohol policies. Kondamuri also served for over a year on the Undergraduate Education committee of the Board of Trustees.

If elected to the role of Young Trustee, Kondamuri said he would focus on issues surrounding financial aid.

"Ensuring domestic need-blind admissions is critical to Duke's success in the future," he said. "Campus has all of these ideas flowing around, and these ideas come from having people with a wealth of experiences and a diversity of backgrounds."

Kondamuri also noted that Duke should not be afraid to move forward in the global space and should be at the "forefront of academic and co-curricular endeavors."

He said he is running for Young Trustee because his favorite times at Duke have been when serving the school and its students.

"I love having students come up to me and tell me how much something I've done has improved their experience," Kondamuri said.

Senior Nikki Sood, a friend of Kondamuri's since freshman year, said she wants Kondamuri to be Young Trustee because he genuinely cares about the student body.

"He has been meeting with his peers non-stop trying to figure out how he can best represent the student body," Sood said. "That is what I like best about him—he is not going to pretend that he has it all figured out, instead he will work towards coming up with the best, most practical solution."

Catherine Admay, a visiting professor of public policy, said Kondamuri was one of the few students to grasp the concept of representing a viewpoint that is not his own in her International Law and Global Health FOCUS class.

"He just got it. To learn and to lead you have to be serious about thinking from points of view that are not your own," she said. "[Kondamuri] will listen for other peoples' logics including those that could—and are—easily dismissed and he will give them a fair chance."

As part of his platform, Kondamuri has proposed having CoffeeTalks—a 30-minute conversations where the young trustee would sit down with five current students and discuss issues at the student level and how they might be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

Kondamuri, a member of *The Chronicle's* independent editorial board, took a leave of absence from the group during the campaign.

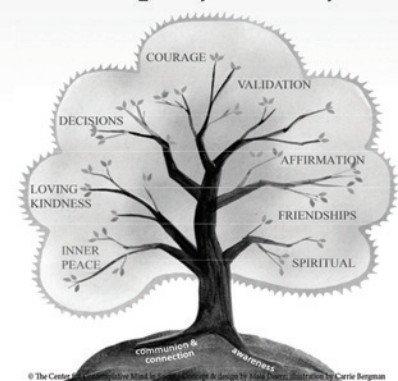
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