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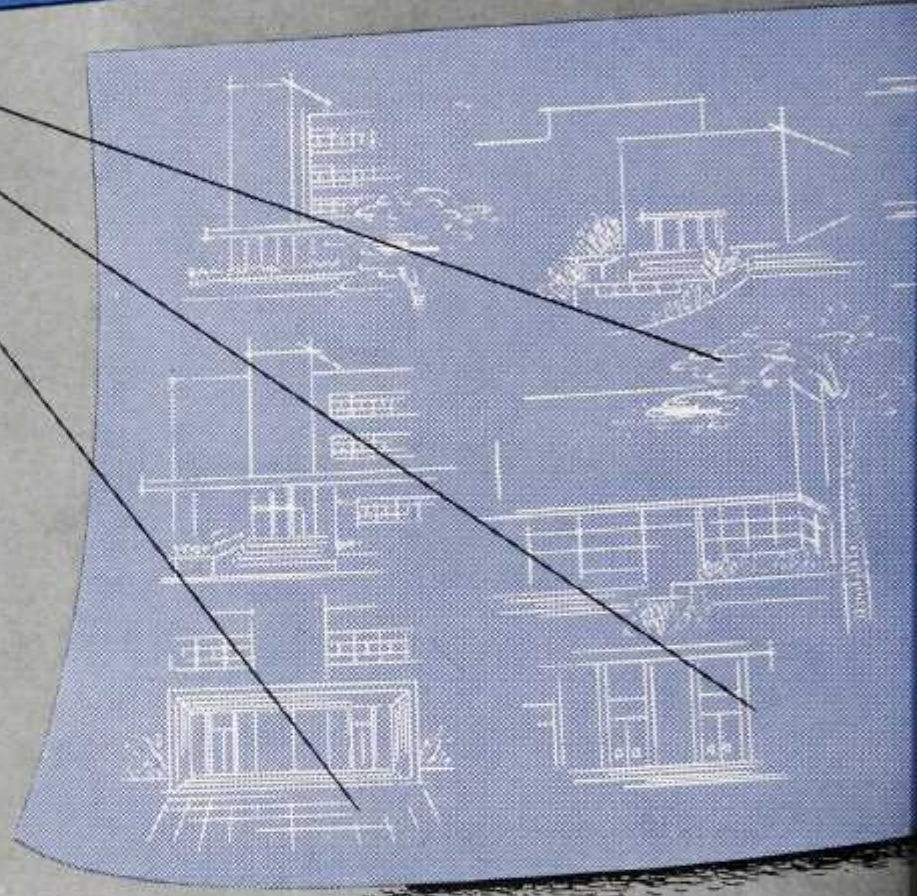




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We, the Class of 1953, offer this yearbook as a record of the happy days we have spent at Howard University, our beloved Alma Mater. This volume, however, is more than a mere record of the past. Chronicling, as it does the early careers of many who will be tomorrow's leaders, it is also in a very real sense an earnest of the future. With this thought in mind, we have chosen as the theme of our yearbook: "The Howard of the Future."





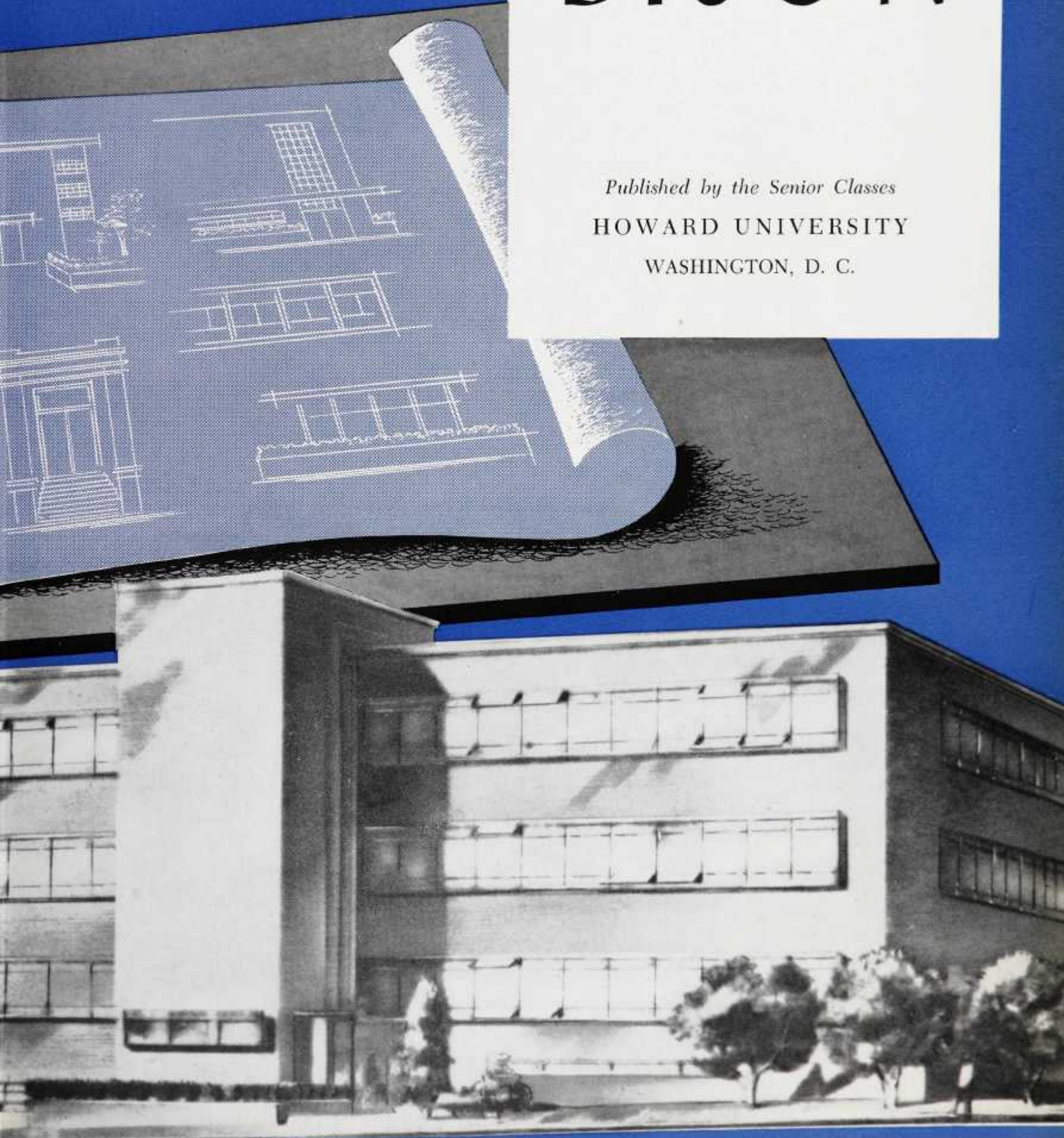
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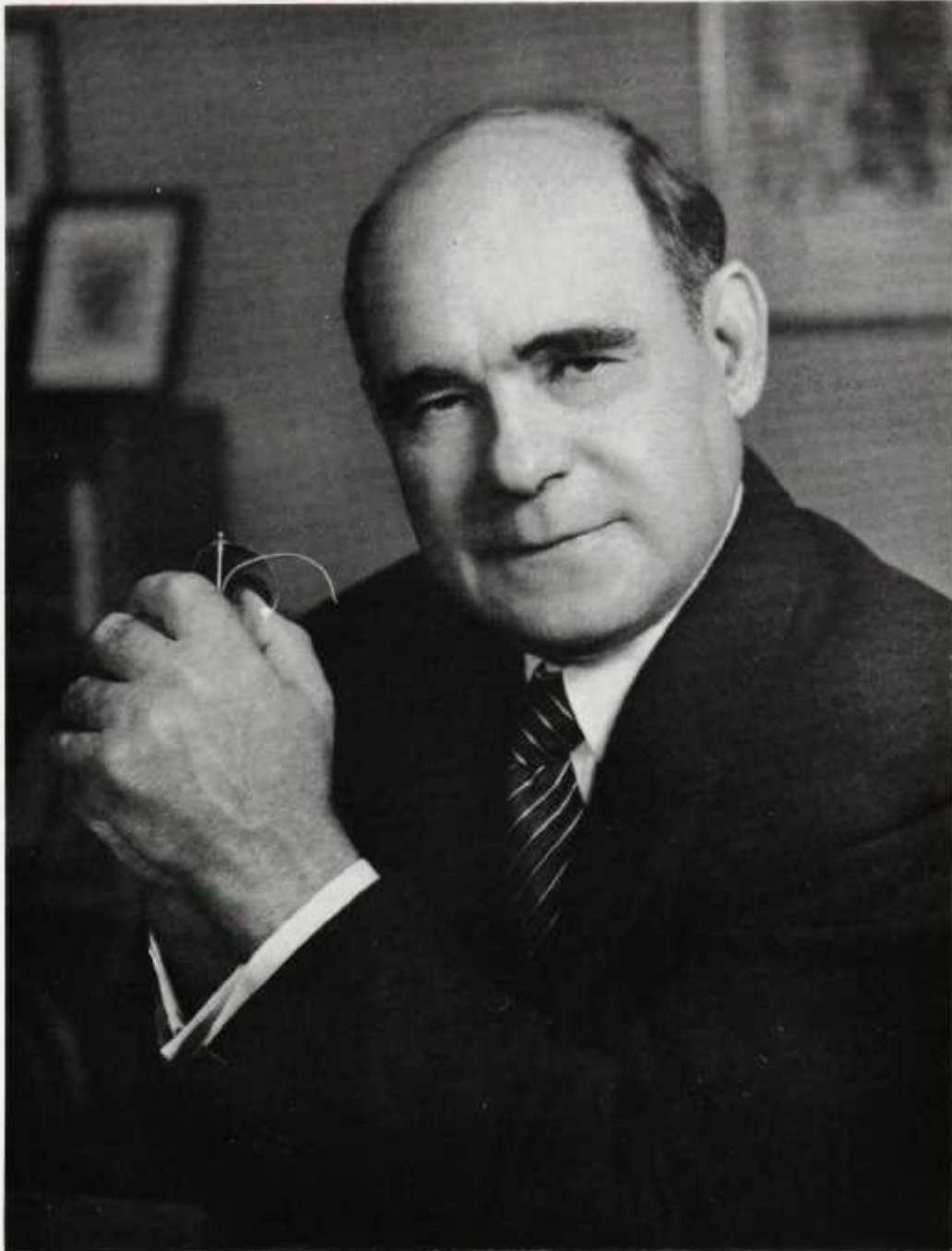
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During the years you served so well as Dean of the Law School, you instilled into your students an idealism and a sense of devotion which elevated and transformed the legal profession among our group. As a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement and as the initiator of the strategy used in the legal battles which the movement promoted, you were the outstanding and most effective force against segregation and discrimination in America. In this fight for freedom for your fellow man, you unselfishly sacrificed both monetary gain and personal health on the altar of service, but in this sacrifice you added dignity and honor to the profession of your choice.

Because of your eminence as Legal Scholar, as Civil Rights Crusader, and as Humanitarian, we the Class of 1953, humbly dedicate this book to you.

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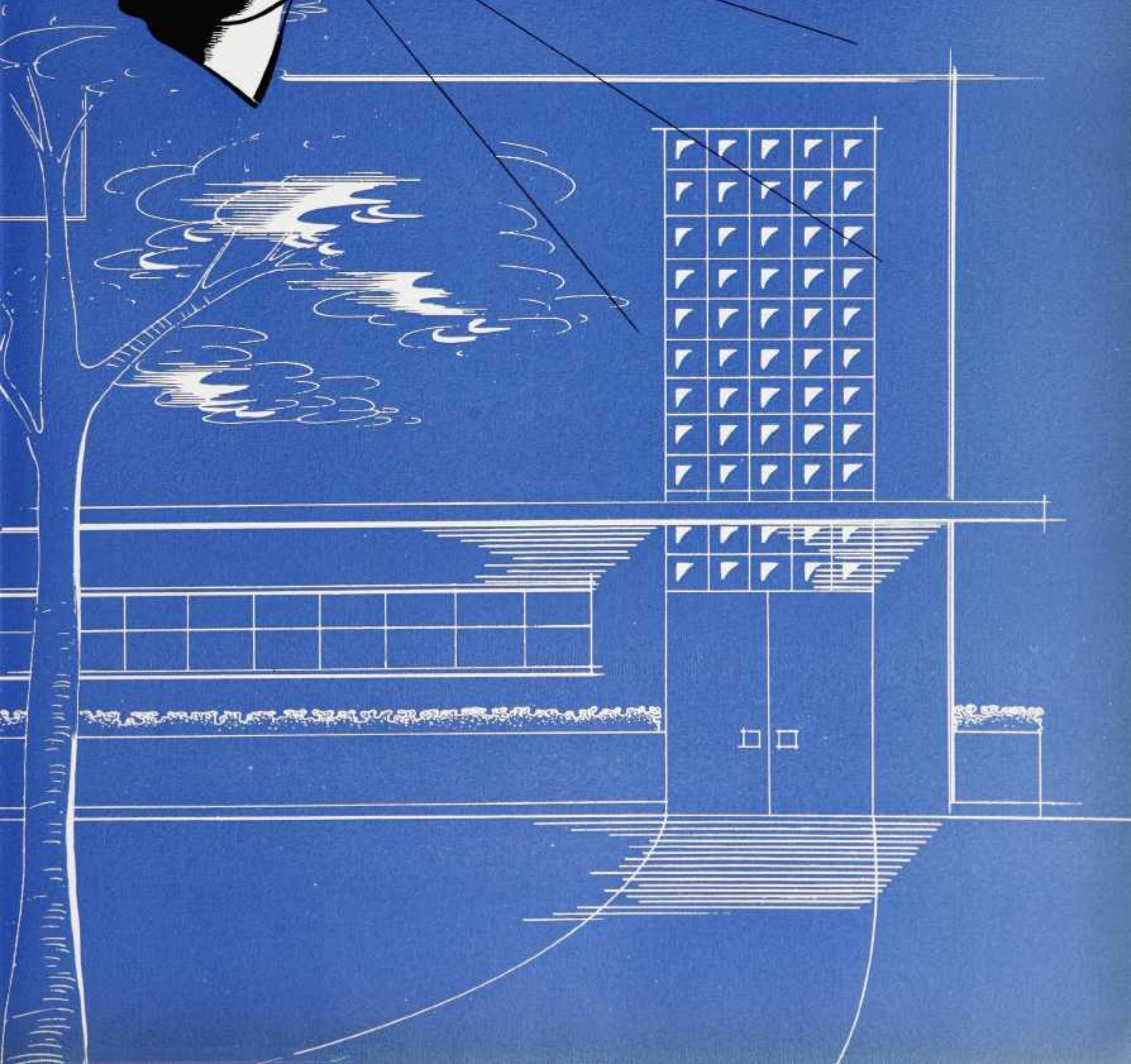


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*R.O.T.C.; Boxing Team*  
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 ACCOUNTING

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*Scrollers Club*  
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*African Student's Association; Canterbury Club*  
 ECONOMICS

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*Home Economics Club*  
 HOME ECONOMICS





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St. Croix, Virgin Islands  
*Scabbard and Blade*  
PSYCHOLOGY

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*Future Teachers of America; Hill-  
top Staff; Kappa Sigma Debating  
Team*

ENGLISH



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*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Le  
Cercle Français*  
FRENCH

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Track*

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PSYCHOLOGY

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BOTANY

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HISTORY



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ENGLISH

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Gold Coast, West Africa  
*African Student's Association*  
HISTORY



CHARLES E. YOUNG  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
GEOGRAPHY

SEIGEL E. YOUNG, JR.  
Chicago, Illinois  
*Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Political Science Club; History Club*  
POLITICAL SCIENCE





THERESA LAURENE YOUNG

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*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;  
Future Teachers of America; Home  
Economics Club*

HOME ECONOMICS







A Section of the Liberal Arts Faculty



Military Science Instructors



#### STUDENT COUNCIL

*Seated, left to right: Eleanor Smith, Elayne Butler, George Persons, President; Joseph Richards, Lucian Cox. Standing: Samuel Baskerville, Margaret Wiggins.*



#### SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

*Seated, left to right: Eleanor Dade, Corresponding Secretary; John Stokes, Vice-President; John Powell, President; Marion Brinson Smith, Parliamentarian; Samuel Baskerville, Student Council Representative. Standing: Lawrence Johnson, Bison Representative; Theodore Cannon, Treasurer.*



## Class History

We must remember this . . .

They were all out to greet us on that memorable September 25, 1949 and Freshman Week was begun with anxious fervor and embarrassment. The hunt was on for Campus Pals, and the traditional "Mordecai" haircuts could be seen at every turn.

And what a surprise it was to make English I . . .

We made the usual grimaces about registration, but were able to forget quite easily upon experiencing the beginning of our college career. We grew accustomed to meeting people from all parts of the country and world, and after this first year, thought ourselves completely cosmopolitan.

How those Mentors could manage to pop out of the most unexpected places was a source of amazement. Soon both they and Mrs. Grays realized they had a group of curious and adventurous young women on their hands, and we don't believe that they ever quite understood what was wrong with those "Crandall" girls.

We became acquainted with Rousseau, Malthus, Faust, Dante, and the Library of Congress. We attended our first fraternity balls and vicariously watched the Pro' lines. The vast majority remained to see "the grass turn green."

Before long the summer vacation was upon us and we returned home saturated with knowledge and tolerant of those who were not lucky enough to be attending "the Howard University."

Most of us returned a week early as bad Sophomores to show the new Freshmen "what was shakin'." The Sophomore men proved themselves by winning the Soph-Frosh Rush.

We started on our majors and everyone was being "faked to the moon" . . . We crossed burning sands and entered noble Greekdom.

The Korean War was in full swing . . . Did you ever see so many R.O.T.C. uniforms? This was the year when formals were in demand and cabarets were a must . . .

We can't be Juniors already . . . Now there was no doubt in our minds that we had reached the full blossom of maturity, and speaking of blossoms, love was in full bloom, for there were many familiar couples holding hands on the campus. Spring had truly "sprung," and the May Queen elections took place with a near riot in the cafeteria. In addition, the contest was on for governing positions in the forthcoming Senior year. "Flip" Persons was elected to head the Student Council, and John Powell was named President of the Senior Class.

Dormitory girls were living a life of luxury, for Baldwin and Wheatley Halls had been christened and were filled to capacity, after greetings had been sent for all good Howard women away from home to answer to the call of Dean Elliot. The cafeteria became a place of student congregation, and such appetizing menus.

We returned as reigning Seniors that Fall with a sort of sad gladness, ready to face our last year, with a kind of envy of the new Freshmen. We met a new "continental" Florence Cawthorne who had won a trip abroad. Mr. Carey, that pioneer of student organization and participation, set up new criteria, and we even had to have our Posters approved. Joan Carter was made Alpha Queen, and Joyce Burrows was crowned "Q" Queen for a second year . . .

This was the year for surprise weddings and engagement rings. The national election took place and "Ike" and Adlai rooters held heated discussions. The campus had a mock election, the result of which was contrary to that of the nation's. How happy we were to have no classes Inaugural Day, and many of us were either downtown among the crowds or in front of a television set watching the parade.

Pat Adams was chosen Gridiron Queen. The Howard-Lincoln classic was really a tough fight. Our boys were losing and Coach Jackson was striding back and forth . . . Finally in the last quarter, we played "catch-up" and surprised everyone by finishing up in a tie.

The announcement came from the draft board concerning prospective inductees' averages, and such worry . . . The Delta Jabberwock was a delight for all who attended. The great Greek convention took place, and the password of the campus was "on to Cleveland." It was like a Howard reunion. "Registration Blues" were lessened when the A.K.A.'s gave refreshments and entertainment during Spring registration . . .

We made it . . . Graduation Day and Commencement . . . We were happy, yes, but as we looked at Douglass Hall, the Library, and the silent buildings of "Death" Valley we felt a little lonely while reminiscing over all the cultural, educational, and social activities that we had experienced, the close and lasting friendships we had made.

But we were filled with one consolation . . . Although we might never cross these famous portals again, we know that we will not be forgotten, for we are the

CLASS OF '53



WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Howard University is happy to have students listed in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." These students are campus leaders in both scholastic and extra-curricular activities and are chosen through a careful selective procedure.







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*Left to right around table:* Dr. Margaret Butcher, Dr. Armour Blackburn, Dr. Williston Lofton, Mr. Henry Ryan, Mrs. Helen Bracey, Dr. Sudie Yancey, Dean Daniel Hill, Mr. John Barr, Mr. James Carey.



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STUDENT TUTORS AND ADVISORS  
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UNIVERSITY USHERS



THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINS

*Seated, left to right: Landrum E. Shields, Chaplain, The United Student Fellowship; Daniel G. Hill, Dean of the Chapel; Edward S. Williams, Chaplain, The Wesley Foundation. Standing: O. J. Moore, Student Assistant, The Walter H. Brooks Club; Gerald H. Brantford, Assistant Chaplain, The Wesley Foundation. Not pictured: Fr. Ronald McGovern, Chaplain, The Newman Club; Fr. John Burgess, Chaplain, The Canterbury Club; Colbert Pearson, Chaplain, The Walter Brooks Club; Miles McKenzie, Chaplain, The Westminster Foundation.*



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## ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

ALPHA CHAPTER

# A K A

On January 16, 1908, a group of young women at Howard University founded what has become the greatest name in sisterhood, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Organized to encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to improve the social status of the race, and to promote unity and friendship among college women, Alpha Kappa Alpha has perpetuated its fundamental ideals through its work with the American Council of Human Rights, the National Health Project, Foreign Scholarships, and Community Housing Projects.

Alpha Chapter, in keeping with the National Policies of the sorority, sponsors an extensive program of cultural, educational, and social activities. Included on this year's agenda were community work with the Iona Whipper Home, The Ivory Interludes, a cultural and educational program, and the annual formal Pastel Ball.

The officers for Alpha Chapter are:

<i>Basileus</i>	Doris Heggans
<i>Anti-Basileus</i>	Valaida Smith
<i>Grammateus</i>	Florence Cawthorne
<i>Tamiochous</i>	Ruby Richardson
<i>Epistoleus</i>	Barbara Sims
<i>Historian</i>	Cecil Meyers
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Toni Wofford
<i>Sgt. at Arms</i>	Margaret Darnell
<i>Dean of Pledges</i>	Mildred Teixeira
<i>Dean of Probates</i>	Roberta Armstrong
<i>Ivy Leaf Reporter</i>	Norma Jenkins



## DELTA SIGMA THETA

Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was established at Howard University on January 13, 1913. Those farseeing women who founded Delta envisioned an organization which would spread throughout the nation, bringing together college women of like ideals and potentialities for the mutual benefits which such fellowship affords.

Delta Sigma Theta is proud to have today more than 190 undergraduate chapters whose thousands of members have pledged themselves toward the building of a better world by meeting the sorority's requirements in character, scholarship, and citizenship responsibility.

Alpha Chapter has always sought to add to the life of the Howard community, for its members are loyal Howardites. During the past several years Alpha Chapter has fostered the Job Opportunities Program, produced the annual Jabberwock, and awarded a scholarship to a deserving Howard woman. The Chapter has also initiated activities at the National Training School for Girls and engaged in several welfare projects, such as giving Christmas baskets to the needy and gifts to young children who are patients in local hospitals.

Delta Sigma Theta aspires today, as in the past, for something more serious than mere social exclusiveness. The sisterhood stands for concerted action in removing those handicaps under which we, as women and as members of a minority group, labor. Delta stands for the promotion of social and racial betterment and for integration of all minorities into the full stream of American Life.

The officers for the year 1952-53 are:

<i>President</i>	Joyce Burrows
<i>Vice President</i>	Kay Waller
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Dorothy Shamwell
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Karlen McAlpin
<i>Treasurer</i>	Martha Moore
<i>Journalist</i>	Elsie Ingram
<i>Keeper of Records</i>	Sandra Shepperd
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Patricia Adams
<i>Business Manager</i>	Marion Brinson Smith
<i>Chaplain</i>	Margaret Wiggins
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	June Gilliard
<i>Sgt. at Arms</i>	Marvyn D. Phillips





ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

On December 4, 1906, the concept of Negro Brotherhood was for the first time given material expression in the form of Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at Cornell University. This fact is significant for it represents a commitment—an assumption on the part of Alpha Phi Alpha of the responsibility of always taking the lead.

It is this interpretation of the founding of the first chapter that has made Alpha a brotherhood of leaders. It is this doctrine preached in its 190 chapters into which the organization has grown which is responsible for Alpha men being in the vanguard in every field of human endeavor.

Beta Chapter was founded at Howard University on December 20, 1907, the second chapter of the fraternity, and the first on a predominately Negro campus. Since that day, Alpha has opened its doors to all men

regardless of race, color, or creed, and Beta has adhered religiously to the fundamental precepts of Alpha Phi Alpha by supplying leaders to the campus community and to the nation.

*"First Of All, Servants Of All, We Shall Transcend All"*

*President*  
*Vice President*  
*Recording Secretary*  
*Corresponding Secretary*  
*Financial Secretary*  
*Treasurer*  
*Dean of Sphinxmen*  
*Sgt. at Arms*  
*Chaplain*  
*Editor of Sphinx*  
*Historian*

Theodore Trabue  
Henry Lucas  
Chester Franklin  
Laurence Paxton  
Joseph Grant  
Kenneth Bergman  
Larry Williams  
Carl Eiland  
Elmer Greene  
Carl Briscoe  
Francis Warren

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KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Κ Α Ψ

The first chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was organized at Indiana University in 1911. There are now chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States, as well as graduate chapters in scores of cities. The members are joined in this *Fraternal Bond* with an ultimate goal of *Achievement*. Hundreds of men, worldwide, have pledged themselves to this *Bond*, attained their goal, and at the same time aided their fellowman.

Xi Chapter was organized at Howard University in 1920. In addition to the basic principles and aims of the Fraternity, Xi Chapter has sought to contribute to the social, cultural, and educational significance of Howard University as a positive force in American

life. Its members seek to advance the aims of the University at every opportunity. Among the worthwhile activities of Xi Chapter are: Silhouette Ball, Dawn Dance, Guide Right Scholarship, Song Feast, and other significant projects.

The officers of Xi Chapter for the year 1952-53 are:

- |                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Polemarch</i>           | Morris R. Carter |
| <i>Vice Polemarch</i>      | David Eaton      |
| <i>Keeper of Records</i>   | Lucian Cox       |
| <i>Strategus</i>           | George B. Dines  |
| <i>Assistant Strategus</i> | Leonard Thomas   |
| <i>Keeper of Exchequer</i> | Harry L. Burton  |
| <i>Dean of Pledges</i>     | John Blake       |





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY



The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was established at Howard University on November 17, 1911. It was the first national Greek letter Fraternity to be organized at a Negro institution of higher learning. Thus, Omega Psi Phi caused a new awakening in Negro college life. In keeping with the aims of the Fraternity, Alpha Chapter presented its annual Achievement Week program on November 16, 1952. Dr. Hildrus A. Poindexter and Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson were cited for their outstanding contributions to human progress. Another cited was Mr. Alfred Hill for undergraduate and student leadership. Mr. Hill was chosen the outstanding Omega man of Alpha Chapter.

On November 24, 1952, Alpha Chapter presented President Truman with a handsome engraved scroll for his stand on Civil Rights.

In the true spirit of Omega, Alpha Chapter participates fully in the life of the Howard community. The entire student body looks forward with keen interest to the concert given by the Omega Choral Ensemble. This group gives two outstanding concerts each year:

a Valentine program, and a Mother's Day program. From a social point of view, the Mardi Gras is one of the most attractive affairs given by any campus organization.

With unflagging enthusiasm Alpha Chapter looks forward toward building a better Howard dedicated to service.

Officers for the year 1952-53 are:

<i>Basileus</i>	Malcolm Gee
<i>Vice Basileus</i>	Samuel Baskerville
<i>Keeper of Record and Seals</i>	Albert Luck
<i>Assistant Keeper of Record and Seals</i>	William Harris
<i>Keeper of Finance</i>	Marion Partee
<i>Assistant Keeper of Finance</i>	Archibold Murray
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	William Jefferson
<i>Chaplain</i>	Alfred Hill
<i>Dean of Pledges</i>	Theodore Cannon
<i>Keeper of Peace</i>	Stanley Womack

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA

The first chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, national service Fraternity, was organized at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, on December 16, 1925. Since that time, the Fraternity has experienced a phenomenal growth. Today there are more than 242 chapters in the United States and the Philippines, with more than 35,000 members.

The Zeta Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was formally initiated at Howard University on May 29, 1948. At that time thirty undergraduate students and eleven faculty members were initiated to give Zeta Phi its start. At once, the members of the chapter began to organize service projects which were of benefit to both the campus and the Washington community.

The chapter organized the combined Community

Chest, Red Cross, and March of Dimes Campaign. These are still being carried on by Alpha Phi Omega. Other campus projects include: marshalling at student elections and during homecoming week and participation in Freshman orientation week.

Officers for 1952-53 are as follows:

*President*

*First Vice President*

*Second Vice President*

*Treasurer*

*Corresponding Secretary*

*Recording Secretary*

*Sgt. at Arms*

*Alumni Secretary*

Guy Jones

Lloyd Thomas

William Hutt

Lloyd A. Johnson

James Sillcott

Floyd I. Johnson

Elliot Heard

Paul Cunningham

# A Φ Ω







1. Norvell Lee receiving award. 2. The King and his Court. 3. Homecoming Queen. 4. Joyce Burrows, Omega Queen. 5. Homecoming Parade, '52. 6. Christmas Sister Party. 7. Homecoming Dance, '52.





FOOTBALL TEAM

## Men's Athletics



BOXING TEAM





INTRAMURAL FENCING TEAM



SOCCER TEAM

SWIMMING  
TEAM



WRESTLING TEAM





PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJORS CLUB

## Women's Athletics



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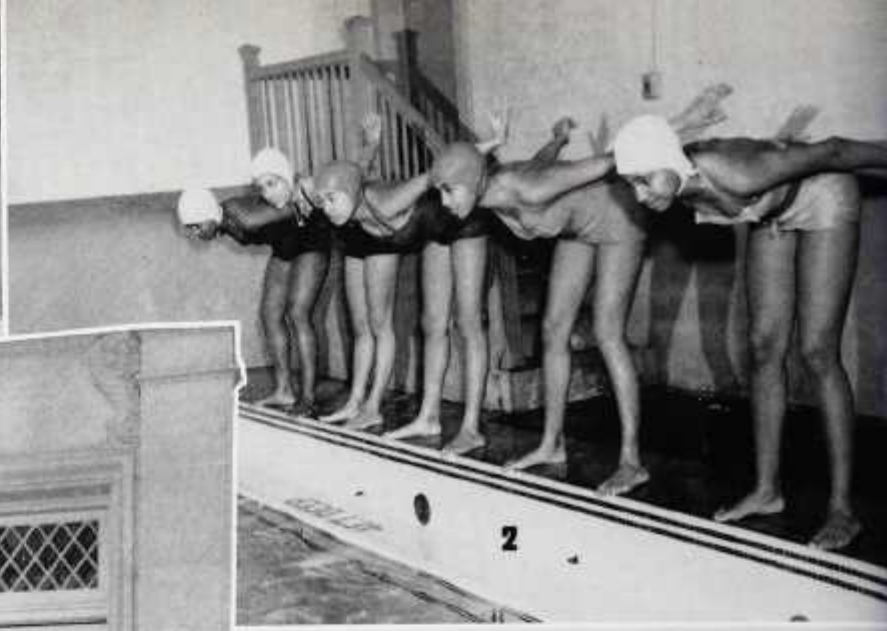


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1. Visiting Delegation from the State Department. 2. Wheel! 3. Girls leaving the dormitory. 4. It's a tough fight. 5. Founder's Library.  
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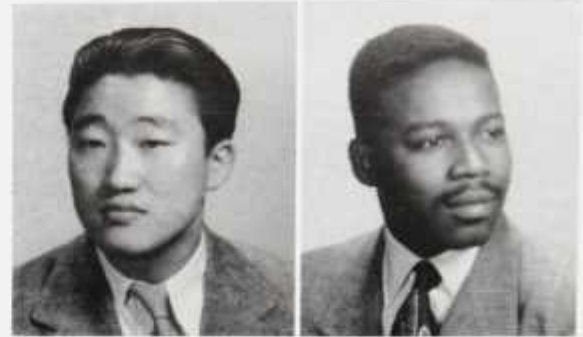
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## Class History



The Year 1953 will mark the graduation of a fractional part of the large class enrolling in the School of E. & A. in 1948. Thirty-four states and twelve foreign countries were represented by the 526 dubious but hopeful Freshmen who comprised the Engineering and Architecture enrollment. In addition to the discouraging difficulties encountered in E. & A. courses, the Freshmen had to contend with ill-illuminated and overcrowded drawing rooms, insufficient in adequate facilities.

A dwindling number of 432 students, less retiring but cautious, enrolled for the Sophomore year which was to become noteworthy in several respects as a landmark of achievement in the history of Howard University E. & A. School.

This year the National Accrediting Board for Engineering Schools ascribed full accreditation to the Engineering School; an achievement highly cherished as it determines and assures one's acceptance in American industry.

This same year a precedent was set when representatives from General Electric Corporation, Radio Corporation of America, and General Cable Corporation sifted through the Seniors for possible placement, and selected seven men for positions. This praiseworthy procedure has been repeated subsequently by the companies since then with additional placements that inject an incentive for the students to maintain a high average. This Sophomore school year also put the Architecture School on a Five Year basis, established the student chapter of the National Technical Association, and saw the establishment of a student chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

In addition, February 1950 marked the accreditation of the School of Architecture by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, a recognition as highly regarded as it was zealously sought. This accreditation placed it alongside the 37 other accredited architectural schools of the United States.

In the same month of February 1950, Howard University was host to the All University Career Conference which resulted in the placement of five Juniors in Mechanical Engineering by the Foundry Educational Foundation Association in summer positions with first class foundry firms of the United States. Following suit in the selection of meritorious students was the Westinghouse Corporation which also gave enthusiasm to the striving and suffering E. & A. student.

This same Sophomore class highlighted the campus sports activity achievements, participating in C.I.A.A. championships in boxing, varsity basketball, football, swimming, baseball, track and a formal dinner banquet celebration in Crandall Hall.

The Junior year registration exhibited a lessening of E. & A. students which by this time was regarded by the somewhat tired student as natural and inevitable. In this same year George Washington University was the site of the A.I.E.E.'s District Conference; and the E. & A. Ball, picnic, and smoker formed the background for the development of the professional attitude of the students during this year.

The Senior year which commenced September 6, 1952 will never be forgotten basically because of the near blood and sweat, tears and joys endured during the previous four years spent in the old E. & A. edifice. But this year most likely will be remembered for the completion and utilization of our new \$2,120,000 E. & A. building which has afforded Howard's E. & A. students the deeply needed facilities, not to mention the beauty and grace of this edifice.

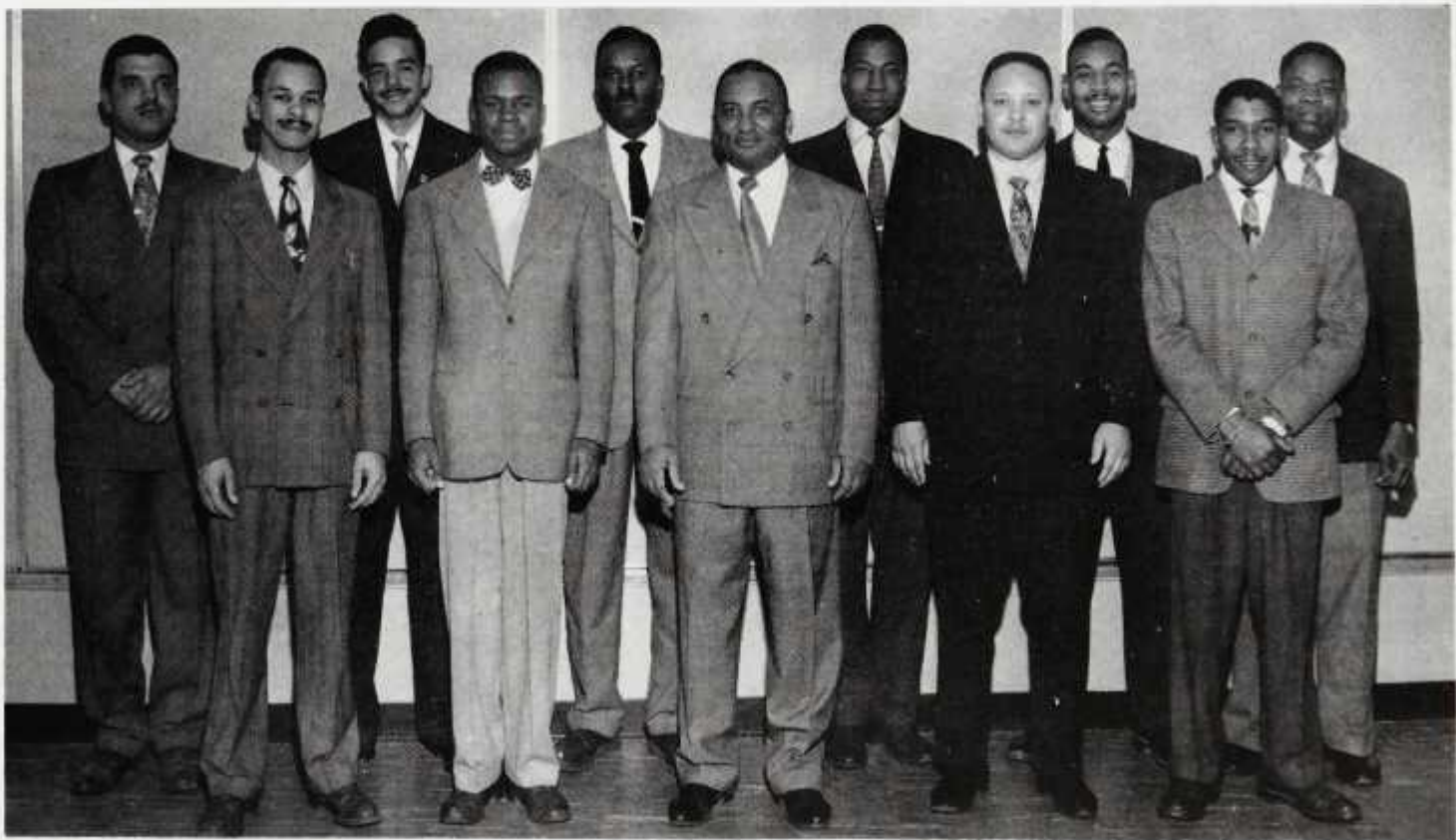
Now as we approach the conclusion of the Senior year and the threshold of our subsequent branching out into our fields of endeavor, it is not part of this history to predict what fruits will be borne by this class of '53. Yet may we say we will treat the future as fervently as we have dealt with the past here in our Alma Mater, Howard University, and make evident the truth that every end is but a beginning.







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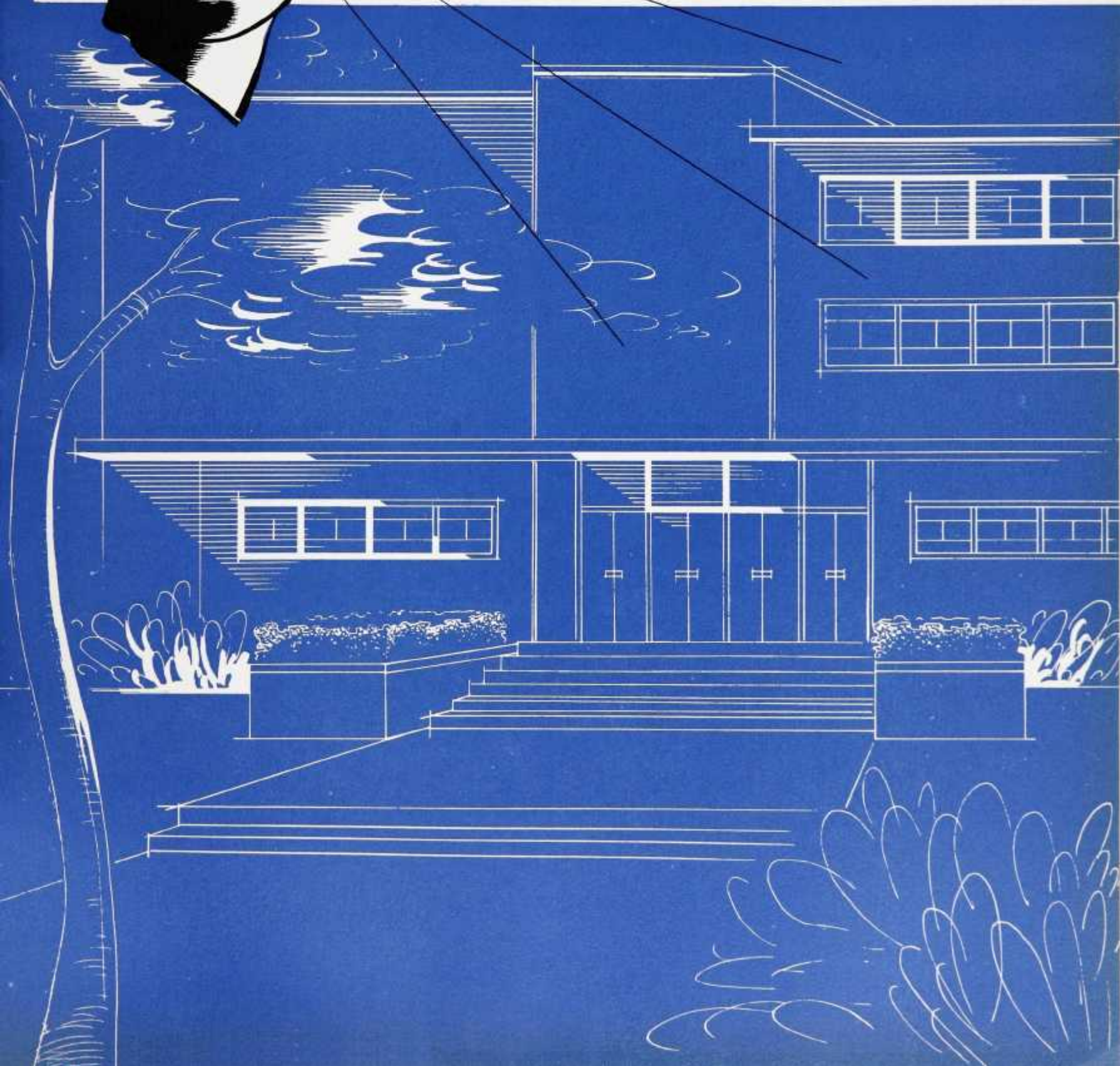


1. And we walked . . . 2. Ah! sweet "surette." 3. Just talking . . . 4. I'm supposed to be playing Softball? 5. The good 'ole picnic days; 6. That's "bad" Claude Ford to the left. 7. But we had to leave it . . . 8. They always did lounge over there. 9. Dolores Hardwick, our Queen. 10. "I got it!" 11. Time out . . . 12. Our friend, Mr. Hurley. 13. A group of intelligent gentlemen. 14. Yes, we're graduating. 15. They always walked by our building. 16. You can't get it "thataway."





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## Class History



Dear Memory:

It was back in the year 1949 when the class of '53 entered the School of Music at dear old Howard. It was the fall of the year and the grass was losing its lovely green hue. Nevertheless, I remember that the class was green enough. We were a proud group of students. Our only worry was concerning the type of welcome we would receive from the students. That worry soon left because the faculty and upperclassmen entertained us at a party in the lounge of Truth Hall.

After that, we felt very much a part of Howard and our first fright came from the thought of knowing we had to perform before the Dean and faculty in order that they might see what the folks back home were raving about.

As the year rolled on, we adjusted ourselves to the life in Music School. Ear-Training, Voice, History, Piano and other requirements soon became a part of each one of us.

"Time Marches On" . . . the summer of '50 passed quickly and before the '49 Freshmen knew it, they were returning to school, rested, full of zeal and energy, greeting classmates, welcoming the "green" Freshmen, and ready to get down to work as Sophomores.

All of the students seemed to have been full of enthusiasm at the opening of school. Class meetings were held and plans for projects were made. The Sophomore Class collected money for the purchase of records to be presented to the History Department. The culminating project for the year was a program of Original Compositions written by the students of Professor Mark Fax. These compositions were placed in competition with those of students attending American University. Two students from Howard, Jodora MacIntosh and Vernon Edwards were top prize winning competitors.

Before we realized what was happening, we were back on the "Hill" registered as Juniors. The school year of '51 was one of many exciting events. In the fall of '51, a chapter of Music Educators National Conference was registered at Howard. This gave the school a good representative body at the National Convention which was held in Philadelphia in the

spring of '52. The University Choir sang at one of the concerts and received much acclaim for their performance of such songs as "Yonder, Yonder," "Po' Lil' Jesus Boy," and other well chosen selections. The Choir made another excellent representation that same year in a concert at Constitution Hall with the National Symphony Orchestra, directed by Howard Mitchell. Their presentation of Villa Lobo's "Chorus No. 10" was one that a listener could hardly forget. In fact, the whole concert was so well done that an invitation was extended for a return engagement the following year.

On May 19, 1953, Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America was registered at Howard University. Fraternal brotherhood spread well among the Junior men, because they constituted a large part of the Charter members, "Hail Sinfonians!"

Being a generous group, the Juniors gave a benefit recital for the Baptist Training Union of one of the local churches. In return, they were presented in a recital which netted them a good profit for building their treasury.

Summer School enrolled quite a few members of the class. The session was pleasantly spent, but it really seemed as if school lasted twelve months, because there were only six weeks breaking the summer and fall semesters.

The Seniors with their energetic officers had planned a Jazz Concert and Dance in order to secure money for the scholarship fund which was established by the Senior class of '51.

The next edition of the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" will be graced by the names of five Seniors: David McAdams, Bettye Howard, Constance Lovell, Elaine Taylor, and Sylvia Thrasher.

The Class of '53, numbering forty-five, is one of the largest graduating classes from Howard University School of Music. But, dear Memory, we have had a happy time fighting Chadwick and Wedge, knocking out Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, and learning how to beat time correctly . . .

Yours,

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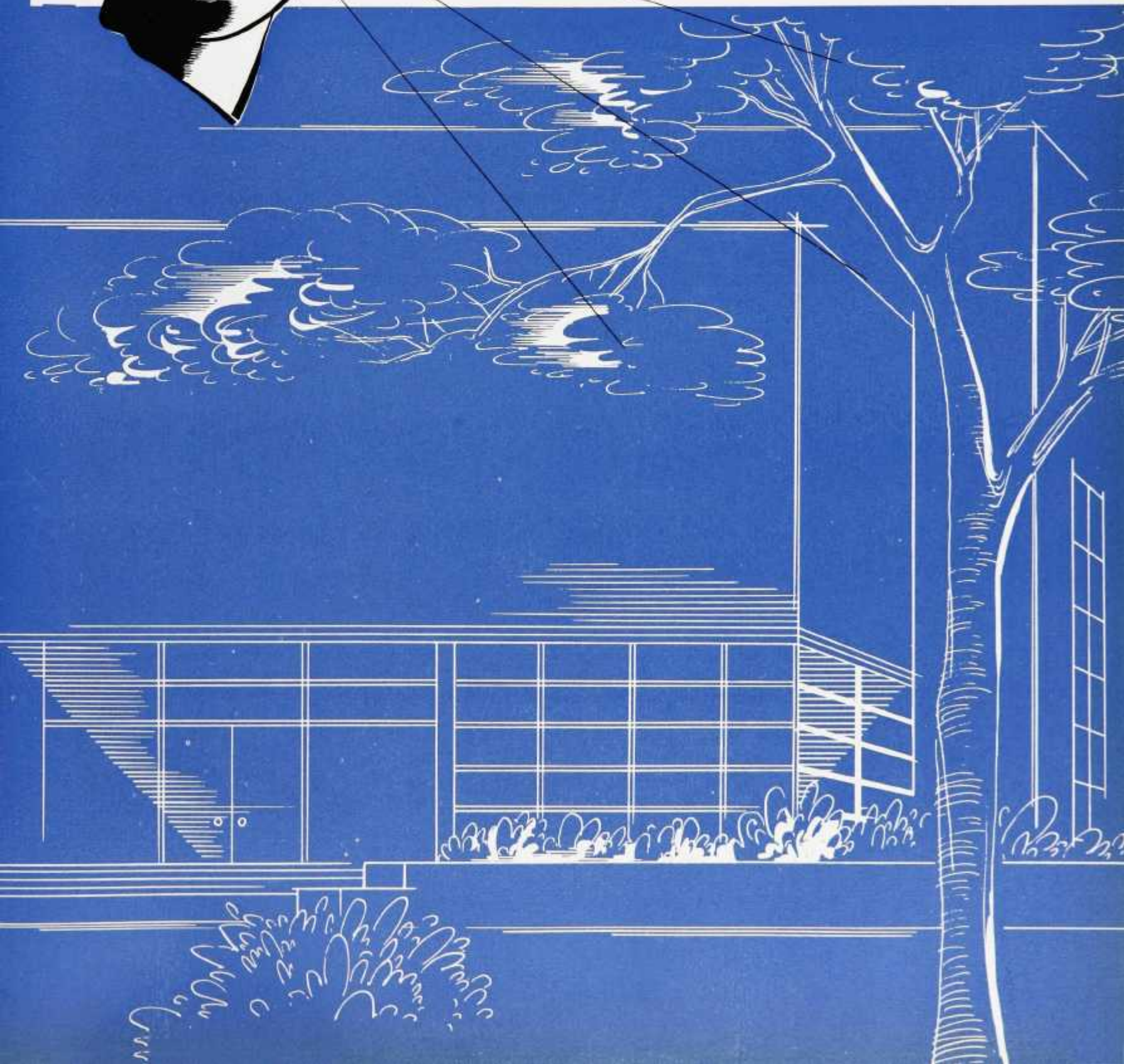


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In Memoriam

to

*Mrs. Josephine G. Morton, Librarian to the College of Medicine for twenty-five years, 1927 to 1952.*



## Class History

*September, 1949*—This was our introduction to medicine. We appeared 76 strong with mixed emotions, cocky, self-assured . . . the cream of the crop, others just a little frightened, few dreaming of what lay before us. This was orientation week, we registered for a "full Freshman schedule," met our new "profs," formed initial impressions. We beamed as we shook hands with the Dean and faculty at the reception later given in our honor.

Monday morning we arrived to partake of knowledge eagerly and willingly. Then a sudden impact—physical chemistry—we wiped our sweating brows, staggered downstairs and prepared to meet the embryo, Dr. McKinney and Arey's textbook (both noted for their appreciation of fine print). Later, Dr. Young acquainted us with the need for "looking down that scope."

Monday afternoon we found ourselves in gross anatomy and learned that with medicine went art—bone and muscle art. We mastered the "canons proportions" and the "master keys" mastered some of us. Still later, we were introduced to the cadaver, dissection and the necessity for diligent work. Little did we envision what was to become of vivid structures and how difficult it would be to recognize them when they were tagged for "practical purposes."

Some of us went into our first finals with clear eyes and clear consciences, others blurry eyed, weak with coffee nerves and resolutions . . . "never again."

We vowed to turn over a new leaf and start off right. We did, for in bacteriology class 8:00 A. M. was just that. We learned that our knowledge of microscopes was meager, for, even after elaborate preparation of slides, organisms weren't always obliging. We remember guinea pigs and rabbits, the odor of gas gangrene and the futility of acid-fast stains when there just weren't any bacilli in the sputum (or was it that they eluded us?). Still later we became experts on unknowns in biochemistry and bacteriology and often they were really unknowns.

Winter passed, spring came, the grass grew green and somewhere in the distance a voice repeated " . . . The race is not to the swift but to he who endureth till the end."

In the fall of 1950, we were noticeably different, a few of our members were missing and we missed them. Sylvester Davis was to follow Stanley Stain as President of our class. We held the most envied position in the school. We were so wise, we talked of our professors as though they were most intimate friends. We had passed through the gates of triumph and started in on a planned campaign of horror for the incoming Freshmen. After they were sufficiently frightened, we reluctantly consented to give them "our bag of tricks."

We found Dr. Jason and pathology with its slides and gross specimen, pharmacology, and that elusive art of prescription writing a challenge.

And who can forget physiology lab—the day you were surgeon, physiological optics, and the first time you saw vessels using the ophthalmoscope.

Physical Diagnosis was upon us by May. We learned how to time murmurs, that signs and symptoms differed and we became "experts" in drawing EKG findings . . . we were ready to go across the street.

The smoker was chiefly our responsibility, it went off well despite what seemed like panic and confusion in the ranks. Our male chorus under the direction of Sylvester Davis was to bring us new laurels.

Irving Farber remained our Treasurer trying, sometimes in vain, to collect dues that were due.

*October, 1951*, and we were Juniors. James Newby had been elected President and was to continue in that capacity during our Senior year. (Three cheers for his patience.)

We arrived, black bags in hand, ready to remedy all the "ills" at Freedmen's. We were soon to hear ourselves called "short coat doctors" and gasp in alarm as one patient warned another of our lowly status. We devoted time to patients and books too (especially urology).

This year the Med-Dent dance was fabulous, with the music of Sy Oliver, and it holds pleasant memories for many of us.

We began to settle down, marriages and families increased, cars began to seriously compete with those of our "profs" for parking.

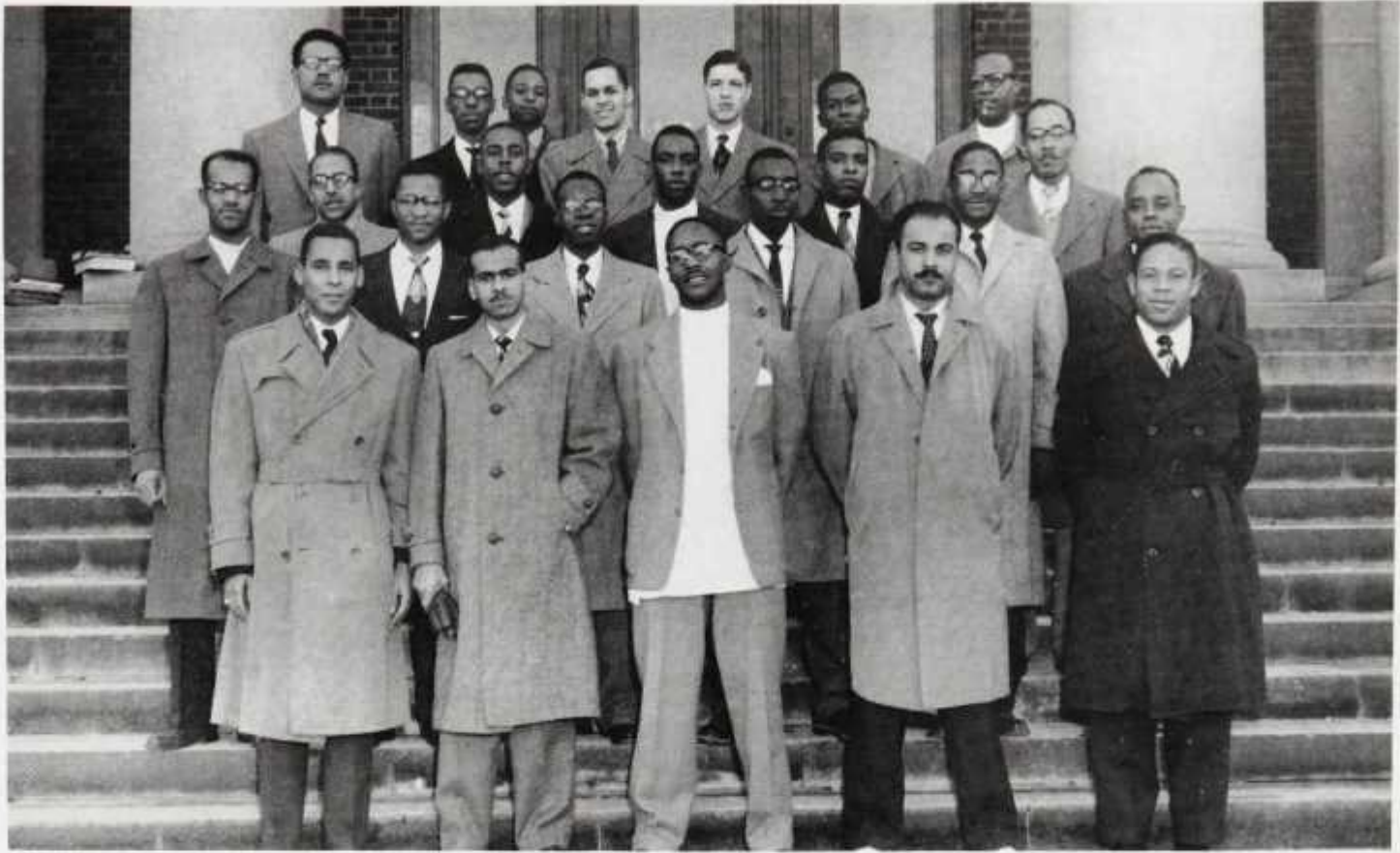
*Seniors*—What a glorious sounding word. Looking forward we envisioned pediatrics at Gallinger, lectures in E.N.T. and ophthalmology, comprehensives in medicine, pictures for the Bison. We considered class rings, a gift for the school, the matching plan.

We began to look back; time had passed swiftly. It had been a long one, this road that we had traveled together. We had laughed and, at times, it was difficult to keep back the tears, to hide our disappointments but we had made it and as we recall days spent here let us recall with pleasant memories our achievements but let us not forget shortcomings and the things left undone.

Let us express our thanks and appreciation to those who have worked with us and given so unselfishly of their time and knowledge in order that we might succeed. It is for us now to go forth and serve.

*Bettie L. Hines*





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SOPHOMORE CLASS



FRESHMAN CLASS





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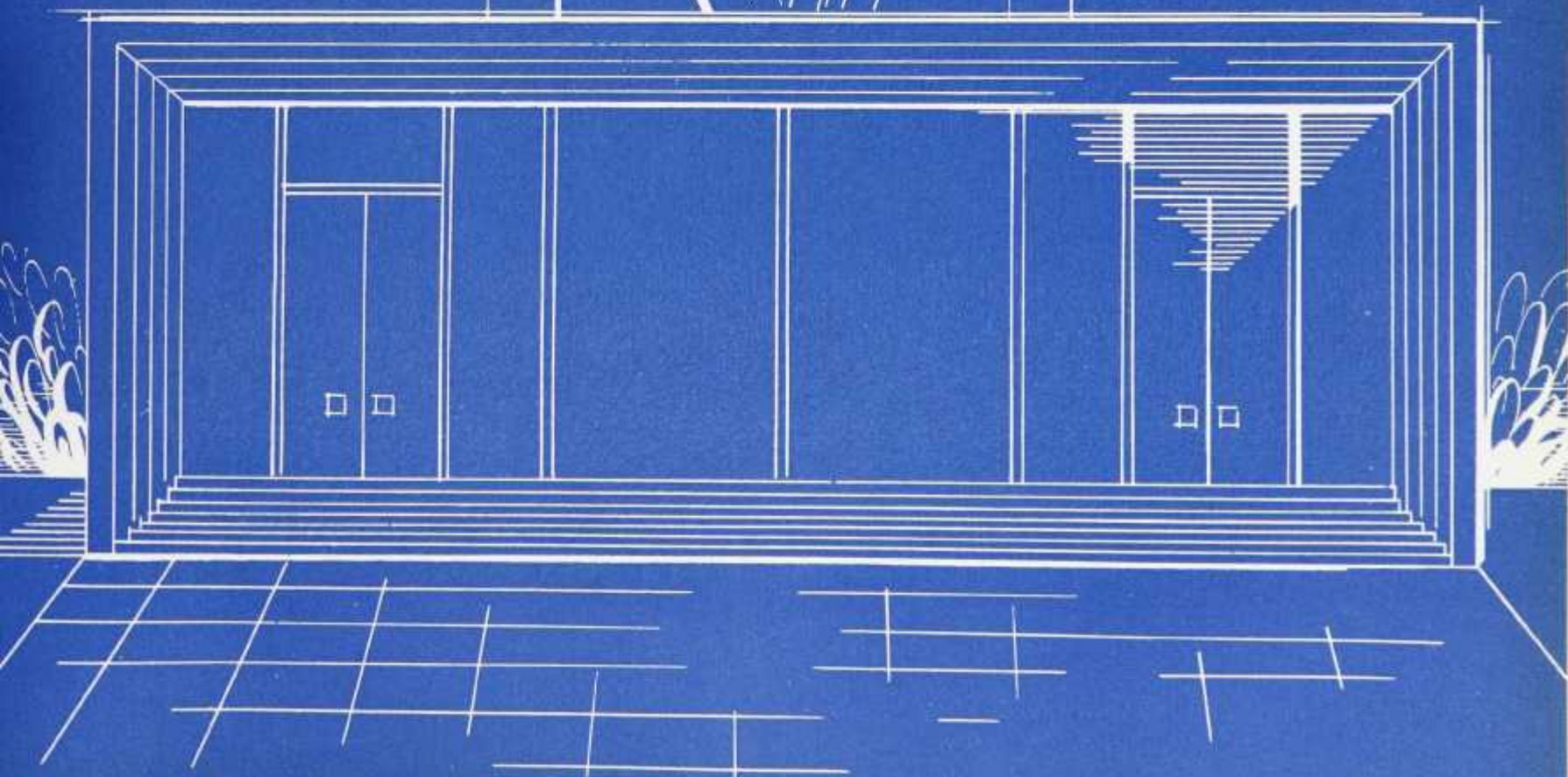




1. A Differential diagnosis at the Smoker. 2. The Junior skit, 1952. 3. Bland at work. 4. Cleo demonstrates how it's REALLY done. 5. "Dr." Blount . . . present and ready. 6. Too many doctors spoil the patient. 7. Junior Skit—memories of 1952. 8. Diagnosis on the ward. 9. Class Glee Club in action. 10. Med-Dent Dance, 1952. 11. The twins . . . Mavis and Eva. 12. "The Wheel." 13. Bobo during study session. 14. On the ward with "Little Leon." 15. Dr. Watson demonstrates. 16. Stain and Armstead after a good workout. 17. One o'clock clinic session. 18. Class Reunion, 1983 (Smoker 1952). 19. Bobo is a slugger. 20. Faculty-Student Smoker, 1952. 21. Dr. Young and Freshmen, 1949. 22. Curt turns on the charm. 23. Was this a "sink test?" 24. The president strikes out.



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# Class History



Four years ago after having received our letters of admittance and the congratulations of well-wishers, we heard most former graduates and members of the profession saying, "The four years ahead will pass quickly and before you know it, you will be graduating." Well, so it has been and here we are at the end of those four years . . . 1953.

Robed in its eloquence, masked with its skills, endowed with its trust and thrilled with its splendor, the class of '53 proudly and readily leaves the hallowed halls that have sheltered us, crushed us, taught us and finally blessed us with an "approval for graduation."

For some, it has been a major sacrifice, for others, fun . . . but for all of us it has been a struggle. On September 28, 1949, fifty-two of us shyly gained the acquaintance of each other as we stood in the line to meet Dean Dixon. That day was memorable in that each, somehow, impressed the other. The different age groups, the different schools attended, nationalities, degrees and appearances were indeed striking.

Stanley Magnus gained the class Presidency on his single campaign speech in the Medical School auditorium our first day. He ran unopposed for three years and in our fourth year he and his cabinet were drafted into office.

The first year brought many disappointments and also many pleasures. It is quite comforting now to view our achievements, our similar purposes and our like memories.

It was the great violinist and anthropologist, Dr. W. Montague Cobb who planted the "doctor feeling" within us and taught us to dance to the "Cadaver Waltz" . . . Dr. Moore; the promptness . . . Drs. Newman, Friedburg and Marshall; the desire for greater wisdom and stronger minds . . . Dr. Walton; the ability to relax and be "peaceful" . . . Drs. Park and McLinn; to carve the Maxillary first molar, not forgetting to include the cusp of Carabelli.

As Sophomores, many proud surgeons were unable to finish their operations because the Anesthetist allowed the dog to enter the fourth and final stage of anesthesia. In the spring, we had survived Physi-

ology, five Pathology practicals and emerged from the Medical School seasoned veterans, entering crown and bridge with the fine Italian touch, but, according to Dr. Fitzgerald, with no conception of what we were doing.

Our Junior year marked the beginning of our clinical training and the hard fight for "points," the borrowed instruments and the short coats, Dr. Henry's construction of the new and ultra modern dental building, and practical examinations. The American Dental Association met in Washington at the National Guard Armory and we were proud of our membership, plus the opportunity to rub shoulders with the authors and authorities of our field.

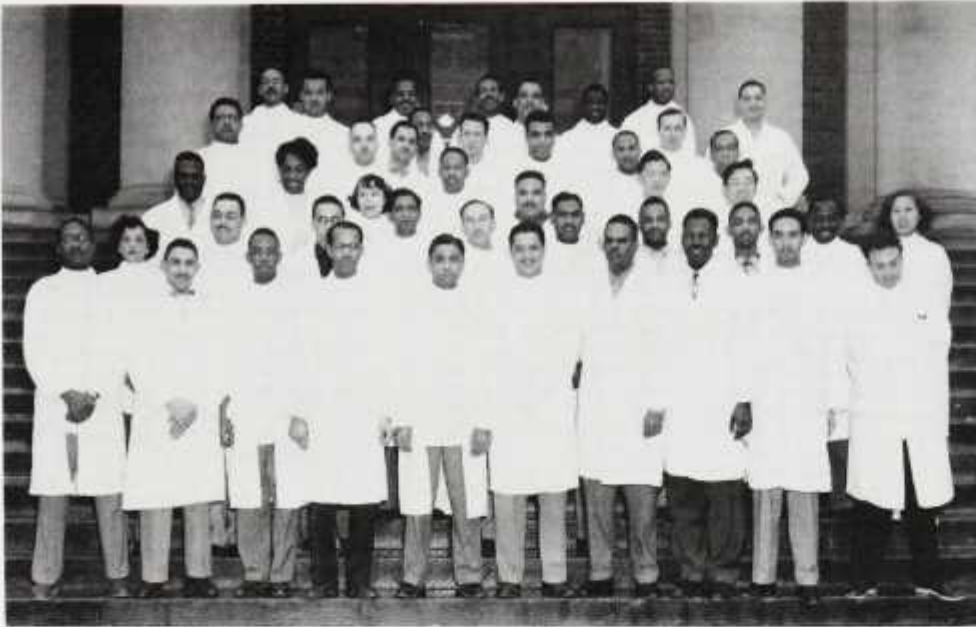
We met Dr. Henry that year and not one of us will forget him nor his confidence, his association with the "masters," his telephone programs, his gingivectomies and his ability to "sound off" in front of the patient.

As Juniors, we enjoyed the opportunity of sponsoring the finest Med-Dent-Pharmacy dance of our history at the Uline Arena. Sy Oliver's band furnished the music. This, plus the setting, decorations and pretty ladies made the annual affair nothing short of colossal.

It was also during our grand Junior year that the University-wide Student Council was organized. Russell Duperon represented us during our Senior year as its President.

As Seniors, we are one of the final classes from the old school. It has served us well as have many members of its faculty and staff. As graduates, it is our sincere pledge that we will be found in the vanguard of all movement seeking to improve the welfare of mankind everywhere.

Can we ever forget the record that Group I in Physiology set in unsuccessful operation, or Leftwich's statement that the esophagus passed through the foramen magnum, or Kellogg in surgery, the seminar papers, Truman speaking at the 1952 graduation, working at the post office, trying to get patients for the practicals, Dr. Wade . . . Can any one of us forget these? Never! . . . for this is our History.



JUNIOR CLASS



SOPHOMORE CLASS



FRESHMAN CLASS



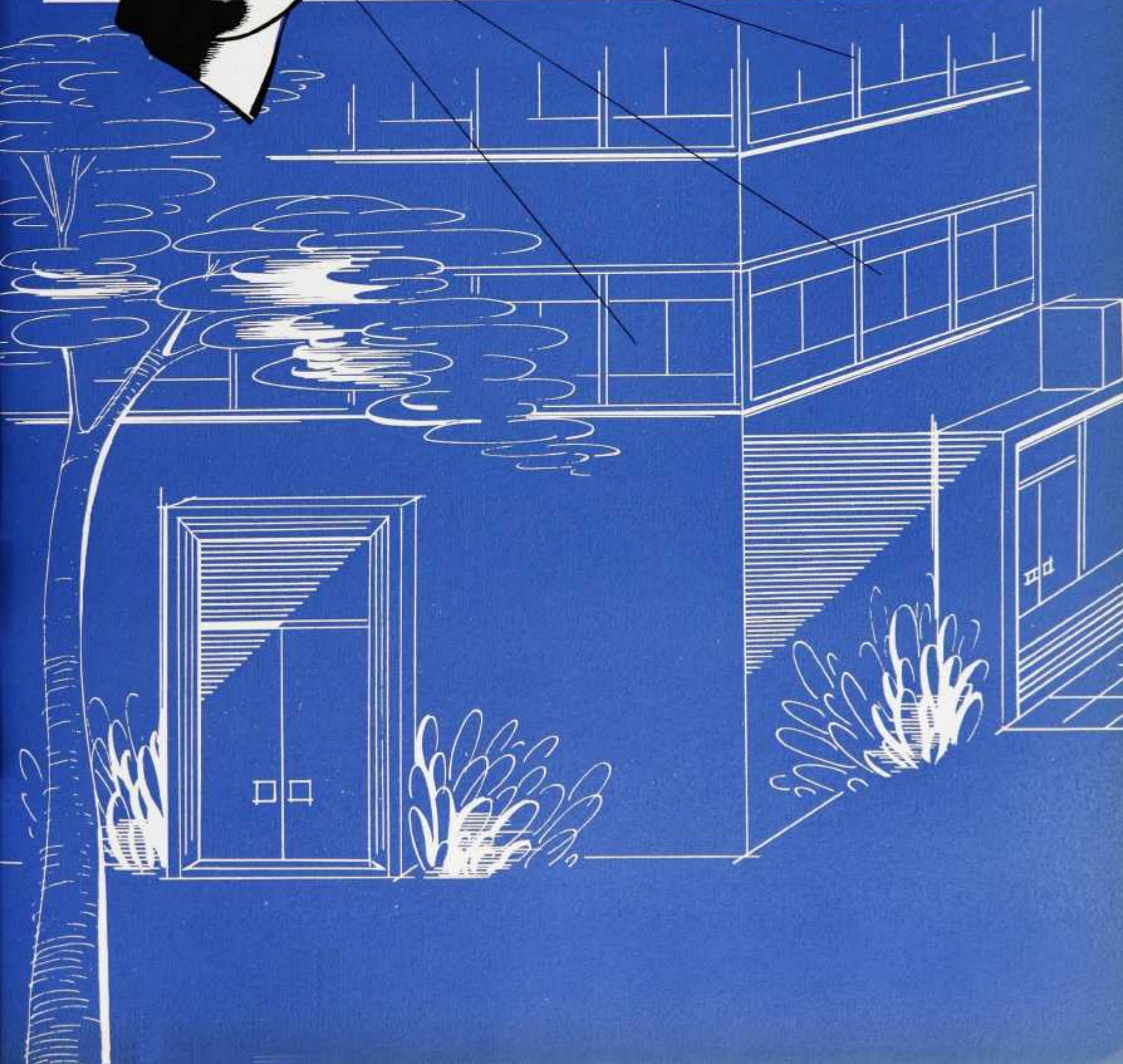


1. Waiting for the "letter" . . . 2. "Session." 3. Don't laugh yet . . . 4. Always get the patients confidence. 5. "A little wider, please." 6. High point Clinician. 7. Discussing Dentistry, of course! 8. The line-up . . . 9. After practical exams. 10. "You have no conception." 11. Watch those anatomical landmarks! 12. One of our favorites. 13. Architectural consultant. 14. Davis cup prospects?





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FRESHMAN CLASS



## Class History



The first meeting of the Freshman class of Dental Hygiene seems to be in the dim past. Actually, it was only twenty months ago that we met in Room 202 in the Dental School. We were on the threshold of various new experiences.

The class was small, but represented several states. Although our backgrounds were different, we were soon molded into a group with a single purpose. First, there was the problem of registration, second, the problem of adjusting ourselves to a schedule of classes from dawn to sunset—really eight to four; and third, the problems of learning a new terminology, pronunciation, and spelling. The first week was a difficult time for us. We went to class with new notebooks, freshly sharpened pencils, and questions. By the second week, we were somewhat acclimated to the schedule, instructors, and courses.

Our trials and tribulations were just beginning. Obstacles confronted us on all sides: Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology, and other "otomies and ologies." In the first place, we regretted that we were not stenographers. A knowledge of Shorthand would have been useful. Finally, we developed our own—and writer's cramp.

By this time we were wearing our laboratory coats which made us feel quite professional. Then, upon our first acceptable carving of the upper right central incisor for Oral Anatomy, we felt as though we really "belonged."

Before the Christmas holidays, the Chemistry hurdle was scaled and everyone had passed! Christmas, that year, was really a time for rejoicing! All examinations had been passed! Examination time was always an ordeal and with the approach of the fatal time, there was always much collaboration accompanied with lack of sleep. Sometimes it was hours before we revived—then we continued in our confused, but well-meaning manner.

After the Christmas holidays, a thrill was in store for us, for on our return, the long awaited white uni-

forms were issued. In our white apparel, we marched into the Dental Clinic to assist the Junior and Senior Dental students in their various operations. We were also given the privilege of helping or hindering the students in Oral Surgery, Diagnosis, and X-Ray.

The subsequent challenges were Gross Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology. Our adventures in Anatomy brought us face to face with death—the cadaver labs. The existence of muscles, and bones was a source of continual amazement to us. We were already familiar with nerves!

As the summer vacation approached, we were again confronted with exams, bulletin boards were anxiously scanned daily. Finally, the good news was posted and the Freshmen became Seniors. It had not been all work and no fun. The dances, socials, and picnics were a pleasant relief from our books.

After the summer vacation, adjustments had to be made again. It was, however, much easier this time. Introductions were made to our mannekins and the work for which we were preparing was started. Before long, another great day had arrived. We received our caps! Trying them on was an eventful moment. After putting on our complete uniforms, we entered the Dental Clinic equipped with black instrument kits. Bracket tables were set up, instruments were sterilized, our first "live" patients, brave classmates, were seated, and our careers in Oral Prophylaxis were launched. The end of the day saw a group of exhausted, but still smiling hygienists, leave the clinic.

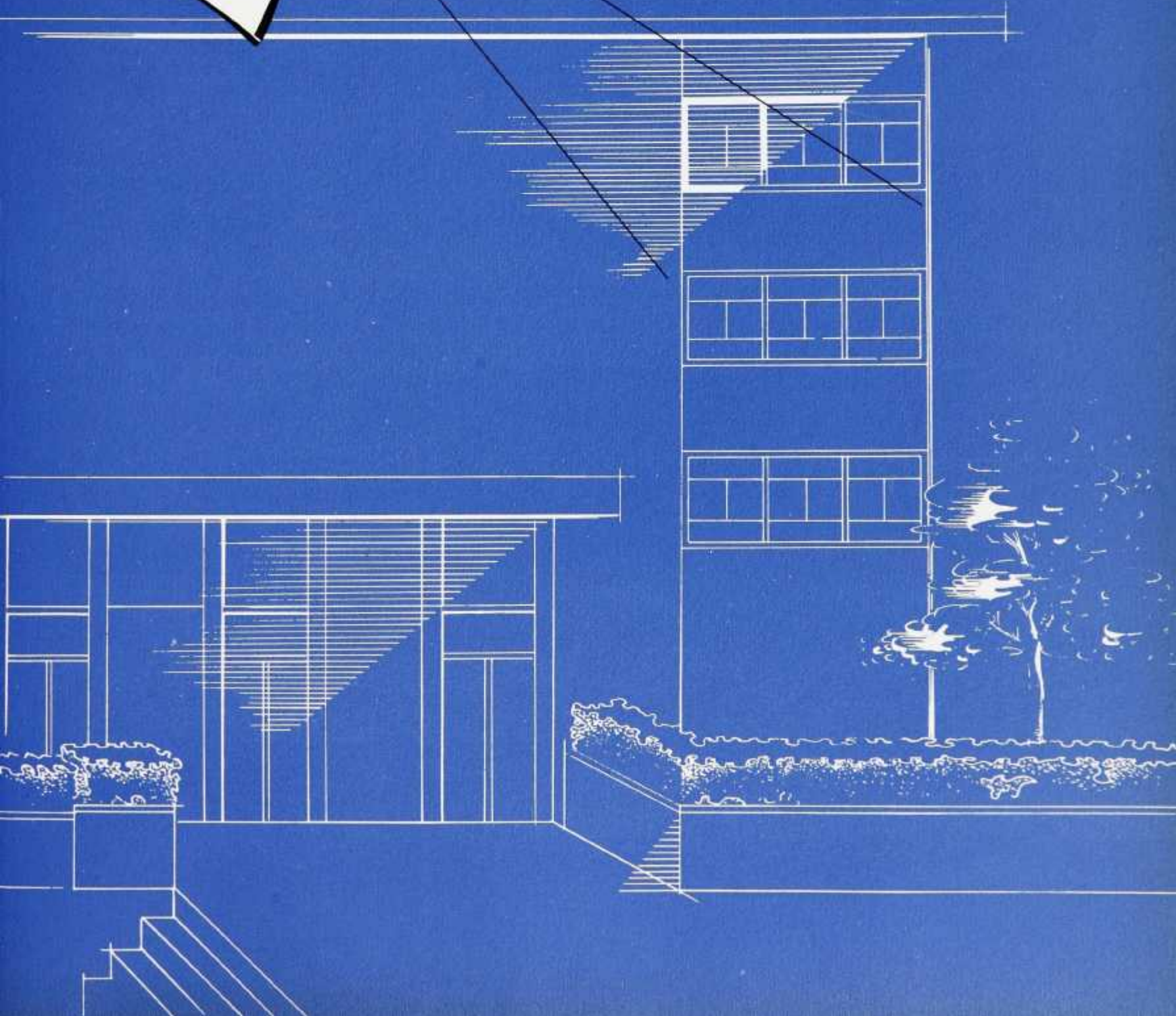
After twenty months together, we still have many fears and trepidations. Although the comprehensives and final exams are over the state board exams loom up before us. How can we help but wonder what the future holds? Our instructors have prepared us well to take our responsibilities in the field of Dental Hygiene.

"Let us, then, be up and doing  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait!"





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## Class History



The material compiled herein has been gathered through the past four years . . . four years that seemed to drag by endlessly, and though the events seemed, at first, so meaningless to us, we now realize the full value of all the labor that was laid upon our shoulders. And now the years have passed, we are conscious of the fact that it was but a short time ago when the first of the events began and we became full-fledged members of the Howard University College of Pharmacy.

The fall of '49 found us gathered together for the first time as a class. We listened attentively to Dean Cooper and the faculty as they emphasized the importance of the pharmaceutical courses which were to follow.

This first year was, in reality, a year of orientation. We organized the class and set ourselves to the task before us. We became familiar with the terminology of our chosen profession. This included the difference between a gram and a grain, the avoirdupois, apothecaries, and metric system: it was here that we learned that all drops are not equal.

In the fall of '50, we returned to school and after looking at the schedule, we realized at once that this year was to be the year of disaster or of triumph. Although we had become accustomed to 8 o'clock classes, it was only with difficulty that we adapted ourselves to getting out of school at 5:30. This was the year that we were introduced to Galenical Pharmacy and Organic Chemistry at the same time, and if such a thing as mental incompatibility exists, here one existed.

It wasn't long before we began to realize that we knew only an infinitesimal part of Pharmacy and that the gap between theoretical and practical Pharmacy was wide indeed. Someone whipped oil, water, and acacia, wondering why there was no crackling sound. Others rolled suppositories in their hand and wondered why they were so soft and sticky. But it was with these errors and the aid of our instructors that gradually reduced the margin that lay between theoretical and practical Pharmacy.

Spring found us getting ready for the school picnic, which was a welcomed substitute for a day in school both to the student and faculty. Although the picnic was a success, we suffered for a week. With the close

of the academic year, it was apparent that the greatest milestone was behind us and we looked forward to the second half of this important handicap race.

We returned October 5, 1951, and entered the Junior year with a renewed vigor and determination. As once we began to piece together the subject material which heretofore had seemed so unrelated. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacognosy and Bacteriology took on a more interesting aspect and we supplemented our scientific training with courses in Philosophy and Economics.

During this year many of us found time to join in activities offered by the university such as basketball games, dances, and religious services. We began to feel that, at last, we were a part of Howard University. We climaxed the year of '52 with the yearly "Medical, Dentistry, and Pharmacy Dance," which was given in honor of the Seniors of these three schools.

September 17, '52, found us back in school with our ego higher than it had been within the past three years, for we were Seniors. By September 20, 1952, our ego was at a minimum. This rapid decline was due to the following; an assignment of Lilly's Products, which appeared endless, a twenty-page reading in Remington and other detailed assignments.

Comprehensive examinations came and we knew that with our baggy and red eyes, we were sad looking specimen. We kept our books open until we saw the white of the examination paper and then reluctantly we closed the books, and many words of prayer were uttered. Waiting on the grades, we died a thousand deaths. Then came the answer that we passed, followed by rejoicing that could not possibly be excelled. Later, we sat down and took stock of ourselves and found that we were filled with remorse and sadness. Departure would soon follow and friends, not merely classmates, would be taken away . . . But as we walked away we knew in our hearts that each of us would be back, in spirit and mind, if not in body.

So with the courage and training implanted in us within the past four years, we go forth to face the civilization where we can and will make a worthy contribution to uphold the name of the College of Pharmacy of Howard University. With the help of God and the principles instilled in us, it will be so . . .





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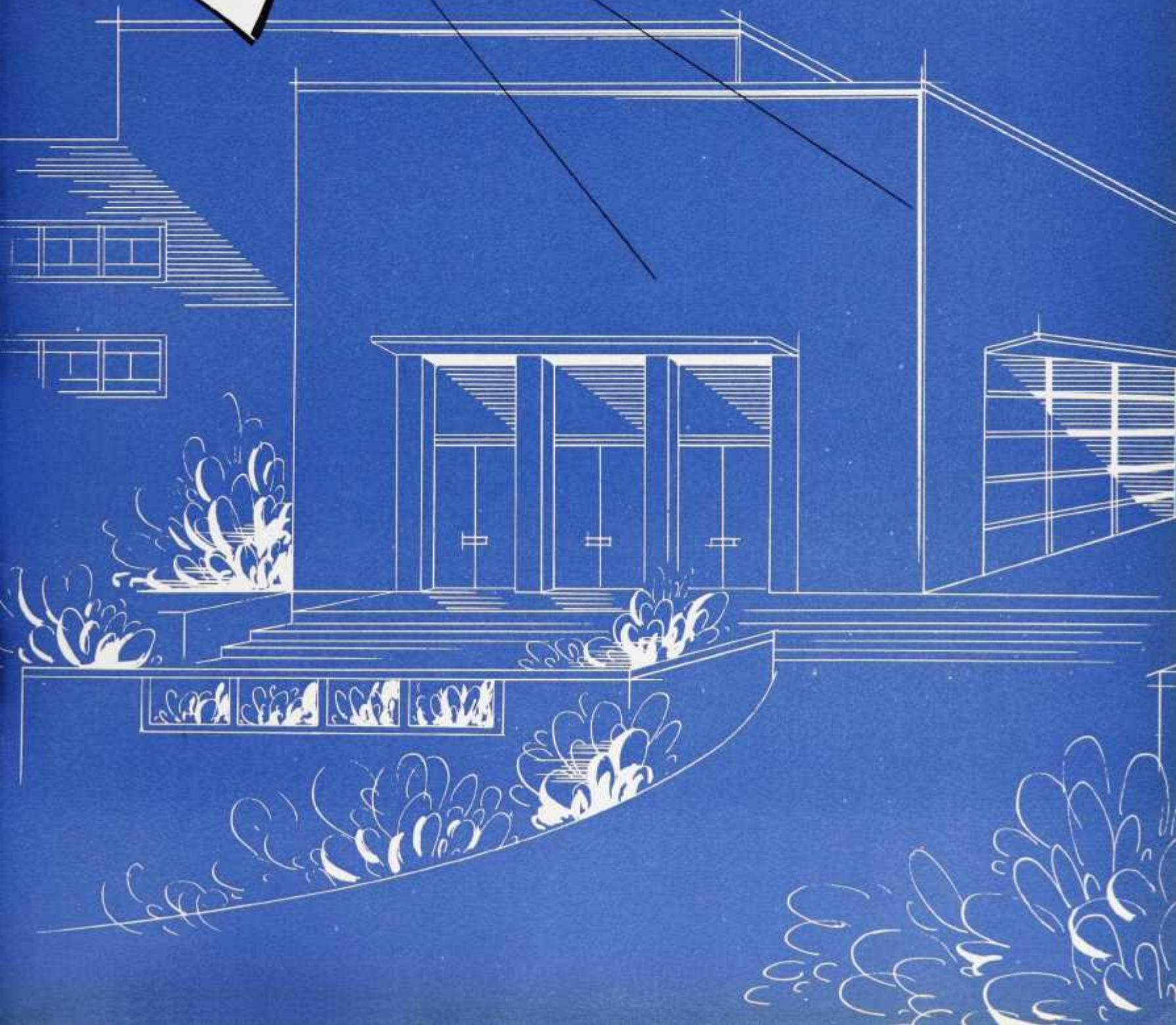
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1. Class cutters. 2. Danger—men and women at work! 3. Waiting on Class to begin. 4. The Last Class. 5. Never a dull moment. 6. The End of the day. 7. The Eager Beavers. 8. A moment of relaxation. 9. Students at work. 10. A Study Group. 11. The Picnic at Rock Creek Park. 12. The Bookworm. 13. A Night Before. 14. The Twosome. 15. Ah, school is out!





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## Class History



The minor skirmish began in September, 1950, when a resolute and determined group of thirty-four students stormed the citadel of legal knowledge. I doubt that any member of the class of 1953 remembers the first day of school, for the days that followed obliterated any memory of registration, meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Mr. George Hayes and Mr. Herbert Reid were deputized to coach us on the techniques of law study. Despite their efforts to show us a spectre of the hard work projected before us, we failed to appreciate what was to come.

No one could possibly forget the memorable and dramatic first meeting with Mr. James Washington. He began with a relentless attack on his first victim; his questions were baffling, his pace inexorable. Never before had anyone experienced such dogged examination of students, such professional tyranny, such ponderous assignments. But as the days gathered into weeks, we learned that no master could have a keener interest in his charges, no sage to stimulate the thinking processes more than this scholarly fellow from Washington, D. C.

To us Civil Procedure was like a symphony; intricate beyond comprehension, but delightful to the ear. Drury V. Merrill might have escaped us but we found ample compensation in the compelling charm of Mr. Hayes' rhetoric.

There were, of course, elections. Mr. George Jackson was elected President; Mr. Nural Ward, Vice President; Miss Carolyn Clarke, Secretary; and Miss Serena Davis, Treasurer. Mr. Stanley Paige and Mr. Jesse Everett were class representatives on the Court of Peers.

The minor skirmish was over and the major encounter now faced us. Evidence, Real Property and Future Interest, Bills and Notes, Constitutional Law, Corporations, Partnerships—what a schedule! Were we to name the year according to impressions, this one would go down in history as "The Year Of Quick." Hypotheticals came from everywhere—Wigmore, Thayer, Morgan, McQuire, Byrne, Model Code of Evidence, Rules, exceptions, and exceptions to the exception shocked us from normalcy. Rivalled by Mr. James Washington who caused the entire class to spend many sleepless nights trying to understand the "Rule Against Perpetuities," "The Shelley Doctrine" the vote as to who caused the greater amount of nightmares was evenly split. (Someone said it was true when one student asked another student about the Rule Against Perpetuities and the other student answered by saying, "that is one of the exceptions to the hearsay rule.")

Listening to Mr. Jenkins lecture in Corporations was a pleasure. Sophisticated and erudite, he would always remind us of the weighty consideration to be given to the operative facts of a case. Relentless and persistent in his desire to destroy our colloquialism and develop precision in self-expression, his challenge to the student aroused our wrath.

No one could possibly forget the immaculate Mr. Daniels, whose desire to aid students in legal research was as exact as his dress. After developing some techniques in research, we realized its value as basic and necessary.

The dynamic Mr. James Nabrit will never be forgotten. His excursions into constitutional law were amazing. His keen knowledge in the subject and his ability to predict the outcome of litigation were amazing.

At the helm of the class for the second year were Mr. George Jackson, President; Mr. Charles Carter, Vice President; Mrs. Carolyn Clarke, Secretary; Miss Serena Davis, Treasurer. Miss Allie Latimer and Mr. Fred McLeod were class representatives to the Court of Peers.

Certainly no one could possibly forget the fun of the pre-Christmas party during this year. Two things never to be forgotten are: 1. the experience in defending cases; and 2. that the faculty members were humans and for the students one hundred percent.

The spring of '53 saw one of the liveliest elections for the position of Chief Justice in the history of the law school. It was a five-way race with Miss Allie Latimer, Mr. Ernest Jackson, Mr. George Jackson, Mr. Clarence Newsome and Mr. Charles Carter carrying banners for their respective parties. Mr. Charles Carter won. The warriors shook hands and the atmosphere of the law school returned to normal.

The last year was not without its tense moments. The thundering voice of Dean Johnson still rings in our ears. "I defy you to tell me the holding in the Kirby Lumber Company Case." I still writhe with pain when one of my pet theories on the suspension of title in conditional sales contracts was pulverized under Mr. Lane's cross examination. No one to this day understands "Renvoi" in Conflict of Laws. Baffled, shocked, frightened about "characterization," no two students agreed on any point. The entire class however concurred that Mr. Reid had the "master key" that almost spelled defeat.

Class activities were administered by Mr. George Jackson, President; Mr. Nural Ward, Vice President; Miss Allie Latimer, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Serena Davis and Mr. Ernest Jackson were class representatives on the Court of Peers. We leave in our wake two Greek Letter Organizations, Sigma Delta Tau, legal fraternity, and Epsilon Sigma Iota legal sorority, and a working law review staff.

How can we accomplish our aims after graduation is a problem as perennial as it is perplexing. With all its surface simplicity, we must gain and not lose in retrospect, or be failures. If this be sound no man is sufficient within himself, much less to others. It is our hope and belief that we, the Class of '53, will be able to give taste and dignity to the law, and a sincere yearning to hold that dignity as passionately as we hold convictions which motivate living.





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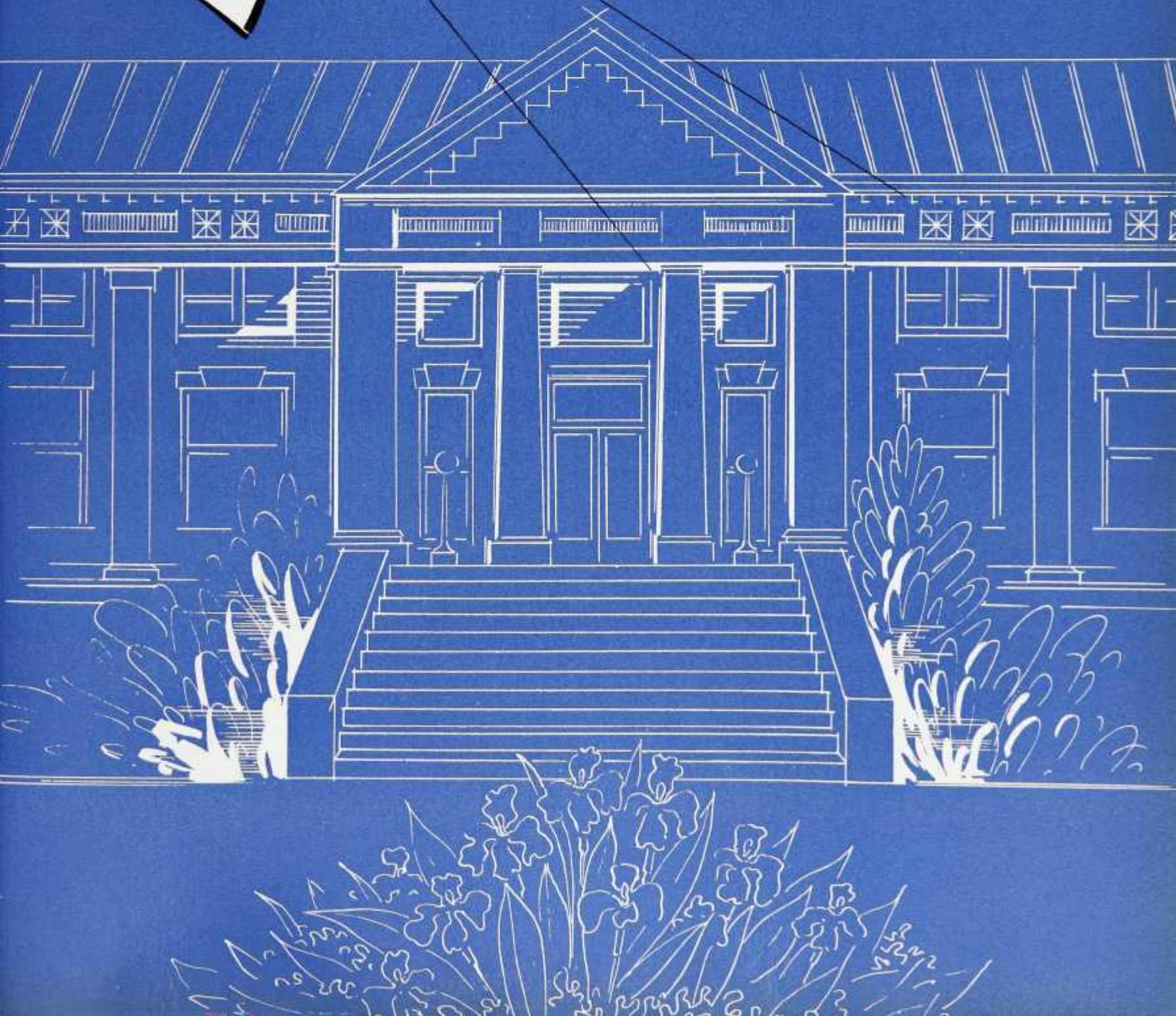


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## Class History



In the summer of 1950 we were happy to learn that we had been accepted as students in the School of Religion at Howard University. From various parts of the country we came, bringing buoyant hopes and open minds. We felt that the quest would be hard, but we knew that we were responding to a compelling urgency to devote our lives to the building of the Kingdom of God.

From the beginning we were favorably impressed by our new academic environment. At the orientation meeting we were introduced to our professors, and then were given the opportunity to introduce ourselves. At the end of the meeting we had the chance to exchange greetings with our future classmates as we ate tasty sandwiches and sipped delicious fruit drinks.

The next weeks were filled with study and with attempts to adjust ourselves as graduate students. It was true that we came with open minds; this was fortunate, because we had to slough off many ideas which were outmoded and useless in order that we might grasp the deeper and more dynamic insights into the nature and meaning of religion and its place in our life today.

These periods of study and religious growth were complemented by those times when we exchanged ideas with each other over steaming cups of coffee, or when we stood around the piano to participate in group singing. Frequently we would go to the park for a picnic, ostensibly to give ourselves wholly to eating, hiking, and playing baseball. However, one can be sure that before the outing was over, someone had conversed with someone else about the Creed of Nicaea, about the Arian Controversy, or about some other new and fascinating bit of knowledge recently acquired.

Thus the first year ended as it had begun—in study and in mental growth. We caught our trains and buses for our wide-spread destinations feeling that we could pursue the next year's work without the frustrations which attended the first studies for this most demanding profession.

Our year as Middlers found us pursuing various activities according to our varied interests. Some of us assumed leadership in the religious clubs on the campus, while others of us were engaged in the work of the organizations on a university-wide level. One thing which all of us had in common was our work in the local churches of our respective denominations. Sunday morning usually found us teaching a Sunday school class or glancing over the outline of our sermon to be delivered at eleven o'clock service. Two or three of us were fortunate enough to become assistant pastors. The year saw many of us well on the way to our ordination.

Two of the important annual events on the School agenda are the Spring Lecture Series and the Convocation. We had Dr. Bertha Paulsen, outstanding German theologian, as our guest at the Series. She followed Dr. Paul Tillich, eminent German theologian, who had been our speaker the year before. Our leader

during the Convocation was Dr. Walter G. Muelder, the Dean of the School of Theology, Boston University.

Our studies during the Middler year were heavy, with incessant reading and the writing of papers occupying much of our time. However, they did not prevent our participation in extra-curricular activities. During the latter part of the year we presented a play, "One Foot in Heaven." This play depicted the pressing problems (and their eventual solution) of a smalltown minister and his family; the play was well received, and the "thespians" enjoyed themselves equally as well.

Our basketball team was active, giving an excellent account of itself in competition with other schools within the University.

It was not long before spring came, bringing with it the joyous chirping of the birds, the profusion of color in the flowers—and the anxiety of final examinations. After taking the finals we again packed our trunks and went to our various summer jobs. Some worked as chaplains to migrant workers, with supervision coming from the Home Missions Division of the National Council of Churches. Some of us went to summer school, while others sought new jobs when the expected employment "took wings" at the start of the steel strike just before the dismissal of school in June.

Our Senior year shall be remembered for years to come. It seemed that everything—like a long-pampered jig-saw puzzle—suddenly began to fit together. The hard studying during the first two years was at last yielding abundantly. Noteworthy was the annual retreat held at Davis House. Mr. Gilbert Kilpack led our meditation on that occasion. Many of us were learning, through actual experience, the true meaning and significance of meditation. We know what it can accomplish because we have seen the results in ourselves. The annual Convocation opened up new areas in our thinking. The theme was: "The Christian Church—a Fellowship Without Barriers." We realized that the integrated church presents the only situation in which we can truly feel that we are all children of one Father. There were many brilliant leaders, sharing their experiences and hopes for the future. Among them were President Johnson, Dean Nelson, Dr. A. Powell Davies, Dr. Howard Thurman, and Dr. James Robinson.

Here, in an atmosphere of varying denominations, religions, and races, we have learned, lived, and studied together. This has developed in us an appreciation for the other person's religious point of view. Thus, we feel that we are better equipped to work with those people with whom we shall come in contact in our various fields of endeavor.

We leave behind us many pleasant memories. As we depart from the School of Religion, we shall take with us the deep insights, the sense of commitment, and the inspirations garnered from days filled with study, and shall use these in our efforts to assuage the ills of mankind in this perplexed world.





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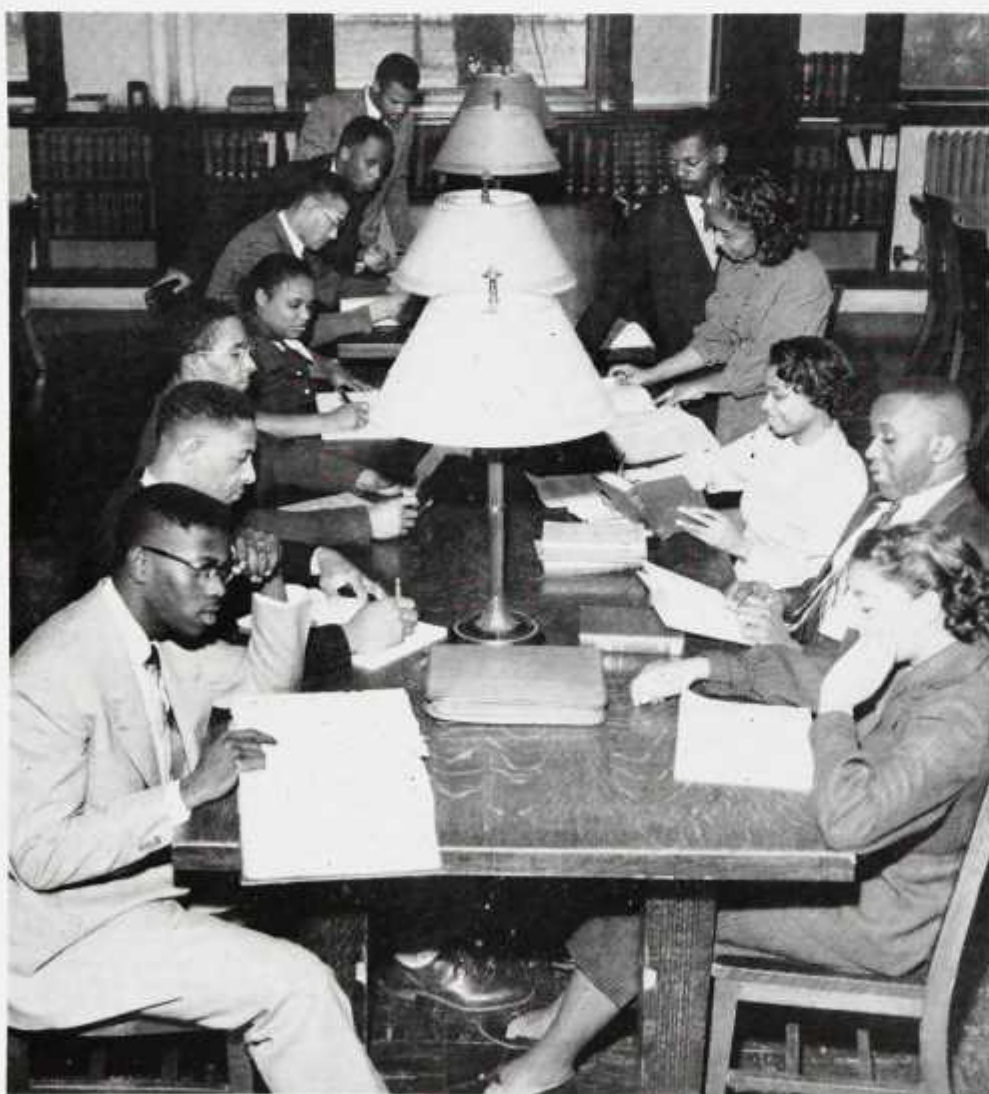
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## Class History



The School of Social Work Class of 1953, alert and eager to take its place in a society which considers Social Work as essential to human welfare, dedicated itself to the task of learning the high degree of skill required to successfully render professional services for all peoples. Upon arrival at Howard University, we found persons from many countries present, all seeking one goal. Unity seemed automatic since our purpose was one; we were striving to obtain a degree, Master of Social Work.

In October 1951, a student reception was held at the Kelly Miller House to introduce these neophytes to each other, the faculty members, and to the expanding Social Work profession. During the first quarter, the first year students in Social Work were entertained by the second year class, who sponsored a "get acquainted party." A feeling of unity and comradeship developed in discussions about Freud, Breckinbridge, Gordon Hamilton, Grace Coyle and Flander Dunbar. At "6-6" meetings during the year the students were able to tell of problems that were of great concern to them and to work with the faculty in seeking a solution.

Going into a professional agency, meeting new people, and developing Social Work techniques proved to be a security-shaking challenge, but through experience and with the help of our advisers we developed our "ego" and plunged into our work. It was during this time that we learned to drink our coffee black and endure adverse weather conditions.

Squeezed between field work and classes came the election of our present student officers. Later came the field trip to St. Elizabeth's, where we observed psychotic behavior and many a time in reflection we wondered—who really belonged there. A picnic was given for the faculty and part-time students, and at the close of the first year a picnic was held on Dr. Ware's farm for all students. By the end of the first year we had learned to pull up the roots and look at ourselves without the rose colored glasses.

As the second year appeared on the horizon we began to realize the more you study the "less you know" and our inadequacies as potential practitioners of the art of Social Work were highlighted. With eager humility we welcomed the opportunity to return to the school. Even our eagerness could not make us immune to the effect of too many people in too small a place. The frame school house was simply bulging

at the seams. "Oh I'm sorry," "excuse me please," were the words of the day. The steps strained as the many feet trudged up and down; they yelled for retirement when someone with "flying feet" descended to the narrow hall below. The transition from the ecru frame school house to the red brick building inspired us to conquer a Master of Social Work. We express sincere appreciation to our own Dean, Inabel B. Lindsay, who worked so faithfully to secure a new building. Here, we grouped to gather information for the orientation of the first year students. Time was allotted in our second year for coffee and cookie hour. Between the hours of four and six, time was allotted for committee meetings. When anyone was seen running back and forth with coffee and cookies we knew he was attending a meeting.

We will always remember the enjoyable party held at Margaret Danley's home for the students and faculty of the school. At our penny an inch (height) Barn Dance, which was given for the benefit of furnishing our lounge, fun was had by all. Since the dance, the Housing Committee has added more furnishings to the lounge, where the school was able to have a Christmas party.

There was a party held at the end of the first semester for the students and faculty of the School of Social Work. The party was held on Friday evening, February 6, 1953, at the home of Aleatha Griffin. The party gave us an opportunity to relax after having completed examinations and registration for the second semester; at the same time, letting off steam for not having received grades for the first semester. There was a variety of entertainment going on in different rooms—such as dancing, card games, band session, and discussion of grades. The second year students got an opportunity to "let their hair down" for about the last time before going into hard work for completion of their theses. New students entering the second semester were able to socialize with their fellow classmates.

In spite of many hours of tedious study and travels, we learned to love our profession, faculty, and fellow classmates. We will strive to uphold the professional standards of the field of Social Work and attempt to follow the principles that will enable us to develop ourselves professionally.





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1. A Unit Group. 2. Xmas Dance. 3. At last--room to move about. 4. The new school. 5. Group work. 6. Lunch hour. 7. Senior year students. 8. Class break. 9. Coffee hour. 10. Field Work Placement Office. 11. Xmas party, again.











