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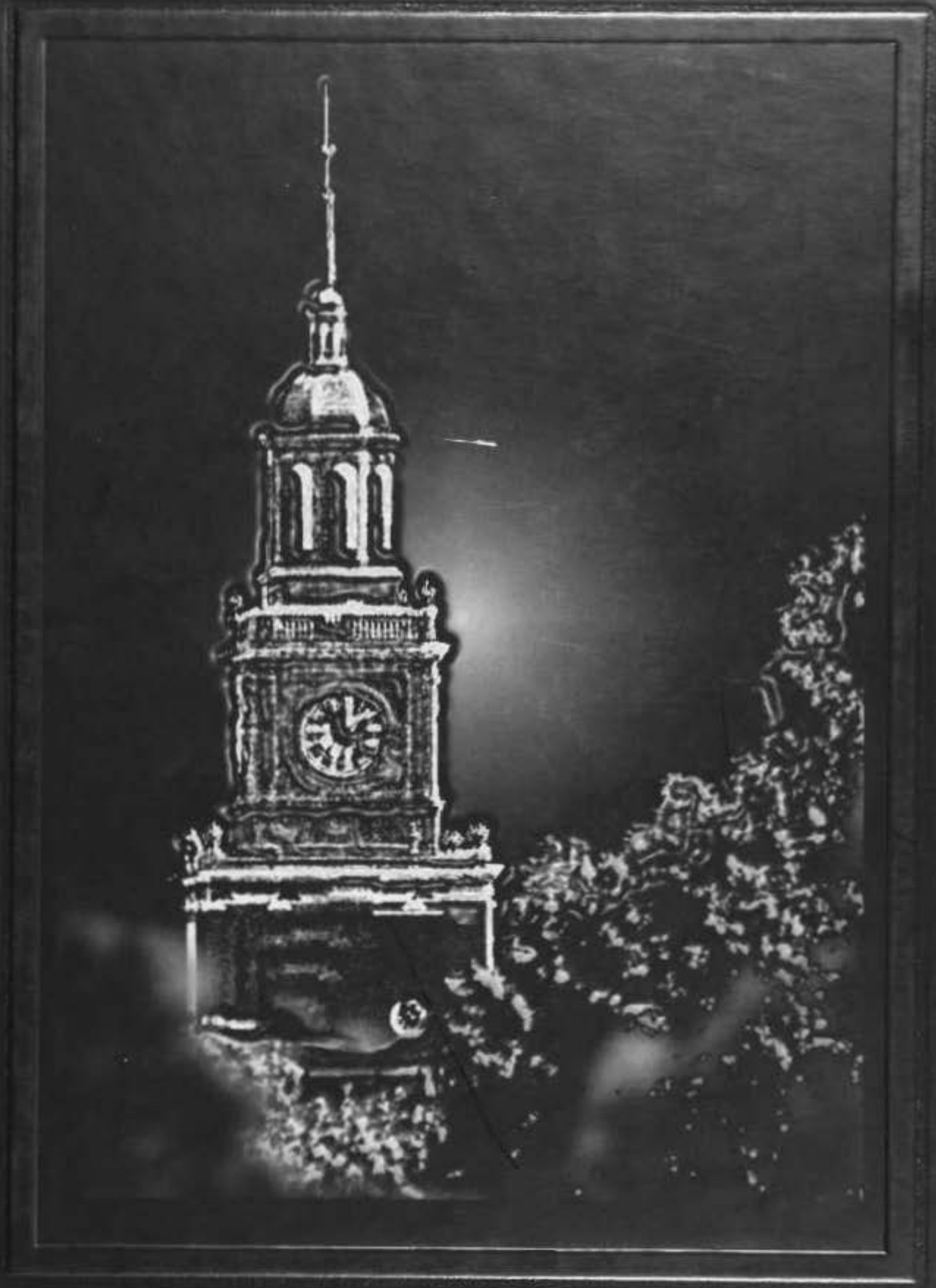


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As Howard enters its 131st year as the premiere educator of Black America, a single image resonates at the center of the University's existence.



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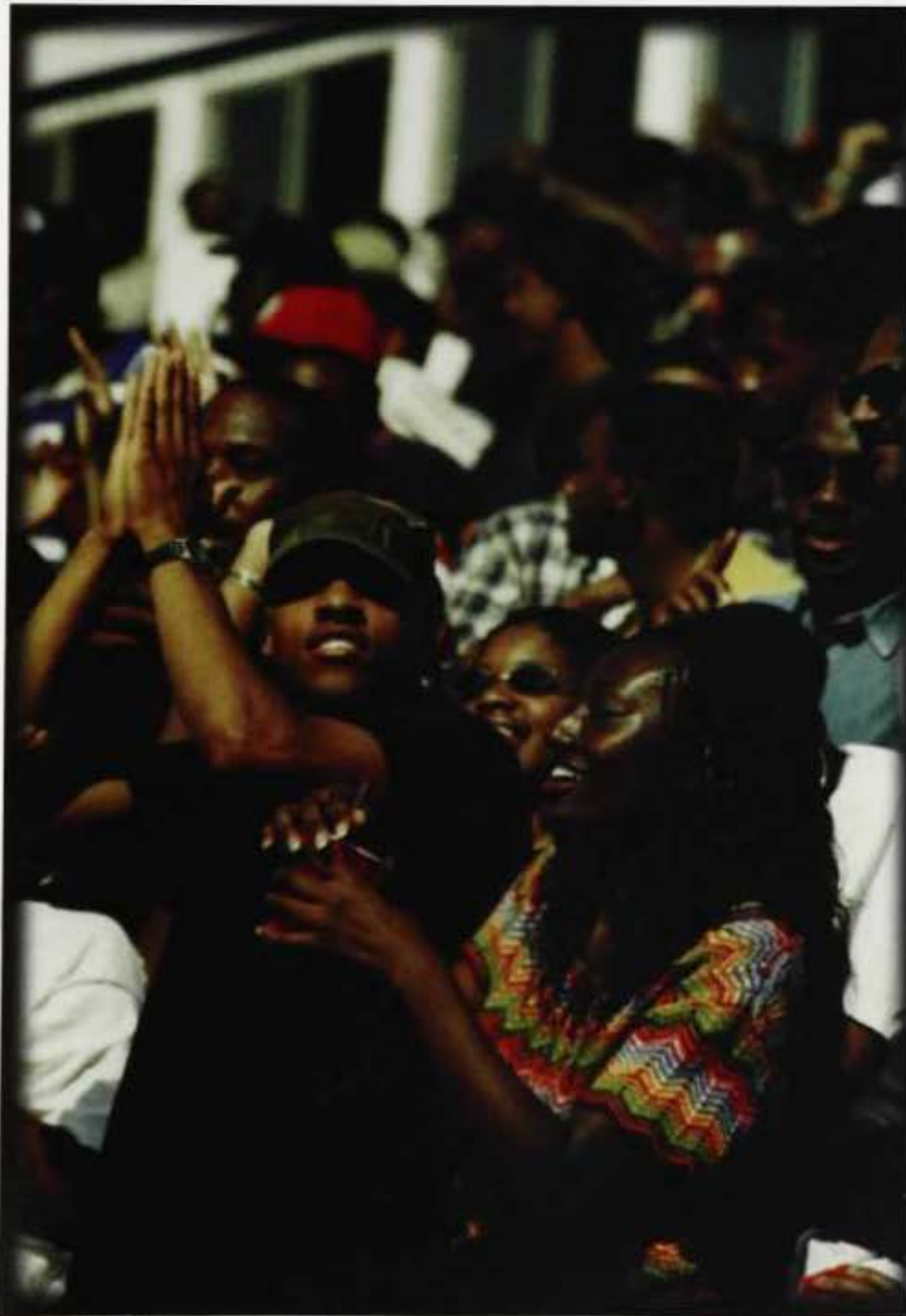


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This concept rings
clear in the
hearts and minds of
Howardites
worldwide and
serves to unite these
individuals in a bond
that will
last a lifetime.



Photo by: Eric Hall

This uniqueness known to many as the
“Howard Experience,” is a validated
occurrence and continues to be one of
Howard’s greatest and often untelevised
legacy’s.



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The Howard experience is an omnipresent force that transcends the daily trappings of student life.



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It's an energy that resonates beyond the classroom and encompasses everything that makes Howard University unique.



Photo by: Belinda Vickerson



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Participation comes not just from attending class or from joining the numerous organizations on campus, but it is derived from the sharing of one's self and one's experiences with others.

Howard is much more than a historical black university:

Howard is the Mecca...

Howard is the Capstone...



Photo by: Aida Mulanchi

Howard is family.



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The Senior section. In full color and glory.

TRANSITIONS

Students from all walks of life converge on the Mecca yearly to begin their rights of passage. This union of intellects has single handily transformed Howard into a true microcosm of the world; it is home to numerous races, religions, cultures and philosophical belief systems, which lend themselves to creating an environment that promotes intellectual growth and development.

This transformation from adolescence to adulthood is often an arduous task, as many students find themselves away from home for the first time. In the true Howard spirit, the most lasting memories will not occur in the classroom.

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S T U D E N T L I F E

Georgia Avenue Day

In 1995, it was rumored that Howard University students would never experience another real Georgia Avenue Day. With the closing of many businesses in Wonder Plaza and the Howard University Hotel, it was presumed that the Avenue would change forever. "I think its a shame that the stores are leaving Wonder Plaza. Georgia Avenue Day is a Howard tradition and it just won't be the same," said Delroy Willis, senior Chemical Engineering major.

To the surprise and delight of many, Georgia Ave Day was very different, yet satisfying this year. In 1997, people came from many different directions to converge upon one small portion of the Avenue blocked off by the DC Police.

Students come back to campus each year looking to enjoy some festivities with people they have not seen all summer. This year's festival offered students many opportunities to mingle, eat diversified cuisine and listen to good music. But, more importantly, Georgia Ave Day unifies.

"I thought it was really positive. We as a Howard community got a chance to bond with Shaw community," said senior nursing major Tracy Joy Booker. "Alot of times we (Howard students) forget that the community exist, Georgia Ave Day helps us feel like a part of the community by bringing us together for fun."

Despite the many positives, some students felt Georgia Ave Day was more exciting in the past. "I think the entertainment was better in years past. There were less performers this year so the day drew a smaller crowd," said Heather Savage, junior Broadcast News major. "Generally, I think it (Georgia Ave Day) is a good tradition to have because it gives old students a chance to get together at the beginning of the school year."

--Brandi Aldridge





Left:

Changing Faces delights the crown with one of their many hits. The people danced on the football field of Banneker High School and some even danced in the streets.

Below:

A local choir sing the gospel to a very intente crown. Shouts of Amen and Hallejua filled the air to bring the festival to a sucessful close.

Photos by: Danette Lambert-Brown



Jelly's Last Jam

The house lights went down and the crowd met the stars of Howard University's production of Jelly's Last Jam with enthusiastic applause. No longer were the performers on stage fellow Howard peers, but stars on Howard's own Broadway Stage, The Ira Aldridge Theater. "What made the show so great was that I see these people on the yard," said Curtis Boykin, sophomore Psychology student. "I saw it three times and even convinced my Dad to go and he hasn't been to a Howard production in his 17 years here."

Theater buffs were in for a special treat as Eric Robeson and company took center stage to tell the story of Jelly Roll Morton's life. "I've seen a lot of plays and this was one of the best," said Nekeeta Simmons, an alumna from 1995. "I was very proud to be a Howard alum after seeing the play. I saw the original on Broadway and have to admit, Howard's show came damn close."





Photos by: Aida Mulaneh

The cast of Jelly's Last Jam delights the audience with an awesome show of music and dancing as they tell the story of Jelly Roll Morton's life.

Left: Transformation from boy to man.



Each performance gave an intimate look at the dynamic drama and music departments the School of Arts And Sciences has to offer. "I never knew Howard had so many talented people," said Jerry Ingram, junior psychology major.

The crowd jumped to its feet with thunderous applause as Elisha "Teapot," McKinney sang her rendition of "Mississippi Water." Everything from the costumes to set design helped this dynamic cast sell the music to Howard audiences, so much so that the show sold out every night. An unprecedented occurrence in Howard University history. The Washington City Paper even recommended the musical to its readers.

Mike Malone the musical's director had done it again. For generations he has brought great talent and love to the Howard Community and this musical production was no exception.

From the dancing to singing to acting, the play thrilled and delighted audiences for a month, until the final curtain call, which left the cast with a standing ovation that lasted 15 minutes. "I tried to get tickets to see it a fourth time, but it was sold out. The play was just really awesome," said Boykin.

--Reginald Simmonds

TO TATOO OR NOT TO TATOO

AND THE PIERCING QUESTION.

by: Tracey Powell

The art of tattooing dates back thousands of years. The word tattoo is derived from the Tahitian word *tatu*, which means to mark something. The early history of tattooing dates back to ancient Egypt, during the construction of the great pyramids. In 1908, New York became the first home of tattooing in the United States.

The Hip-Hop generation has embraced the practice, and no one can walk across the campus of Howard University without eyeing one of the many colorful and creative works of art. Everyone has a different reason for enduring the tattooing process.

"I got my tattoo when I was in high school," said Tracie Jerome, a senior International Business major, who has an unusual strawberry tattooed on her back. "I've always liked them. Right now I'm trying to decide what I'm going to get next."

For many the desire to become a walking tapistry is rooted in youth.

"I've wanted a tattoo since I was young. I wanted to be different," says Cameron Smith, a junior Biology major. He has a tiger tattooed on his right arm.

For others tattoos are a form of culture, tradition and emotion.

"I got my tattoo as a form of self-expression," says Ty Armstrong, a freshman Television Production major who has two tattoos; one of a tiger and the other of his nickname in Chinese writing.

The art of body piercing has been in practice for almost as long as tattooing. It dates back to Roman times, when people pierced their bodies for cultural and religious customs.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Hilltop was founded by alumna Zora Neale Hurston in 1924.



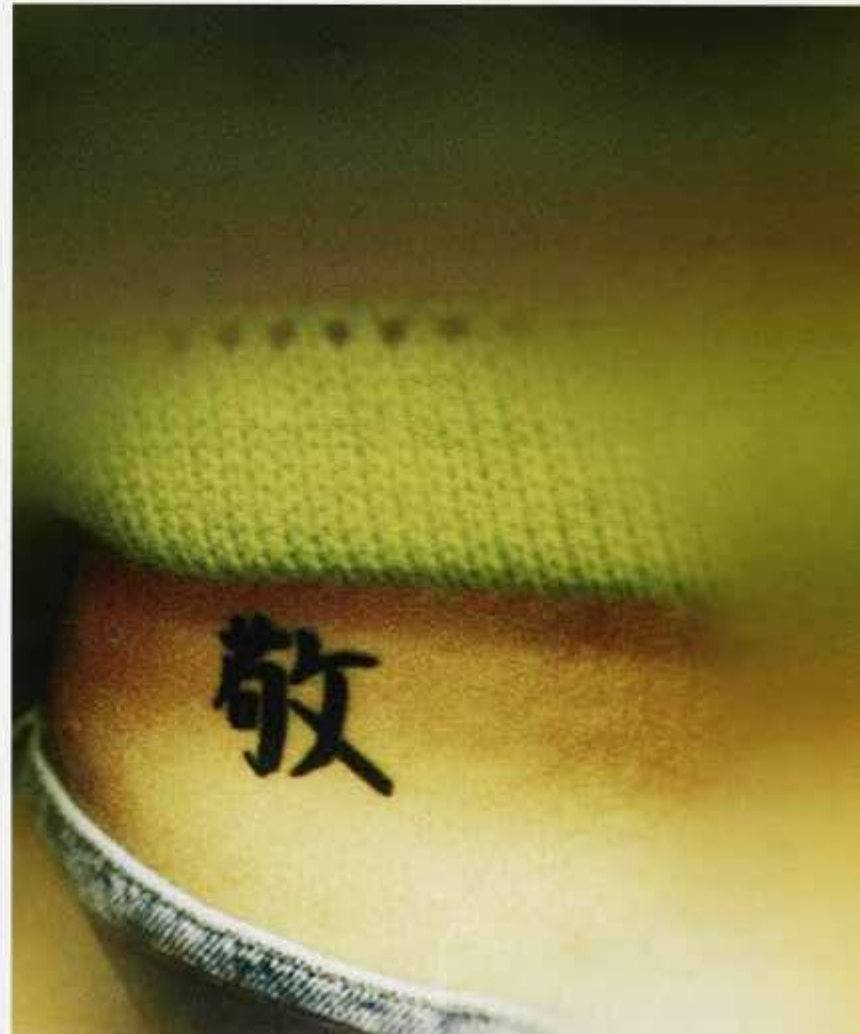
Spencer Fomby, Kia Lee, London Simms and many others are among the generation Xers, who have tattooed and pierced their bodies.

Fomby has a panther, Kia an ankh and London has Chinese writing displayed on their person.

Some Howard students say their piercing leads people to form negative opinions of them. Ilyona Carter, sophomore Math major with her eyebrow, nose and ears pierced said, "People look at me and think I'm gay, but I'm not." Is there pain involved? The answer varies from person to person. "It hurt so bad towards the end, I started crying," said Jerry Ingram, senior Broadcast Journalism major, who has the comedy and tragedy masks tattooed on her back. "It feels like a sewing machine going down your back," she added.

Ilyona Carter, who along with her piercing has two tattoos says the experience didn't hurt her at all.

Both are exciting and personal expressions highly accepted in today's society. With their surge in popularity, tattooing and body piercing are now categorized as fine art and have certainly reached the mainstream in society.



Million *Women* March



Not even the rain could keep close to four hundred and fifty Howard women from making the journey to Philadelphia for the unprecedented Million Woman March. The organizers of the march, Phile Chionesu and Asia Coney, sent the call and sisters reciprocated by coming in droves. Dean of the Chapel, Bernard L. Richardson began the procession for the sisters of Howard University with a prayer of inspiration, thanks, love and protection on their journey to Philadelphia. "I went to the Million Man March in 1995, so I was hoping to have a like experience in Philly," said Renita Watkins, senior Political Science major.

Anticipation ran high as thousands of women flooded the streets and parking lots of the Core States Sports Complex. Venders were located at every corner, hoping to make a buck from the masses of women, which spanned miles from the train station to Benjamin Franklin Parkway where the main stage was set up. The venders walked the streets selling buttons, T-shirts, key rings, bumper stickers, chains, socks, bookmarks and umbrellas.

The light drizzle of rain served as an indelible symbol of nourishment, fertility and nurturing, healing bodies and souls, while soothing away the centuries of pain and suffering. "Even though it's raining I still wanted to be here. I think that it has even more meaning





now that so many women came despite the weather." said Tanisha James, senior African Studies major.

Women and children from all walks of life, triumphed in their engagement with each other. All came from far and wide to answer the call with a sense of sisterhood.

Sister Tynetta Muhammed, the wife of Elijah Muhammed saluted the participants. "Today we ring the true bell of liberty, justice, equality and power!" The sentiments were echoed throughout the day by the powerful platform presenters including, Sister Souljah, Maxine Waters, Jada Pinkett and Ava Muhammed. Pinkett, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies for a portion of the program, instructed sisters to embark upon an "internal revolution," one that would invoke an inner change toward self-empowerment and self-love.

Sister Winnie Mandela was the official Queen Mother of the march. "This day we stand strong with more than a million. We stand countless," said Sister Mandela. Ending always on a high note, Winnie thrust her right fist in the air and proclaimed, Amandla, Awethu! (Power to the People)."

Brothers like Dick Gregory, Blair Underwood and Ben Muhammed (formerly Benjamin Chavis) each stood in support of the march. Brothers were scattered among the crowd, wishing sisters well and singing their praises, lending their assistance to the celebration of sisterhood.

The Million Woman March turned into a march of families. For those who were not in attendance, they perhaps missed the blessing of a lifetime, one that will forever remain in the hearts and minds of those who came.

-- Marilyn Hoosen

Million Man March

One in a Million

Banquet

On October 16, 1995, Howard University played a big part in history by playing a major role in the Million Man March. The march brought men from all over the world to the nation's capital in hopes of healing the burden of slavery and racism and to help African American men take responsibility for their families, communities and most importantly themselves.

Two years removed from the monumental event, Howard once again stepped up to play a major role. At the start of homecoming weekend, members of the Howard University community, both men and women, were drawn to the Blackburn Center ballroom to celebrate the second anniversary of the Million Man March, which was also labeled a "Day of Atonement" worldwide. "I'm very glad that there is still momentum from the march. I would like to see a greater attention and show of respect in honoring the ideas and ideals of the march," said Howard alumnus, Rock Newman.

The banquet held at Howard was organized to celebrate different individuals who are excellent examples of what the march stood for. Among some of the honorees were Jair Lynch; Olympic silver medalist, Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, and Marx Aristide. Lynch, who has been on center stage since his performance in the 1996 Olympics, was honored because of his setting a perfect example of an African-American athlete in today's society. "Each of us have our own role in society and I just try to do my best to reflect the new Black man in America," said Lynch.

Undergraduate student Blair Haley gave an oratorical presentation where he recited excerpts of Minister Louis Farrakhan's speech from the march and received a standing ovation for his efforts. "He was really powerful. I caught a chill up my spine," said Dwayne Haynes, alumnus 1994, who returned for Homecoming.

About his tribute to Minister Farrakhan Haley said, "We are moving towards a new perfect union. There has definitely been a change in the positive direction because of the march."



DID YOU KNOW?
The Million Man March was the largest protest/march in history. The second largest was the March on Washington in the 60s led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Photos by: Edouard Leneus

April Silver, Howard alumna and the MC of the event spoke about the importance of the march to the Black Community and encouraged everyone to embody the spirit and power of October 16, 1995, when the country took notice that the Black man was here to stay. "We have applied those goals collectively. Voter registration has skyrocketed and permanent organizations were begun because of the march. We will always benefit from what happened two years ago," said Silver.

This event provided Howard students, past and present with an opportunity to not only party and fellowship, but also take time out to get back in touch with themselves spiritually. "Our community needs to reflect not only the fun side but how our spirit is growing. This day of atonement is an acknowledging of that. That's why this event is so dear and important to us as Howard students, because we are the leaders of black america," said coordinator Channing Hawkins.

--MarcasMatthews



Lynch is all smiles as he receives his award.

An Evening of Dance

featuring

Kankouran

from Africa to the Mecca

Tuesday night was an evening filled with rich culture. The KANKOURAN was an event to expose people to true meaning of dance and its African origins. Tegene Dulce dazzled the crowd with graceful and innovative dance. "Tegene choreography was magnificent. Sharod's tap dancing was impassioned and the KANKOURAN defied description. Their dancing left me awed and speechless," said Kia Lee, Howard University alumna class of 1997.

As Mother Africa narrated us down a path of African dance, the audience in Cramton Auditorium watched as students from Howard jurned and leaped to the delight of a pack house. "The show was indescribable. It was invigorating, as well as, enlightening. I'm glad I was able to experience such an event," said Nyjat Rose, freshman International Business major. From modern African dance to Caribbean rhythm each dance segment showcased how our ancestors expressed themselves. The evening was a lot deeper than just dancing, it was a celebration of African heritage.



Kankouran dancers showcase traditional African dance for HU.



The KANKOURAN Art dancers closed the show and displayed how African ancestors really moved. With song and a tribal chant incorporated into the music, the Art Dancers used every ounce of energy and told the story of the people.

The audience was captivated by their performance, everyone rose to their feet moved by the dancing. "It was so motivating I could sit and watch all night," says Elford Davis, second year Finance MBA Candidate.

African music origins stems from storytelling and dancing was the universal rhythmic accompaniment to singing. Africans danced for joy, they danced for grief, they danced for love, they danced for hate, they danced to bring prosperity, they danced to avert calamity, they danced for religion and, also, to pass the time.

Dancing was and is a special branch of African education and was always performed to the sounds of drums. The West African drums were by far the oldest original rhythmic instruments.

--Steve A. Jones

DID YOU KNOW?

Lillian Evanti
(Founder of the Negro
Opera Co.), was the
first Black woman
to sing with an
organized Opera
Company.



Kankouran's hand took us back to the Motherland.

An Evening of Poetry

with

Nikki Giovanni

If written words put to a melody make music then the written word put to a rhythmic flow must make poetry. The annual Poetry Show, "For the Brothas and Sistas who Ain't Here," showcased the Howard student body and the world renowned poet Nikki Giovanni.

Everything from love and romance to civil unrest was discussed by the poet in the third event of the '97 Homecoming week. "My favorite poem was Niggas Ain't Sh#!," said Melinda Williams, senior Broadcast Journalism major. "It really made me think about some choices I've made in my own life." Not to be outdone, the Howard women also make a call to their community to reconnect with each other and act like kings and queens.



Matthew Perry dispels the myth that men don't believe in romance.



Nikki Giovanni poems enlighten and entertain her audience.



"Brandi Forte's poem about revolution was on point," said Tiffany Harris, senior Political Science major. "We as Black women need to stop trying to prove our Blackness and stop being caught up in aesthetics and help our people."

The poets hit on just about every topic. From relationships to revolution to self revelation, there was something for everyone to vibe with,

But, undoubtedly the treasure of the evening was Nikki Giovanni herself. She recited everything from "Ego Trippin'," to "I write because I have too." She also spoke to the audience about social issues as if we were her family. And to her they were. "Nikki Giovanni was brilliant," said Steve Fomby, 1997 alumnus "She left me proud of my heritage and unafraid to express my opinion."

-Carmia Marshall



Photo by: Dannette Lambert-Brown



YARDFEST 97

EXPERIENCE

For the fifth consecutive year it rained on the Homecoming Yard Fest. But, the rain would not keep the students from enjoying the festivities. Over 1,000 people gathered on the yard to see old friends, buy African clothing and jewelry from venders, taste exotic food and listen to great music. And they were not disappointed. "I wished it hadn't rained, but I still had a good time," said Tyree Wilson, sophomore Sociology major.

The Yard Fest, titled "A Family Reunion," enticed many back to the Mecca and left most members of the Howard Family reminiscing over old times and anxious to create new memories. The yard was filled with graduates from recent years as well as graduates from the 80s, 70s, 60s and even 50s. Sororities welcomed back old members and sang and stepped on the yard to start off the homecoming weekend.



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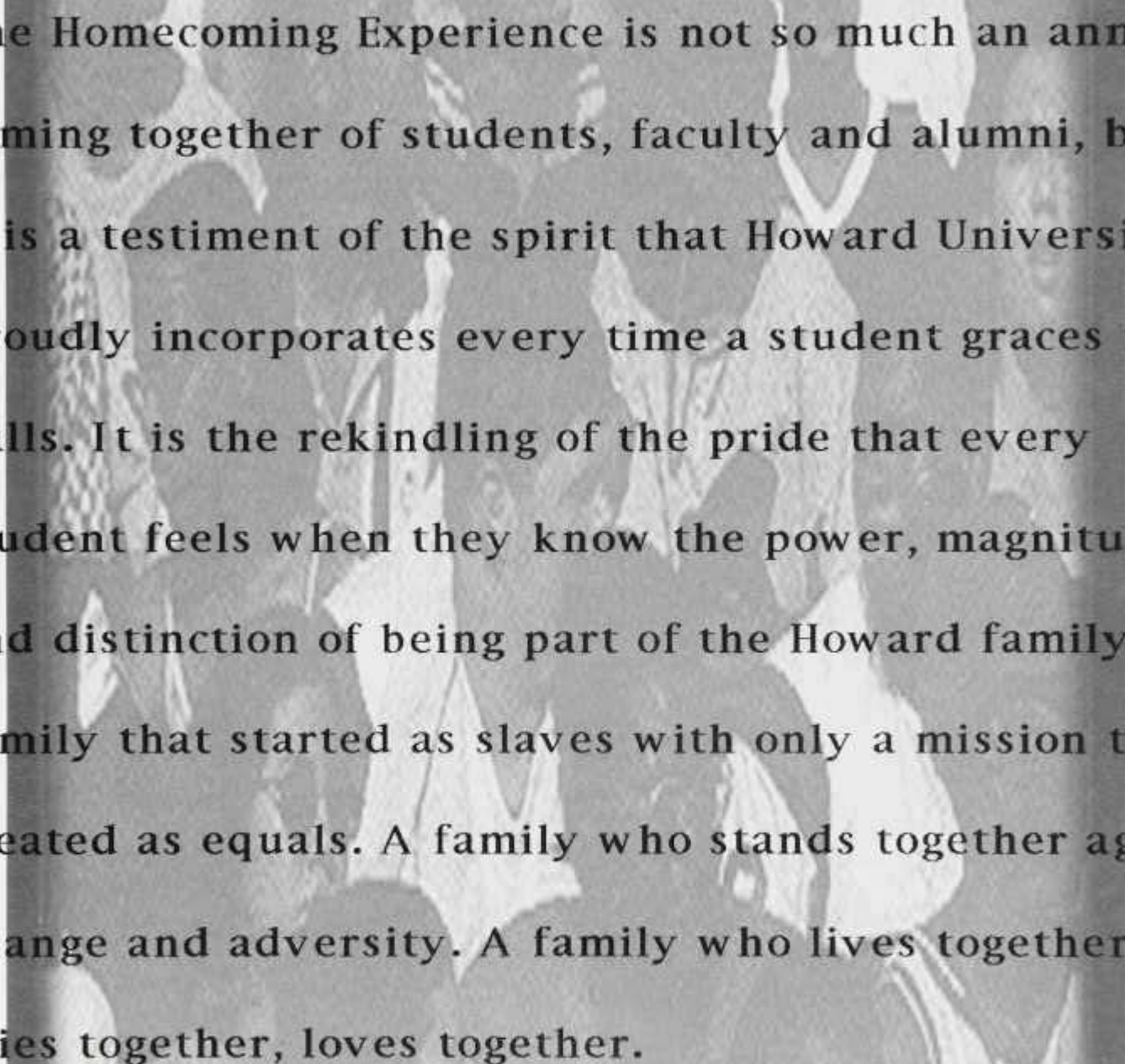
Louis Armstrong was the first African American to preside over the New Orleans Mardi Gras in 1940.

But, the sororities were not the only organizations singing and stepping on the yard. The Alpha's, Kappa's, Sigma's and Omega's joined in on the party and left the yard a regular disco. "This is what a Homecoming is supposed to be like," said Reginald Daniels, sophomore Mathematics major. "Last year Homecoming was whack. This year I now know why my older brothers loved Howard Homecomings when they were here."



The weather went from bad to worse as mist turned to rain and light skies turned dark. But, bad weather could not spoil the excitement that Homecoming was back on the yard for the first time in six years. "I remember Homecoming in the late 80s, those were some of the best times. I'm glad to see it back on the yard where it's supposed to be," said Darrius Gouridine, a 1992 alumnus.





The Homecoming Experience is not so much an annual coming together of students, faculty and alumni, but it is a testament of the spirit that Howard University proudly incorporates every time a student graces its halls. It is the rekindling of the pride that every student feels when they know the power, magnitude and distinction of being part of the Howard family. A family that started as slaves with only a mission to be treated as equals. A family who stands together against change and adversity. A family who lives together, cries together, loves together.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

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H O M E C O M I N G

HOME

Homecoming '97, A Family Reunion, was kicked off with a libation ceremony and fireworks display over Founders Library.

Approximately 300 students, faculty and alumni gathered on the yard to pay homage to the Howard tradition, God and the ancestors, who gave up their lives so we could lead better lives. "It was important for me to atone my behavior," said Curtis Robinson, sophomore Psychology major. "I have taken for granted the opportunity I have here at Howard. Many people in the past and present haven't been as fortunate as I have."

For others the Libation ceremony brought family, friends and alumni back together to relive their years at the Mecca. "I just enjoyed being together with my Howard family," said Tanisha Simms, 1996 alumna. "You never know how much you miss Howard until you've been gone for awhile."

The group sang and some danced as symbolic water was poured from a gourd to salute African ancestors as well as parents, grandparents and mentors. "It was a simple way for me to give back," said Shariffe Ford, senior International Business major. "I loved seeing Black people together in a spiritual event."

As night fell the sky exploded into hues of blue, orange, pink and green. Purple sparks sprinkled down from the sky while oohs and awes from the crowd met the air. The fireworks had begun and so had a new tradition. "The fireworks display was awesome and I'm glad I came to this event," said Stephanie Thomas, freshman Computer Science major. "I didn't know what to expect, but I'm glad I came."

Overall the Libation ceremony was a great way to begin Howard's annual Homecoming week and it started off with a bang.

-- Kia M. Lee



Fireworks burst in the air to conclude the Libation ceremony.



Verve
Howard's Family Reunion
Homecoming 1997

10/10
Mr. & Miss Howard
10/12
Call to Chapel/Gospel Concert
Libation Ceremony
10/13
An Evening of Poetry featuring:
Nikki Giovanni
10/14
An Evening of Dance featuring:
Kankouran
10/15
Comedy Show
10/16
Million Man March
Anniversary Celebration
Fashion Show
10/17
Family Reunion
O'Jays Concert
10/18
Howard Bison vs. Morehouse
Tigers
Step Show
Hip-Hop Concert

FAMILY
R E U N I O N

Kings



And the King and Queen Are??? The 1997 Mr & Miss Howard pageant, "Our Kings and Queend through the Ages," set a new president in Howard's annual beauty pageant by focusing on new competition categories. For the first time contestants were judged on personality, professional wear, oratory skills and African dance, along with the traditional evening wear and talent competiton.

At nights end Robert Hall and Akua Aidoo were crowned Howard's new royalty. Both King and Queen reign in the School of Business.

Winning the crown was a surprise to Miss Aidoo who hails from New Orleans, Louisanna. "I wasn't absoulutely sure that I was going to win. But, I was content with my performance that evening," she said.

The new Mr. Howard was equally as taken aback becaus he is the first male School of Business contest to be awarded the crown. He plans to use his position to better the relationship between the students and administration and to help the community.

"I participate in the Big Brother program and as a Big Brother, my job is not over when the semester ends," he said. "We should always stay in contact."

The different events were not the only differences in this year's pageant. Only seven

contestants participated, which is a sparse turnout compared to previous years.

Ericka Hinton, co-coordinator blamed bad publicity and low academic achievement for the decline. "Some schools just didn't have pageants," she said. "And some contestants were disqualified because they did not meet the criteria that was set, such as a 2.8 GPA and/or they did not have enough credits."

Local radio personality Adimu Colon was the master of ceremonies and learned quickly that a Howard audience is a hard audience to handle. Colon left the stage before the winners were announced due to crowd jeers. Homecoming steering committee Haki Halisi was his replacement. "If the host isn't well versed about Howard, it is hard for them to keep the audience attention," said Hinton.

--LaTonya Clark



Queens

98

Comedy Show

Talent

T.K.Kirkland

Micheal Brooks

Normally, every Homecoming event would be filled to capacity with zealous spectators eagerly awaiting the start of another event. However, the comedy show was a different story. Although the students that attended were excited as they anxiously awaited the comedians crude remarks, Crampton Auditorium was not overflowing with students as it has in years past. Although this did not affect the comedians show, it appeared to be disappointing to many first year students. Freshman biology major, Amber Marshall said, "I was expecting Crampton to be swarming with people. At first I got discouraged and wanted to go back home and study. But, after the first comedian came on I was not going anywhere."

Though Crampton Auditorium was only half full, the amount of laughter coming from the crowd seemed irrepressible. Sophomore Finance major, Cory Totman said, "It was phat! I laughed the entire time. I had to go to the bathroom so bad but, I didn't because I did not want to miss anything."

The Show, hosted by Sam I Am, featured some of the best young comedians out there. It began with him recollecting the days of ole' when times were good and life was simple. He continued his opening act by picking on the many D.C. natives about their style and their city, specifically: the keychains worn around their necks and the pot holes that mar the streets. For students not from this area this was an especially funny part of the show. "I've been wondering for years what's going on in DC. It's definitely the fashion no-no capitol of the world," said Jeanne Wilson, senior from San Diego, California. "I'm not even going to get on the street conditions because DC is just a mess. He made the situations funny, though I have to admit."

The first comedian featured was D.C.'s own Michael Brooks. Brooks, who was featured on Def Comedy Jam, amused the crowd as he spoke about issues that people of all ages could relate to: having your electricity turned off, friends that are always late and nagging signifigant others, not to mention mothers who call in the house from down the street to have you turn the television on for them. The crowd nodded in unison as they laughed out loud at Brooks on stage antics.



Talent has the HU audience rolling in their seats.



Michael Brooks kept the crowd laughing during his comedy act.

“His jokes were funny because I been in those situations,” said Wilson

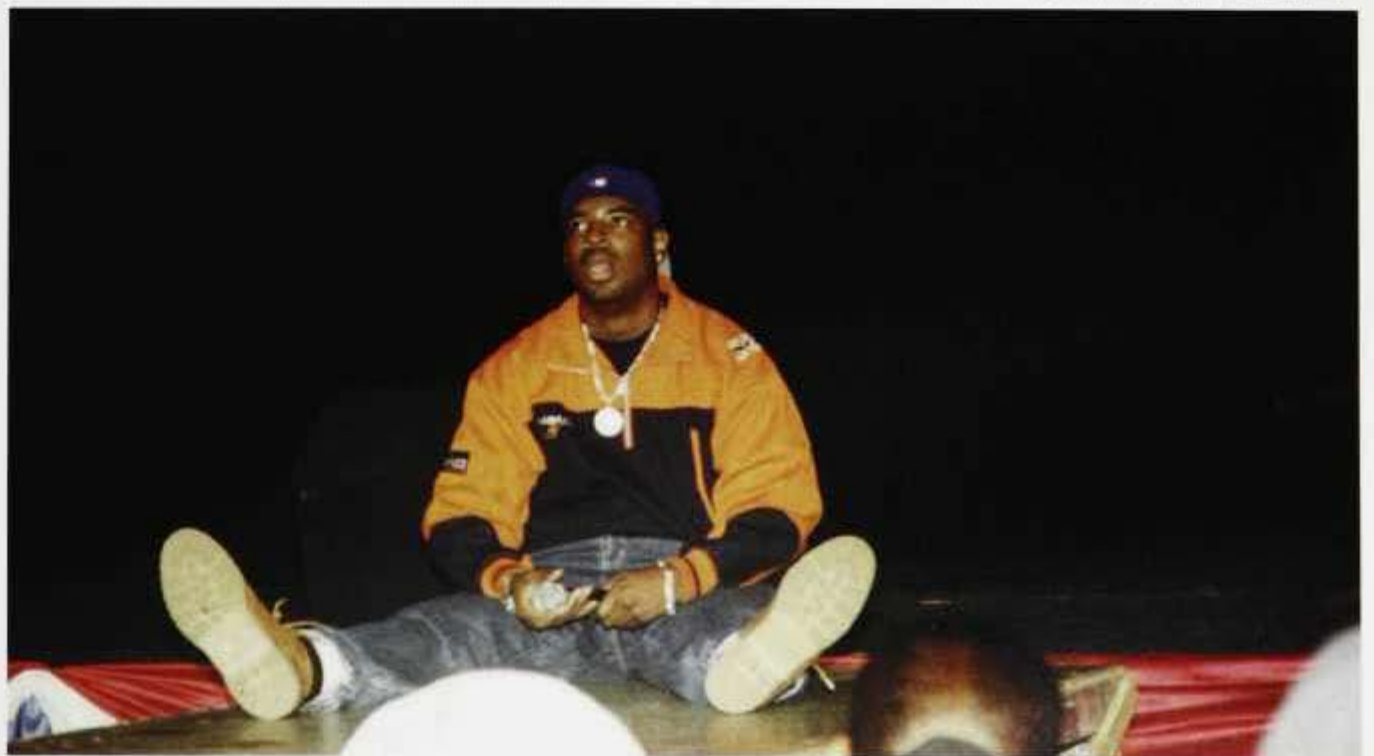
The next comedian, T.K. Kirkland better known as the underground comedian, had the crowd in tears as he added humor to the usually touchy subject of sexuality. With raw jokes reminiscent of Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor or Red Foxx, Kirkland impressed the audience with his crass style and quick wit. By the end of his performance everyone knew not to heckle Kirkland or even get out of their seat. If they did they ran the risk of becoming the butt of a pretty funny joke.

The final comedian of the night, Talent, who has also appeared on Def Comedy Jam, dominated the crowd with his relaxed attitude about love and relationships. “The main reason I wanted to come to Howard’s Homecoming is because I want to do a lot for Black colleges and I believe in supporting them.” he said.

Based on the crowd’s response to the comedians performances, everyone had a great time. Many believe that this year’s comedian’s were the best ever. Local Washingtonian, Robert Haye said, “I’ve been to past comedy shows at Howard and this was the best I’ve ever seen.” Sophomore graphic design major, Shawn Cedno, put it in simpler terms as he said, “The comedians were off the hook.”

Talent uses the art of physical comedy to appeal to the audience.

Photos by: Dannette Lambert-Brown



SHOW FASHION



The lights dimmed and the music began as the models, a myriad of beautiful Black people, rose from the depths of the stage in Cramton Auditorium and broke into the "Ghetto Fabulous," version of the waltz a la Dr. Dre's "Been there, done that" video. One knew instantly that the Fashion Show, "Expressions...A Myriad of One" would carry on the tradition of years past and be the best event of Homecoming week.

Though there were a few fairly well known designers showcased, this year's show focused on up and coming Black designers. As the models graced the catwalk and the two large screens at either side of the stage, the audience was treated to everything from fabulous fake furs to African and hip-hop inspired garb to couture gowns.

"I was so pleased with this year's fashion show," said Celeste Douglas, an alumna of Howard. "It really focused on the clothes rather than how to shock the audience like the Spring Black Arts Fashion Show." This opinion was shared by the audience, who greeted each designer with applause as they too graced the stage with the models at the end of each scene.

This year some scenes, also included some of Howard's illustrious Alumni like Paul Woodruff of DesignsDotCom. "I was asked to do some designs for the show and from there it was decided that there would be a scene featuring DesignsDotCom," said Woodruff. "The notion of networking has always been vital here at Howard whether it's on the undergraduate or graduate level. This was a way of exposing our business to undergraduate students who may need us in the near future and Alumni who may need our services now."



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BISON TIGERS



" Are you ready for some football ! "

October 18 1PM

Greene Stadium

STAMPEDE!!!



BISON TRAMPLE MOREHOUSE 52 - 0

Photos By: Belinda Vickerson

Bison quarterback, Ted White and his receivers did not waste any time showing the Tigers who was boss. White was 13 of 25 on the day with three touchdowns with just three quarters of play. "Our receivers came out Big today, especially MacArthur Johnson. Things just started coming together," said White.

One of White's three touchdown passes went to Johnson. Johnson had the most exciting play of the day shaking Tiger defenders in route to a 73 yard score. Johnson's big day, also included catching five passes for 191 yards, as well as a rushing touchdown to add to the touchdown pass from White. Giving him two touchdowns on the day.

"When it came right down to it The Buffalo Soldiers had too many weapons for us. Howard over powered us. They had guys who could run and we had guys that couldn't [run]," said Morehouse head coach, Doug Williams.

Despite unusually cool weather for homecoming the people came out in droves. Fans that could not fit into the stadium sat on top of buildings. Many famous alumni also attended the game. Debbie Allen and Rock Newman all sat in the special reserved seating with President Swygert. On the sideline, football alumni strolled the sidelines remembering championship days gone by. Jay "Sky," Walker, quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings and quarterback of "93" undefeated Black National Championship Bison football team, watched and gave a nod of approval on White's performance.



HOME SPORTS DAY COMING



Back in Greene, Back on the Yard, Back in a Big Way.

Homecoming 1997 brought in a buffet of sporting events. Homecoming week kicked off on October 12 with men's soccer. The Booters defeated the University of Buffalo that Sunday.



Booters head for Conference Tournament.

The week began with the Booters blanking the University of Buffalo 2-0 at Greene Stadium. "After the Central Connecticut game, it was a wake-up call (to the team)", said Carlington Clarke. "We're destined not to lose anymore. After we win the division conference, we'll go on to win the conference tournament. From there we'll enter the NCAA tournament, and worry about things once we get there.

Shark Attack!

On Friday the Swimming Team competed against the Alumni Swim team. The Sharks defeated the former Sharks 97-90.
Stories by: Derrick Edwards





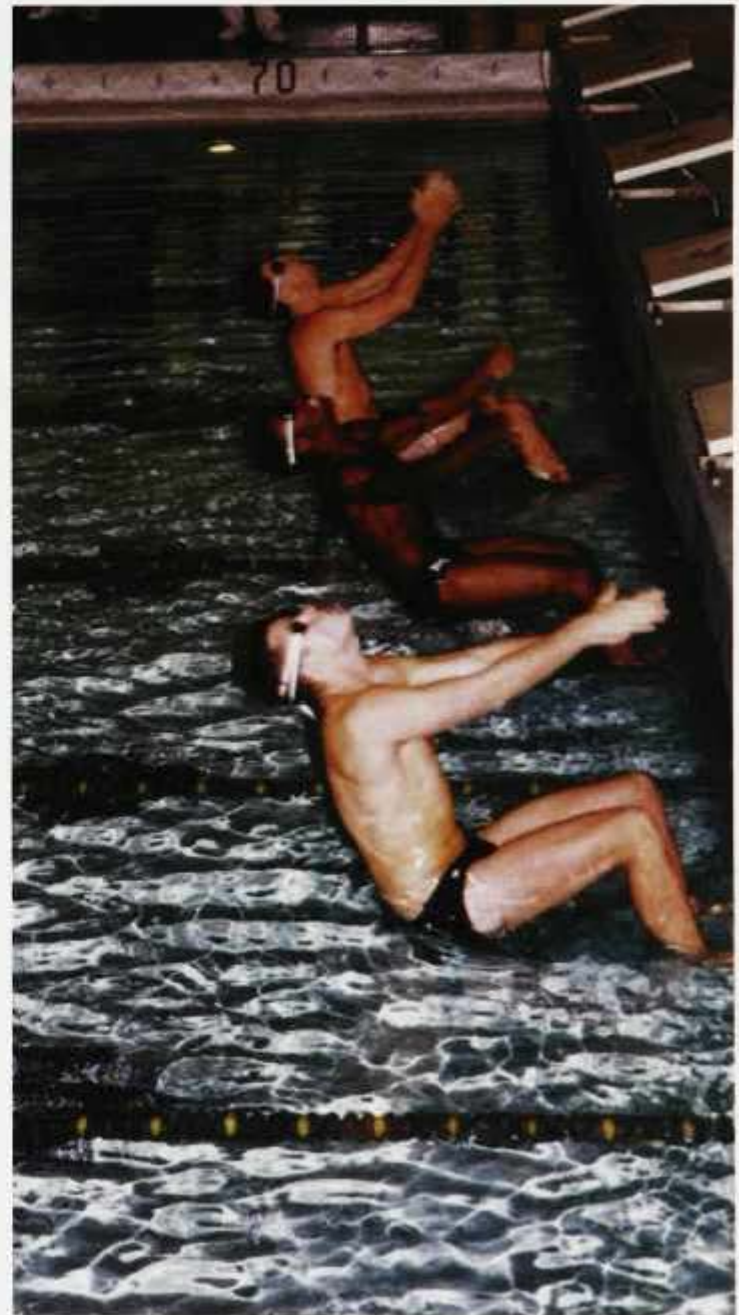
Two-in-One Day.

The volleyball team continued the victory party by beating both arch rival Hampton University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Senior Adrian Lofton capped off her career by being named Player of the Week for October 13-19. "I felt that it was an honor being Player of the Week once. To get honored twice is really special," said Lofton.

EXPERIENCE

DID YOU KNOW?

George Coleman Poage (1880-1962), born in Hannibal, Missouri, was the first African-American to represent the United States in the Olympic Games. He finished fourth in the 400 meters and third in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1904 St. Louis, Missouri games.



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STEP On Up!

Ice-Ice Baby too-cold too-cold, ice-ice Baby the Black and Gold, Pink and Green is so Supreme. Yo baby, yo baby yo!, Q Psi Phi, or Dyno Delta D-S-T, which ever sorority or fraternity that tickles one's fancy stepped in the DC Armory after the 52-0 route of Morehouse College.

For the fourth consecutive year the ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated took home the first place prize in the Homecoming Step Show. Sigma Gamma Rho from the University of Maryland and Spelman's Delta's took second and third place respectively. The packed house was treated to a showcase of intricate steps in unison as they chanted their sorority hymns.

But, not to be outdone the men gave the audience of women, much to scream about. The Kappa's from Temple University stepped with precision and twirled their crimson and cream canes to perfection to win first place. The Beta Bro's of Alpha Phi Alpha reminded everyone that all Pan-Hellenic organizations came from them as they took the audience back to Africa with dazzling steps and traditional African dance and won second place. Third place was seized by Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Theta with Omega Psi Phi disqualified. The Zeta's and Sigma's did not participate in this event.

--Crystal Williams






KRS - ONE

**HEADLINES
HIP - HOP
CONCERT**

After a week of not knowing if there would be a Hip - Hop Concert at HU (for the first time),

The night turned out to be one of the finest in Homecoming history as **KRS- ONE** rocked the Armory and gave an unparelled performance.



KRS-One displays his lyrical flow to the crowd.

The stage cleared and the lights in the DC Armory went dark. The sound of a DJ mixing in the background sent thousands of Howard students running to the stage as KRS-One hit the stage and belted out one of his many hits. "Black Cop, Black Cop, Black-cop, Black Cop," the lyrics to one of KRS-Ones more notorious tunes had the crowd dancing and singing along. "I was just glad there was a Hip-Hop show," said Doug Williams, senior Philosophy major. "When I heard Puffy canceled I just assumed there wouldn't be a concert. It made my senior year Homecoming complete." For the next two hours the DC Armory was a ball of confusion, looking more like a club than a concert. But, the crowd did not seem to mind.



The finale of the concert left the crowd screaming as an exhausted KRS-One left the stage.

For many Howard students KRS-One was a welcomed surprise, part of their generation of rap and to some a true testament that the art form is here to stay. "I was glad Puffy did not come," said Shenita White, junior Radio, TV and Film major. "I'm tired of Puffy, his music is so played out and he can't rap anyway."

She was not the only student whose taste buds were left a little dry by Puffy's lack of loyalty. Many vowed not to buy his records or pay to see him in concert again. Claiming KRS-One is a true artist, in the business to make a difference not just to make money. "Puffy really let Howard down," said Timika Tasby, senior Marketing major. "He went to Howard. I expected a little more loyalty. He is a prime example of reaching the top and forgetting where you came from."

But for others the feature artist change didn't effect them. They came to have fun, dance and visit with friends and family that graduated. "It would've of been nice if Puffy would have come because he is part of the Howard family, but I had a great time watching KRS-One anyway," said Jeremy Morgan, junior Electrical Engineering major.

If the KRS-One concert did not do anything else it taught the student body his philosophy that you must learn.

-- Cristel Williams



KRS-One and friends rocked the house with songs like My Philosophy, Black Cop, You Must Learn and Free Mumia. Fans rushed the stage to witness the art of rap in its truest form. Since the days of Boogie Down Productions, KRS-One has continued to keep it real!

High EXPECTATIONS

The true measure of any **student** has traditionally been **weighed** by the infamous grade point average. Students spend countless hours hibernating; studying the **latest** theories and concepts created by the world's scholars. At **Howard**, knowledge comes in numerous forms. Our education comes from life's many ups-and-downs. But, overall the **Howard Experience** is our best lesson and everyone who graduates, graduates with **honors**.

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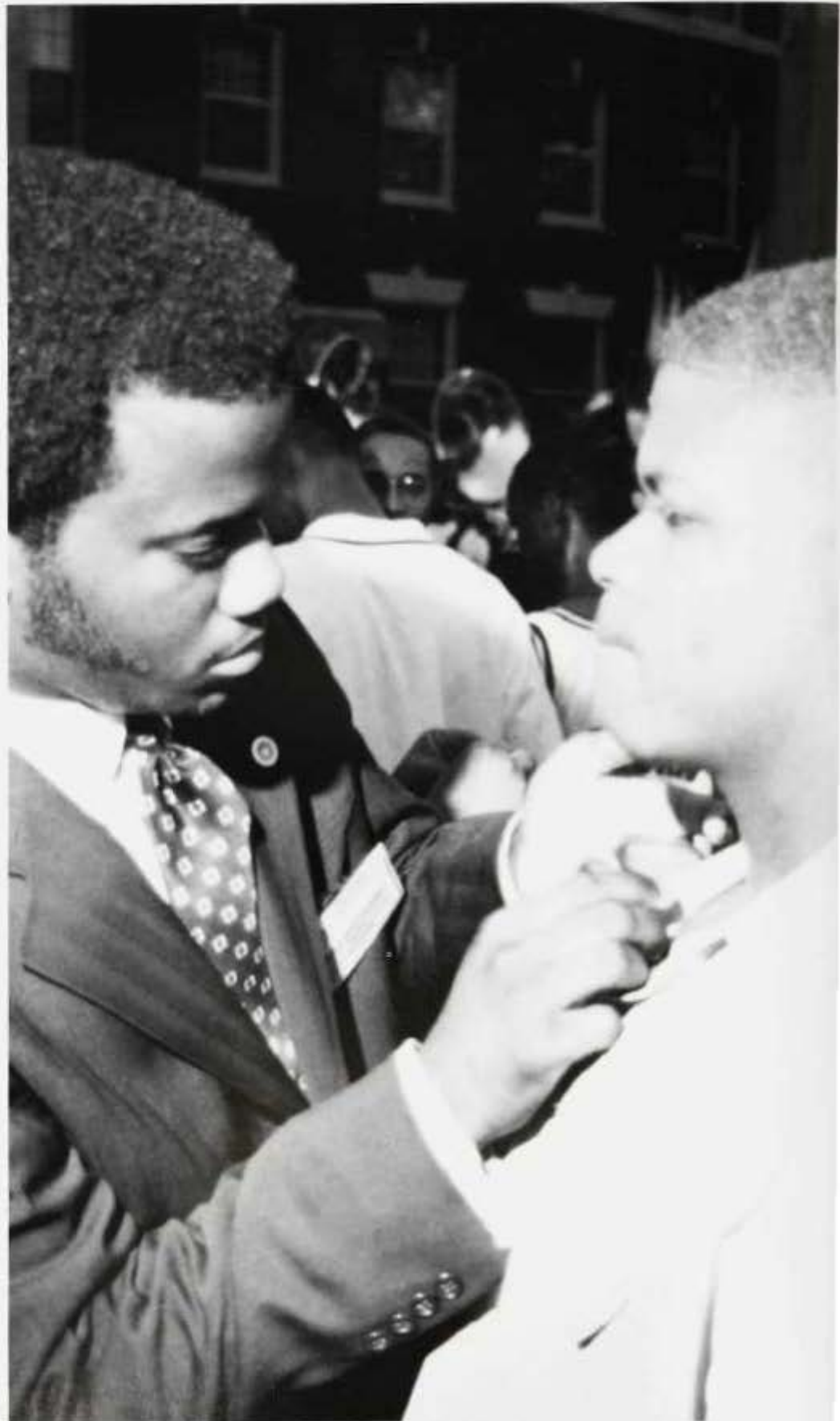
A C A D E M I C S

GENERATION NEXT

For many universities, freshman orientation entails tedious lectures, long-winded guest speakers and absurd statistics intended to prepare new students for their first experience at an institution of higher learning. This year, Howard University is setting the standard for other universities, by taking a new approach to student relations. With every new president, comes new traditions. With that in mind, President Swygert decided to honor the latest additions to the Howard University with a welcoming and pinning ceremony. The entire freshman class endured the ceremony on the yard which included the pinning of every student and a class picture.

"Although it was extremely hot, it was well worth it and plus it gives us something to look back on," said freshman Biology major, Gail Landry.

The Welcoming Ceremony began with a heart-felt and inspirational speech by President Swygert.



Jonathan Hutto. HUSA President pins an incoming freshman.



President H. Patrick Swygert pins a member of the class of 2001.

It then continued with the singing of the Alma Mater and recitation of the Howard Pledge.

Finally the big moment arrived and each freshman was individually pinned by Howard's student leaders, Campus Pals, faculty, staff and alumni.

"It was a great opportunity to see parents and students officially become part of the Howard University family," said Donladi Whitton, a third year Campus Pal.

Freshman orientation continued with an extensive campus tour and the traditional "Meet Your Pal," program sponsored by the Campus Pals. The night ended with the world's longest soub train line on the yard.

"Overall, the activities helped us forget the anxiety of placement tests, the rumors of heartless professors and aided in the transition from high school to college," said freshman Biology major, Amber Marshall.

In it's second year of existence at the Mecca, the pinning ceremony is a wonderful experience for all involved.

And is the first of many great memories that students will acquire during their stay at the Mecca.

--Tracey Powell



Photos by: Edouard Lereux

Vice-President of Husa, Shawn Harvey gives a heart-felt welcome to the freshman class.

EDUCATIONAL CRISIS?



In September, Howard played host to a special taping of America's Black forum.

Photo by: Dannette Lambert-Brown

Affirmative Action was created to bring equality to both the job and education arenas. Recently California and Texas have disbanded their Affirmative Action programs in their respective states. The programs that have been hit the hardest however, are those in higher education where many argue they are most needed.

Many of these programs were created to counteract the sub-standard academic conditions in which most minority youth are forced to attend school. Affirmative Action programs are often the only way many of them will have the opportunity to prove themselves and attend college.

Mid-September brought a special taping of America's Black Forum to the Mecca's Cramton Auditorium, featuring a distinguished panel of Black American's to discuss the direction of education in the African-American community at all levels, from pre-school through college.

In the forum: "Where to, Black America? :An Education Crisis" was attended by powerhouse Black Americans along with a host of students.

Tanya Brooks, a sophomore Accounting major, was just one of many students in attendance. "I have a better understanding of the whole educational system. I took a lot away from the forum," Brooks said.

The panel, moderated by syndicated columnist Juan Williams, featured figures such as Howard's own President H. Patrick Swygert, Leslie Thornton, Chief-of-Staff of the US Department of Education, Kweisi Mfume, President of the NAACP and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, former NBA star and author.

"Indirection has been a major problem for the last 30 years," said panelist Shelby Steele, Research Fellow for the Hoover Institution. "Rather than treat the students' mind, we need to treat their psychology. This will raise academic standards of students," Steele said.

While discussing such issues as Ebonics, Affirmative Action and the improvement of the report cards for Black children in America, some panelist got hot under the collar and shot back with heart-felt statements.

"Look what [the dismantling of Affirmative Action] is doing to the dignity of the Black community," said Leslie Thornton. "Affirmative action is a national policy that brings about social justice and hope," Thornton said.

--Zerline E. Hughes



Former NBA Star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar joined the forum for education in Black America.

Photos by: Dorette Lambert-Brown

SHOW ME THE MONEY!!

Mo' Money, Mo' Money is the latest cry of Howard administrators as they cash in on student's inability to make wise choices about the classes they take. Students are now being charged an additional fee of \$20 dollars for each class added and dropped past the registration deadline. Although the rule has always been on the books for years, it has not been enforced until the Fall 1997 semester. "Howard's going to charge me \$20 dollars to change my mind! That's nonsense!" exclaims Jermaine Sumra, junior Communication major.

With Howard's renewed efforts to acquire additional funds, they have decided to hit the students with an additional blow to the pocketbook by enforcing this antiquated rule, according to Anan Mahone.

Mahone, a senior English major said "Changes in program should be included in the tuition. Students shouldn't have to pay just to add and drop." Mahone is not alone in his anger.

"I'm not surprised, it seen as though the administration is always looking for another way to take our money. Now it's just getting ridiculous," said Shana Golding a senior Psychology major.



LaShandra Sullivan takes a moment to fill out an add/drop slip.



Miss Sullivan reflects on the University's new charge.

Regardless of reason, the fee will be applied. It is now imperative that all students thoroughly consider each class they are registering to take, because if you change your mind there will be a penalty to your pocket.

Howard stands behind the rule and uses the defense that other schools have always charged additional fees to make changes in program. But if Howard's mission is developing black leadership for America, shouldn't Howard provide the example by being a leader in all other areas, especially that of providing students with the most efficient means to attain a quality education.

"I think it is unfair, Howard always tries to stick it to their students by adding another ridiculous expense to our bills. This will make it that much harder for us to adjust our schedules because we now have another bill to worry about," said Kim Gaines, senior majoring in film.



Giving up the money to add/drop a class.

Photos by: Dannette Lambert-Brown

OCCUPATIONAL ORGINAZATIONS



President and Vice-President Leslye James and Cherron Murrell of H.U.F.O. critique a student film.

Photo by: Melba Williams

Howard University's student body and faculty present students with a unique opportunity to interact and fellowship with people from all walks of life, including the business world.

These relationships flourish, not only in social or academic clubs, but in occupational organizations as well. "I learned a lot from the people in my organization," said Melanie Jackson, a member of Society of Professional Journalist. "It makes me feel good to know other students have the same concerns as I do."

Organizations such as the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the National Association of Black Accountants and the International Business Society give students different perspectives on the "Job World."

Not only do they offer information on the students chosen profession, they also offer mentorship, workshops and hands on experience through internships.

Senior International Business major, Walter James believes the International Business Society is beneficial because it gives business students first-hand experience in studying abroad.

"Customs and foreign relations must be learned in order to be successful in this particular field," James said. "Without this organization, I don't know whether I would of received that part of my education."

Senior Radio, TV & Film major, Brett Gardner contends that not only do student organizations provide students with hands-on experience they also foster a spirit of camaraderie.

"HUFO [Howard University Film Organization] gives students experience in working with others and in accepting criticism from their peers," said Gardner. "In a field as competitive as film, that can only help prepare you for what's ahead."

--Juan Green

JOB HUNTING

If you ask most students about it, they'll probably say something like "A what?" or "We have one of those?" The Career Placement Center certainly does not have the fan-fare of a Ritz or a Quigley's. Nor do they have free drinks before 11:00 p.m. But, what the Career Placement Center does have is jobs--and lots of them.

What exactly does the Career Placement Center do? The center acts as a go-between for employers and students. "The center helps students by critiquing resumes, coordinating interviews with companies, on campus recruiting, career possibilities and discussing the pluses and minuses of various companies to help students choose the best job offer," said Rufus Robinson, Assistant Program Director.

The center is not some new discovery, in fact, its been in existence for over 40 years, yet like on most college campuses, Howard's career center is underutilized. "I didn't find out about the job center until my senior year," said Robert Towns, a senior Business Administration major. "But I'm glad Howard has one, it made my transition from college life to professional life much easier."

The Career Centers objective is to help every student who graduates find a job. It, also, helps students receive interships, fellowships and Co-Op opportunities. and even more important the services are free. The biggest hurdle to getting a job after graduation is and making the right connections, the Career Center can help.

"We usually see the students we don't need to see--the ones who already have the jobs lined up," said Robinson. "Others come in around May and by then they miss the cycle," Robinson adds.

Another fact the center tries to reinforce to students, is that employees are looking for skills not necessarily if students are History or Psychology majors. They care about what skills the student can bring to the table," Robinson said.

The Career Placement Center, which has its main branch in the School of Communication also has sister branches in the Schools of Business and Engineering, it is not exclusively for undergraduate students; faculty and graduate students can also make uses of its resources. Of course the most important factor in any job search is determination, as Robinson puts it,

"The cream rises to the top."

--Jeff Lyles



Carol Dudley of the career placement center discusses career options with a student.

Photo by: Eric Boykin

TEACHERS OF TOMORROW

A part of the Howard experience has always been to provide it's students with the tools needed for success in a world that does not always want them to succeed. In the student teacher program those tools are being taught to Howardites of today and tomorrow.

"I love kids. A few years ago I was a camp counselor and I loved to see the kids faces light up when they learned something new. I want to be the kind of teacher who means something to her students," said Robin Robinson, a fifth year student in the Elementary Education Program.

Howard's Future Teachers of America must enter a five-year program in which they complete four years of general study on the undergraduate level before progressing to the more hands-on study in graduate school. "The first semester students in the program go to teacher's classes and observe. During the second semester the students go out and teach in classes in the District.

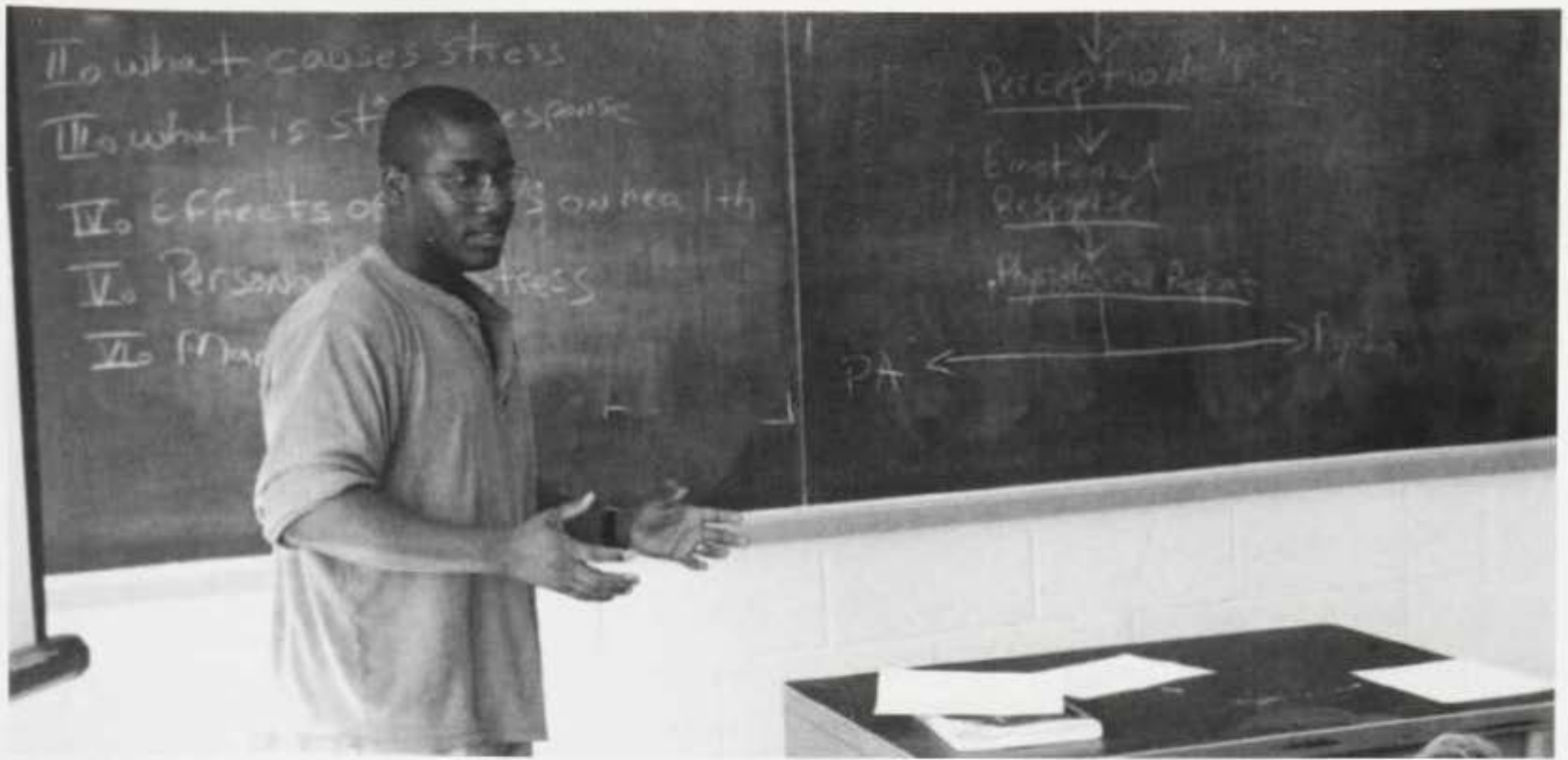
"The program allows you to get a feel for students while you still have someone backing you up," Robinson said.

But, Robinson is not the only student teacher getting her feet wet with the District's youth.

Chonda Sanders, is another Howard student that has begun her student teaching. "The students I am



Dan Mumford takes pride in teaching.



Physical education is just one of the many subjects taught by future teachers like Dan Mumford.



Photos by: Eric Hall

teaching give me a realistic view of the students I may be teaching after graduation," Sanders said.

Sanders is currently teaching in the DC Jump-Start Program, which was initiated to help students prepare for the coming school year. The Jump-Start Program became increasingly important due to the three week delay in the start of the 1997-98 school year.

According to Dan Mumford, a Howard Alumnus from 1997, being a good teacher is not just about teaching kids their ABC's.

"I've seen a lot of bad teachers. Good teachers stick in your mind. You will never forget the first teacher that made you dream and explore. But more and more it seems that many of the teachers are just out to get a check and the kids are the ones who suffer," Mumford added.

The on the job training will hopefully provide Howard University students with enough experiences to help them decide if teaching is the correct career choice. Because in this day and age it is detrimental to a child's character, to have a positive school experience.

The Howard University Future Teacher's of America seems to be a beneficial transitional system for those who want to go from being a student in a classroom to being the teacher in the classroom. After graduating, the new teachers enter their profession with confidence knowing they are thoroughly prepared for their job.

--R.L. Simmons

WEEKEND WARRIORS

Most college students start the weekend off with a sweet sigh of relief from a week's worth of academic triumphs and the anticipation of the Ritz or DC Live nightclubs. At the same time, Saturday is just another school day for some Howard students.

"I do miss going to parties and staying out late, but since I had my daughter, Saturday classes are my only means of graduating on time," said Daphne Terrill, a junior Political Science major.

Why would anyone want to spend part of their precious weekend laboring in the confines of a classroom? Students such as Sohada Smith, a first year graduate student, believe weekend classes provide students with a great degree of leeway in scheduling.

"I'm a part-time student, so Saturday classes are convenient and time-wise, for me," Smith said. "Work and life can make attending school during the week a very difficult task, Saturday classes help."

Professor Sola, a tenured instructor in the School of Education, believes that in addition to being convenient for



Saturday classes give students who have to work a break.



Students participate in the new wave of education, Saturday classes.

scheduling, Saturday classes have an added appeal.

"It [class] is much more relaxed on Saturday's. We've just decided to start bringing in food each week," Sola said. Saturday classes are smaller and according to Sola provide students with a fresher, more vibrant atmosphere.

But like her classmate Vanessa Harvey, a second year Counselor Psychology major, agree that Saturday classes have obvious drawbacks, but feels older students can handle the bad with the good.

"One big disadvantage is that you can't stay up and party all Friday night," Harvey said. "But, I think these drawbacks would affect a undergraduate student more. I wouldn't recommend them to an undergrad unless they were extremely dedicated.

Professor Sola adds, "A lot of students work during the week, so the Saturday class [is] sometimes a burden. Students want their weekends off. But the alternative--coming to class after work--that's not so good either. So, Saturday class might be the lesser of two evils."

--R.L. Simmons

Photos by: Danelle Lambert-Brown

Students participating in Saturday classes have a more relaxed learning environment.

ALTHOUGH STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONSIDERED EXTRA-CURRICULAR THEY ARE, NEVERTHELESS, A VITAL PART OF THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. WHETHER ONE IS A MEMBER OF THE LADIES OF THE QUAD OR GENTLEMAN OF DREW, AS A FRESHMAN, WHETHER THEY MARCH ON WASHINGTON AS A MEMBER OF THE NAACP OR STEP ON THE YARD IN ONE OF THE NUMEROUS FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES, ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE TIES THAT BIND THE STUDENT BODY IN THE HOWARD EXPERIENCE.

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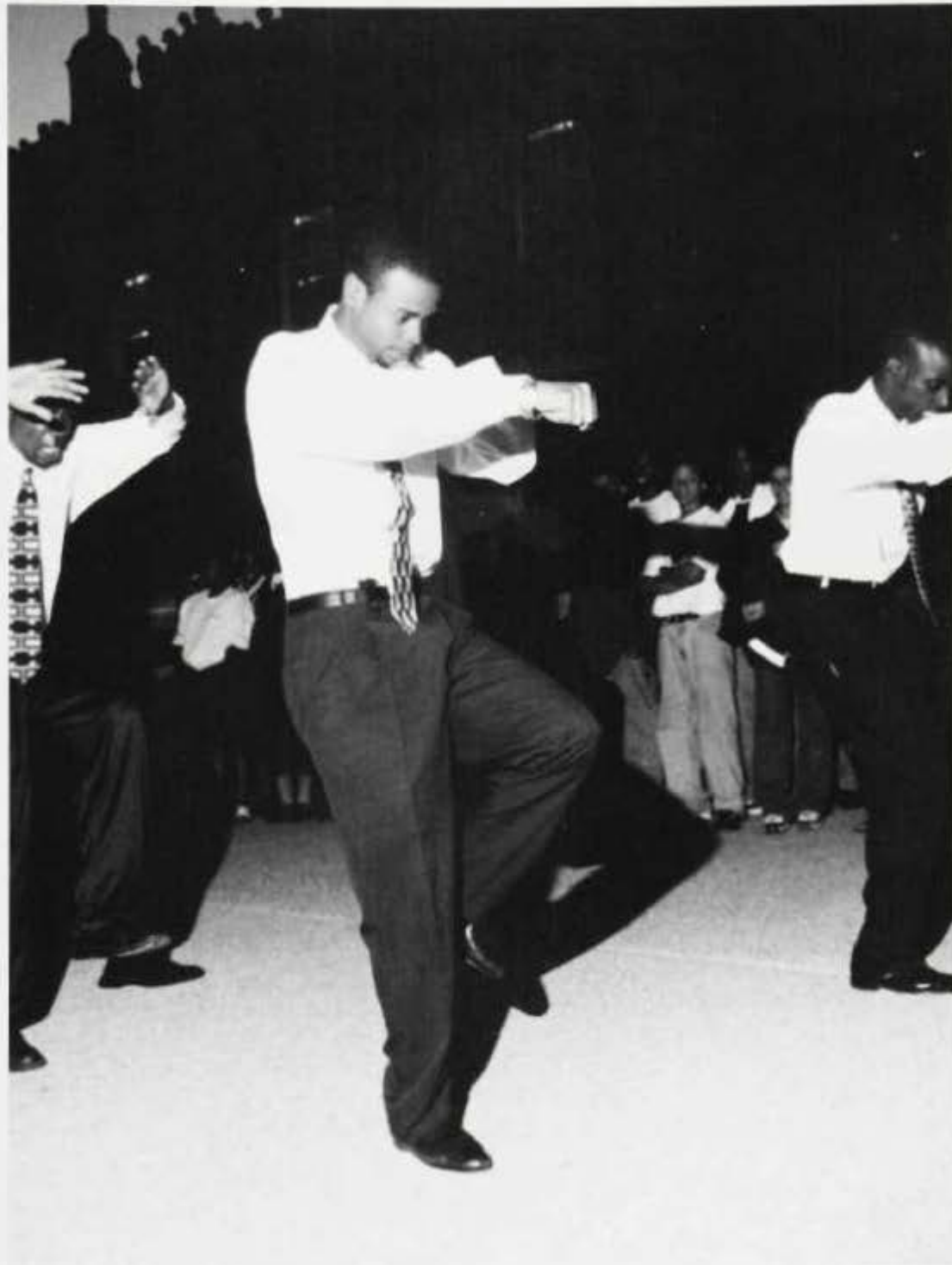


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Rachelle Akuffo

Row 2: Tatiana Laroche, Antonio Jeffrey



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President, LeShawnda Larkin-Vice-President

Row 2: Keisha Sumner, Leah Patterson

Row 3: Medina Senghore, Tshilomba Ngandu, Verna
Smith



American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Row 1: Marianna Pitts, Lakesia Phillips, Danny
Brown, Toni A. Watson

Row: Arionne anderson, Eboni K Crayton,
Bernadette Bourdreaux

Row 3: Jason Bush, Rahsaan Patterson

International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi , Iota Rho Chapter

Row 1: J. Allen Davis, Adia May, Nikkita Bryant,
Maisha Sabir, Adria Barnes, James Chasten

Row 2: Dacia McCall, Kenya Williams, Kiva Dale,
Chareese Hayes

Row 3: Aisha Youins, Abbey Anodu, Kisha Johnson,
Keisha Lowe



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Row 1: Marcia Hancock, Janine Pettiford

Row 2: Gia Landry, Angelique McCoy, Syreeta
Robinson, Jerrilyn Jones, Deidre Westbrook, Jarita
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Row 3: Carla Prudent, Tracee Burroughs, Ameenah
Rasid, Marie Bavwidinsi, Julii Scott, Annie John

Row 4: Tiffany Speas, Karen Mitchell, Nakia Smith,
Nicole Dancy, Tiffany Bratts, Annick Vilmenay,



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Thomas, Idrissa Battle

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Ramsey, Nia Abdullah, Shawn Harvey

Row 4: David Freeman, Kirk Adair



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Kantayeni Walker
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Row 3: Lorraine Collins, Titi Odunfa
Row 4: Avery Jones, Don Lake, Geraldine Lazarre,
Stanley Saplding



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Coleman
Row 2: LaTifa Brawell, Arkisha Nridgeman, James
Knight
Row 3: Anica Washington, Miracle Meeks, Kara Jiles
Row 4: Avery Jones, David Beerram, Jr. Jamari
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Row 4: Tamika Taylor, Marinda Tomasm, Lystrane
Maynaro
Row 5: Damian Young





National Society of Black Engineers

Row 1: T. Rhoulac, C. Barnes, C. Barnes, E. Daniels, A. Anderson, L. Thomas, W. Smith

Row 2: I. Battle, A. Newton, K. Collins, L. Hall

Row 3: R. Thompson, T. Tasby, T. Stafford, D. Cottingham, V. Smith, D. Brown, V. Marshall

Row 4: Y. Carn, M. Pitts, L. Barlow, K. Sumner, W. Taylor

Row 4: S. Roberts, E. Crayton, B. Boudeax, S. Harvey, N. Abdullah, K. Holmes

Row 6: L. Williams, M. Reid, M. Armstrong, F. Uku



Psychology Club

Row 2: Julii Scott, Tanesha Buggs, Jennifer Joyner

Row 2: Nicole Perrib, Denalerie Johnson, Sherry Persaud, monica Foast, Shareen Yearwood, Daudi Gardner

Row 3: Nicole Jackson, Maria Ellis, Gregory Fletcher, Tyra Brown, Hamady Daillo, Courtney Epps



Society of Women Engineers

Row 1: Lakesia Phillips, Stephanis Roberts, Charlens Barnes

Row 2: LaToya Thomas, Marianna Pitts, Arionne Anderson, LaVenta Barlow, Debra Cottingham, Bernadette Bourdreaux

Row 3: Keisha Sumner, Eboni Crayton, Toni Watson, Cryatal Barnes



Tau Beta Sigma

Row 1: Lashonsa Matthews, Nicokle King

Row 2 :Monica Graham, Danyelle O'Neal

WHBC Radio 830 AM

Row 1: J. Kelly, S. Green, N. McManus, D. Williams, J. Fejoku, A. Battle

Row 2: L. Brown, M. Grant, I. James, B. Montana, K. Anderson, T. Manning, I. Kennerly

Row 3: D. Whitley, L. Derrough, K.Manderson, M. Jackson, C. Davis, M. Morris

Row 4: J. Brown, S. Grayson, K. Russell

Row 5: C. Coleman Jr., S. Madison, T. Muhammad, C. Royer, T. Lum, R. Check



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter

Row 1: Shawn E. A. Jones, Tamika Tasby, Staci Patterson, Leshawnda Larkins, Adia May

Row 2: Mafara Hobson, Eboni Wallace, Medina Senghore, Tiffany Scott, Karia Kelch, Monica Barnes

Row 3: April Atkins, Alicia Winston, Garrette Ford, Tara Johnson, Joi Huff

Row 4: Kimberly Houston, Lauren Bladen-White, Roxanne Lawson, Jeanine Staples, Nalo Washington

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Row 1: Gregory Fletcher, Christopher Tyson, Brian Smith
row 2: Drew Watkins, Donladi Whitten



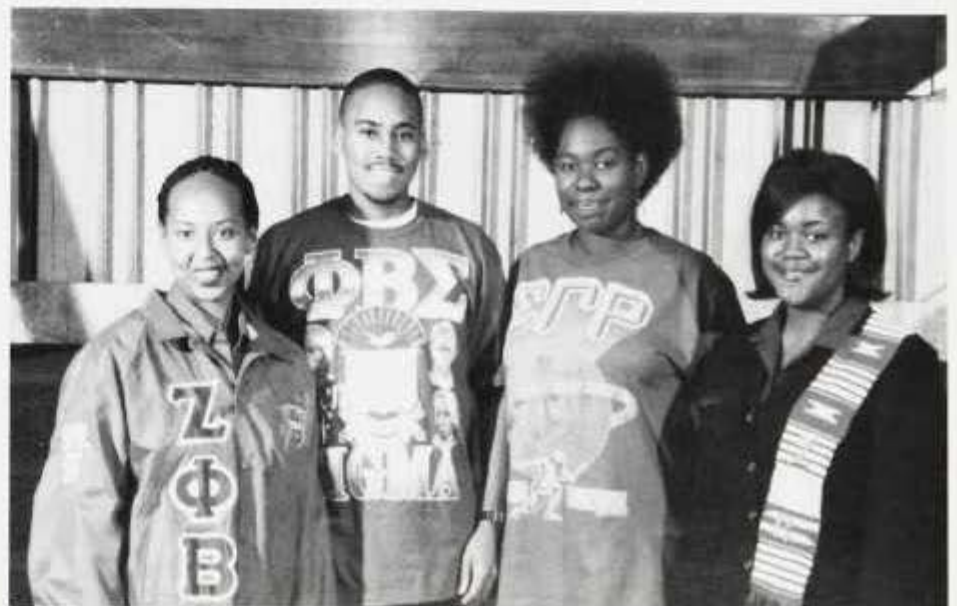
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Fraternity, Inc.
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Row 1 Leonard Robinson
Row 2: Thaddeus Richburg, Erik Thomas, La'Mont Geddis
Row 3: Michael Sheridan, Che Sayles
Row 4: Orlanda A. Pizana, Abraham R. Kamara, Jr., Gregory Gumbs
Row 5: Ellery D. Coleman, San McDonald Jr., Andre C. Samuels, Shamarlas G. Allens



*PanHellenic Council,
Howard Chapter*

row 1: Cecilia Baskett, Tianna Hill
Row 2: Damien Harris, Ebony Jackson



*Phi Beta Sigma,
Fraternity Inc.
Alpha Chapter*

Row 1: Lindell Williams, Howard McCallum Damien Harris

Row 2: Khalif Ronald Horne, Jr., Carl Coward, Jr., Kevin Parks, Kyle Coleman



*Sigma Gamma Rho
Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Phi Chapter*

Row 1: Melanie Proctor, Ebony Jackson

*Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Chapter*

Row 1: Tianna Hill, Cecelia Baskets

Row 2: Dawn White, Genevieve Meadley





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Lacrosse Club
1997-1998

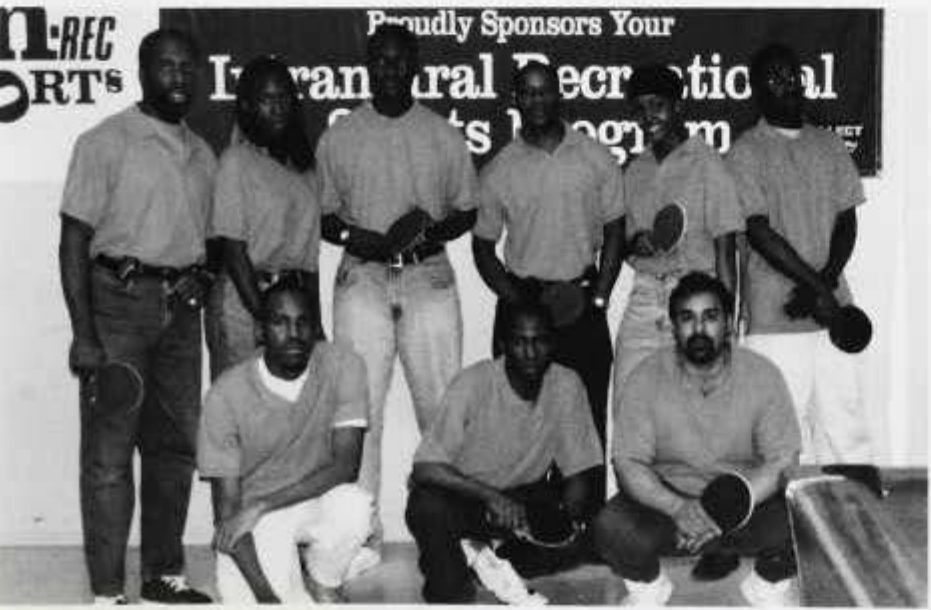


Table Tennis Club
1997-1998

Allied Health Student Council

Row 1: Michelle Morgan, Talitha Watkins, Jacqueta Charles

Row 2: Tracey Nicole Austin, Garland Dabney



Arts and Sciences Student Council

Row 1 S. Jones, A. Charleston, K. Cooke, M. Barnes, K. Cobb

Row 2: L. Singleton, J. Greene, J. Jones, A. Gore, I. Williams, M. Marshall, T. Brown

Row 3: T. Wilson, T. Dupree, W. Hudson, III., S. Lewis

Row 4: A. Perkins, Thompson, L. Greer, T. Burroughs, D. Kelsey, K. Mitchell, J. Chaney

Row 5: K. Sheppard, T. Bratts, D. Meehan, C. Jackson, M. Skinner

Row 6: K. McMorris, D. Waters, D. Watkins, C. Coleman, Jr.



Graduate Student Council

Row 1: Randy Short, Amy Fredrick, Jean-Marie Jean-Pierre, Kim Richardson

Row 2: Baruti Jahi, Cylton Collymore, LaVerne Chambers



Engineering Student Council

Row 1: T. Watson, T. Stafford, T. Tasby, K. Holmes, W. Taylor
Row 2: D. Brown, L. Phillips, I. Battle, A. Anderson, Y. Carn,
L. Williams
Row 3: T. Rhoulac, C. Barne, L. Barlow, S. Roberts, C. Barnes
Row 4: K. Sumner, K. Collins, L. Thomas, R. Thompson
Row 5: B. Boudreaux, D. Cottingham, M. Pitts
Row 6: V. Smith, J. Bush, R. Patterson, E. Watson
Row 7: E. Crayton, W. Smith
Row 8: K. Adair, D. Freeman, A. Romain, A. Karim, K. Orleng,
J. Hoylett



Howard University Student Association

Row 1: Taneika Hughes, Christinia McWilson,
Candace Taylor, Jami Harris, Aaliyah Perkins, Terah
Jackson
Row 2: Howard Brown, Yvette Pryor, Brandi
Aldridg, April Turner
Row 3: Shawn Harvey, Johnathan Hutto



Undergraduate Student Assembly

Row 1: Damon Waters, Deana McRAe, Zhaundra
Jones, Jonelle Lewis, Tamika Tasby
Row 2: Shantelle Lewis, Stephaine Miller, Sparkle
Williams, LaToya Godley





Abslom Jones/Canterbury Student Association

Row 1. Gail Dale, Father J. Carleton Hayden,
Michael Pounds

Row 2. Alaba Robinson, Dr. Dorothy Harrison,
Raymond Blanks, Kimberley Cooke

Row 3. Audry Donaldson, Mark Strong, Mwahss



H.U. Adventist Students Association

Row 1. Orlean Brown, Cynthia Tolbert, Lorna Jones

Row 2. Moniquw Nelson, Africa Faison, Allison
Dobson

Row 3. Andrew Jeffers, Brian Sirls, Kevin Dobson,
Lynson Riviere



Alpha Omega Steppers for Christ

Row 1. Carolina Mungai

Row 2. Tara Anderson, Afi Bell

Row 3. Miranda Gant, Patrice Richardson, Felicia
Dayle

Row 4. Nicole Heslop, Janiece Edwards, Gabrielle
Fleurinor

Row 5. Massah Squire, Willia Hector, Jimmy Dye,
Mia Somersall



Baptist Student Union

Row 1. Nicole Wiggins, Maisha Armsrong
 Row 2. Arkisha Bridgeman, Joy Singleton
 Row 3. Michelle Allison, Monique Brown



Rejoyce in Jesus Campus Fellowship

Row 1. Philp Ohingo
 Row 2. Uloma Onyegbula, Chika Tehillah Ohorio
 Row 3. Angela Goodwin, Tonia Petty
 Row 4. Anika Sandy, Tenesha Jackson, Donna Brown



Wesley Foundation

Row 1. Akilah Massey, Rashida Matthias, Charyl Johnson
 Row 2. Vanessa Willford, Michelle Morgan, Rev. Burton L. Mack, Chereese Hayes, Shon-tiyon Horton
 Row 3. Tiff Charley, Keela Seales, Mihisha Evans-Henderson, Maenell Means



Carribean Student Association

Row 1. Easton Moore, Dwayne Levemove, Neil Martin, Janice Carter
 Row 2. Patreece Debreau, Tricia Fletcher, Tashara Adderley
 Row 3. Sashasees Olley, Sherry Persand, Akika Sandy, Dave Gosse, Steven Robinson
 Row 4. Vincetta Gordon, Nehemiah Prince, Jolene Speare, Alexis Brobder, Dojn Lake
 Row 5. Ravye McCartney, Collion Smith, Romain Scott, Marvin Hewitt



Haitian Student Association

Row 1. Edouard Leneus
 Row 2. Sandy Dorsainvil, Joana Magny
 Row 3. Robert Hall, Joseph Paul
 Row 4. Nancy Durand



The Alabama Club

Row 1. Troy Bishop, Nina Cadney, Valencia Latting, Erika Wortham
 Row 2. Jennifer Jones, La Quoyah Mc Daniel, Adrienne Newton
 Row 3. LaShandra Sullivan, Adrienne L. Moore, Jamila Hoyett, Katrina Thomas, Quiana S. Shaw
 Row 4. Tshilumba Ngandu, Terence Jackson

Chicago People's Union

- Row 1. Anthony M. Estelle, Tiffany L. Watkins,
Jamari D. Hoskin
Row 2. Nichole A. Sampson, Arkisha Bridgeman,
Amita Montgomery
Row 3. Danny Everett, Jason A. Benoit, Kris
Pressley
Row 4. Sheena Birgans, Tiffany D. Jones, Tyasha
Brown
Row 5. Tarina Williams



Georgia Club

- Row 1. Caree Jackson, Joi A. Huff, Je'Mia Jones,
Jason M. Tatuhe
Row 2. Staci E. Patterson, Michelle Arrington, Amber
Marshall
Row 3. Tiffany J. Daniel, Kim Bizzell, Tamiks Woods
Row 4. Douglas Hoolher, Jolonda Greene, Shawanda
Brown, Tamara Merritt
Row 5. Khari Little, Rashida Harrington, Jacyn Cook,
Maisha Armstrong



Louisiana Club

- Row 1. Shantrelle Lewis, Erika McConduit, Deverick
Ferrand, Keyana James, Carmen Obianwu
Row 2. Drew Anderson, Sharon Duplantier, Jabari
Young, Jade Brown
Row 3. Keith Ferrouillet, Kietta Young, Alexis Parent,
Eden Reff
Row 4. Jason Bush, Gregory Fletcher, Darius
Bickham, William Walker



Michigan State Club

- Row 1. William Hamilton
Row 2. Shenita Johnson, Lakeisha Beasley
Row 3. Bernadette Boudreaux, Karla Johnson,
Adrissa Wimberly, Izegbe N'Namdi
Row 4. James Carter, Jason Epps, Sterling Wise



Tennessee Club

- Row 1. Lakeesha Woods, Lori Terrell, Shayla
Monroe, Jacquetta Charles, Nicole Moore
Row 2. Hana Carmen, Rick Holt,
Renee Enochs
Row 3. Lakisha Brandon, Roshanda Heath, Katrice
Hopper, Ebony Daniels



Texas Club

- Row 1. James Greer, Quanshateshia Pitts, Candace
Clark, Shelby Lee, Reuben Monmouth
Row 2. Steven Walker, Charnay Smith, Cynthia
Green, Joseph Emanuel, Shameka Faulkner
Row 3. Earnest Sparks, LaToria Derrough, Kelli
Andrson, Myyudda Sherman





Annenberg Honor Society

Row 1: Nicole Harris, Nicole McManus, Dana Williams, Monique Richardson, Jennifer Kelly, Tasha Gibson
 Row 2: Bri Montana, Sahron Grevious, Jkina Johnsdon, Jason Smith
 Row 3: Lorn Harkins, Larry Brown, Sufiya Abdur-Zahman, Shauntay Hinton
 Row 4: Mbili Mwaghiki, Ester Smith, alicia Numm, allison Brown
 Row 5: Leslyn James, Stephanie Burton, Vnvent Williams, Lolly Bowen
 Row 6: Ryan Richardson, Shannon Bkaer, Kenneth Russell, Staci Patterson, Anthony Moon



Beta Kappa Chi

Row 1 Danyelle LaCroix, Damian Meechan, Pamela Bland, Trudy Moore, Jennifer Jones, Kesha Forrest
 Row 2: Patrice Cates, April Atkins, Marna Lewis, Cory McGill, Pamela Cate
 Row 3: Ivin Barrow, Roslind Peay, Dr. William Gordon, akbar Muhammad
 Row 4: Jalani Fox, Hassan Lauziere, Stephanie Cerwe, Janine Pettiford, Kene Ugokine



Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

Row 1: Crystal Brooks, Natalie Adams, Desiree Haynes
 Row 2: Toni Ford, Jamila Boudreaux, Francisia Ehedoghaobi



Fredrick Douglas Honor Society

Row 1: Tianna Hill, Marquetta Tyree, Renee Enoch, L.J. Brown,

Row 2: Candace Meredith, Natalie moore, Nicole McManus, Nicole Harris

Row 3: Allison Brown, Sharon Grevious, Kikora Austin, Michelle Arrington, Leslyn James

Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity

Row 1: Gail Upchurch, Taneka hill, michelle Arrington, shari Jackson, Nia Gantt, Patrice Cates

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Row 3: Caree Jackson, Isa Williams, Abena Lewis, Dre Anderson, Aja Burrell Woop, Louis Sterling, Kevin Joy



Tau Beta Pi

Row 1: Crystal Barnes, James Hall, Tori Rhoulac

Row 2: Keon Holmes, Talicia Safford

Big Brother-Big Sister Student Cluster

Row 1: Londyn Simms, Tiffany Laird, Catherine
Cunningham

Row 2: David Robinson, James Carter, Bryant Taylor



1997-1998 Howard Univeristy Bisonettes



Campus Pals 1997-1998

Row 1. Shelby Lee, Kristen Brown
 Row 2. Shantrelle Lewis, Samyah Johnson, Charlice Noble,
 Damiko Dixon, Stephanie Miller, Wardell, Carmia Marshall
 Row 3. Logan Campbell, Princess Mhoon, Tamara Maritt,
 Erika McConduit, Kristel Williams, Juanita Mestre, Alia Hodge
 Row 4. Sparkle Williams, Terrence Grows, Rueben Monmouth,
 Fabrice Laurnet, Allen
 Row 5. Louis Sterling, Lakeem Dwight, Rob Hall, Chadrich
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H U Community Choir

Row 1. G. Lespreel, F. Jordan, K. Harris, T. Pierre, S. Poole, K. Lowery, G. Dabney
Row 2. D. Haynes, J. Clark, A. Caldwell, B. Jackson, A. Bond
Row 3. K. Williams, D. Bourne, K. Brown, R. Kincey
Row 4. C. Ford, D. Forbes, M. Richardson, K. Escoffery, M. Parks, C. Abrams
Row 5. P. Phlipot, K. Flagg, J.I Washington, S. Cedeno, J. Issac, T. Brown, R. Smith
Row 6. K. Daniels, C. Ojinnaka, S. Richardson, W. Hector
Row 7. A. Zimmerman, A. Riley, A. Brown, M. Daimond, N. Jefferson
Row 8. T. Jackson, A. Battle, M. Perkins



Gentlemen of Drew Social Club

The Hilltop Newspaper

Row 1. Michelle Arrington, Erin McKinney, Natalie Moore, Erika Wortham
Row 2. Heather Savage, Valyncia Sauders, Keyana James, Janine Harper, Keya Graves
Row 3. Alain Joseph, Q'Terah Jackson, Derrick Edwards





Homecoming Steering Committee

Row 1: Preston Arnold, Tyree Marcus, Haki Halisi,
Sharonda Davis, Sandy, Alia Hashim
Row 2: Ethan Polk, Anana Harris, Cheryl Hescott,
Tugene Dulce, Marcus Paul
Row 3: Shenita Johnson, Damion Hall, Ericka hinton,
Channing Hawkins

Homecoming Steering Committee Executive Board

Row 1: Shenita Johnson
Row 2: Shraonda Davis, Catherine Boursiquot
Row 3: Damion Hall, Marcus Paul
Row 3: Haki Halisi



Ladies of the Quad

Row 1. Marlana Skinner, Camille Acker, Turkiya
Lowe, Jina Johnson
Row 2. Sarah Hambrick, Stephanie Calloway,
Mahbleeta Grant
Row 3. Tyra Brown, Angela McMillian, Remitha
Lynn Gordon



National Council of Negro Women

Row 1. T. Rowe, L. Pace, N. Moore, D. Johnson, L. Terrey, J. Scott
Row 2. T. Greene, A. Bond, J. Stevenson, A. Teal, L. Cowell, M. Richardson, S. Henderson
Row 3. T. Wilson, S. Robinson, K. Bennett, N. Handy, N. Harris
Row 4. M. Newcom, T. Dupree, B. Aldridge, C. Johnson, E. Mills, M. Mwaniki, C. Brown
Row 5. T. Henson, A. Lundy, C. Mobley, T. Brown, J. Jones, C. Peterman, D. Meehan, K. Wade
Row 6. I. Bailey, A. Vilmenay, M. Skinner, A. Ferron, G. Niblack, M. Mwaniki
Row 7. Q. Keith, S. Phillips, T. Comeaux, M. Evans, K. Seales, H. Giles, K. Sheppard



Residence Life

Row 1. Eette Ginn, Papa Yankah, Oyakhi Omoire, Judith Wilson, Catherine Cunningham, Vanessa Williford, Rev. James Coleman
Row 2. Dewayne Weddles, Shantikwa Brown, Andrew Gray, Leslie Meyers, D. Blaise
Row 3. Toni Ford, Kenyatta Hobson
Row 4. Anthony Roberson, Joseph Philmon, LaTasha Greep, Frances Uku, Misha Hooks, Pamela Bond
Row 5. Edouard Leneus, Neville Welch, Britton Price, Maenely Means, Monica Parks



Ubiquity

Row 1. Eden Ruff, Dana Tomilson, Taura Taylor, LaQuis Harins, Roxy Caines, Angela McMillian
Row 2. Jasira Morgan, Brent Terry, Waltrina Middleton



Men's Basketball

Row 1: Ali Abdullah, Bakari Adams, James Simms,
Antonio Mitchell, Byron Bailey

Row 2: Danny Evans, Dave Libbett, Jermaine
Holliday, Garrett McCormick, Deshawn Glenn

Row 3: Rene' Harry, Ogoumi Real, Xavier
Singletary, Melvin Watson, Bryen Alvin



Women's Basketball

Row 1: Alana Lambert, Kimberly Ford, Latoya
Gardner, Channel Washington, Darria Boyd

Row 2: Alishia Hill, EriadeHunter, Terina Screen,
Mona Gail Baker, Trelinda Lowe, Regan Carter



Men's Soccer

Row 1: Devon Binns, Omar Shakir, Kofi Boxhill, Ray
Fisher, Marwan Porter

Row 2: Rohan Goodlet, Rajee Shakir, andre Virtue,
Baline Jones, Raymond Goodlet



Men's Track

Row 1: Mebrahatom Mezebe, Marcos Mocin-McQueen, Michael Zipf. Coach William Moultrie, Leonard Mason, Richard Kip, Kendrick Brooks, Clifton Alexander

Row 2: Drew Anderson, Kenyab Link, Kiley Manard, Jason Chandler, Larry Blankship, Adriane Clarke, Jason Bush



Women's Track

Row 1: Nykia Spells, Trinishia M. Williams, Ayanna Mackins, Jamila Jordan, Nikia Scott, Karen Walters, Adreinne Trice, Crystal Brooks

Row 2: Coach William Moultrie, Debra Jordan, Monet Noel, Vinetta Gordon, Rasheeda Walcott-Joyner, Nikia Adams, Tamyra Edwards, Abby Harry, Shaconda Davis, Nalo Washington



The 1997-1998 Wrestling Team



Humble Beginnings...



Miss Black

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta chapter, crowns a Queen !!

The crowd in the Blackburn Ballroom buzzed with anticipation, excitement and curiosity as the search began for Ms. Black and Gold, 1998. A woman who embodied the principles of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The contestants represented some of the best and brightest that Howard has to offer. They began by drawing the crowd in with introductions, and continued to hold the audience captive through the talent, evening and question and answer portions of the competition.

However, after all was said and done, and the scores tallied, only one woman could be crowned Ms. Black and Gold 1998. "I like the idea of fraternity pageants." said Tyree Wilkins, a sophomore Biology major. "It reminds me of the 70s when my day attended Howard. It's a tradition that needs to be brought back by all the fraternities."



And Gold



The pageant was the first presented by the Brothers of Beta Chapter in 15 years. The woman to be crowned Ms. Black and Gold would go on to represent Beta Chapter in regional competition against winners representing other area chapters. "I didn't realize that there was a national competition. With over 100 chapters this is serious business--representing Howard's Alphas," said Desiree Wills, 1989 alumna who attended the event.

In addition to representing the chapter in competition, Ms. Black and Gold is also required to organize and put on at least one program that benefits the community during her reign.

As the night came to an end, Jazzbi Etheridge was crowned Ms. Black & Gold 1998, while Elisah Browder was first runner-up.

Etheridge went on to lose at the regional competition in a tie-braker.

--Tykeisha Rice



underCLASSMEN

The Transformation from adolescence to adulthood is
often an arduous task, as students learn to deal with
the trials and tribulations of being in a new city, away
from family and friends. During our four (in some
cases five years), at Howard, we learn to experience life.
More importantly we learn to become independent
and self-sufficient. A Howard education consists of
more than memorizing facts and figures, it's about
learning to live and living to learn.

Experience



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U N D E R C L A S S M E N

Alerte Sheray
 Allen Ronald
 Alphonse Othniel
 Archer Keri
 Armstrong Ty
 Assad Artheindal
 Baker Mona- Gail
 Barthwell Tiffany



Bazemore Derek
 Bell Af
 Benjamin Anwar
 Bilal Brazilia
 Birgans Travis
 Blackwell Hugh
 Blair Julita
 Brodber Alexia



Brooks Jessica
 Brousard Maya-Camille
 Burrey Allison
 Cambron Chinelo
 Carraway Chirstalyn
 Carter Arden
 Charles Candice
 Charles Tijuanna



Coleman Charles
 Collins,II James
 Costa Jennifer
 Croxton Jarrod
 Curry Dakota
 Davis Born
 Dawson Jakaih
 Dayle Felecia



DennisRavena
 Downing April
 El-Amin, Zarinah
 Embry Sonari
 Felix Cassandra
 Fletcher Crystal
 Ford Melody
 Fox Jeaneva



Francis Antontion
 Franklin Monica
 Frazier Olivia
 Frisby Regan
 Fuller Shandi
 Gaitor Kay
 Galbreath George
 Gilbreath Cheryl



Gittens Courtney
 Gore Angel
 Gourdine Stephanie D.
 Gray Miles
 Gumbs Kyra
 Gunter Geary
 Harris Ayanna
 Harris Isis



Harris Maya
 Harrison Gina
 Hawkins Kellie
 Hawthorne Joseph
 Hayes Cryastal
 Hazel Kamil
 Heath Roshanda
 Heatley Michelle



What Was Everyone Reading????

Topaz--Beverly Jenkins

Heart of A Woman--Maya Angelou

Rock This--Chris Rock

Black Eros--Contributing Writers

If This World Were Mine--E. Lynn Harris

I'm Free, But It'll Cost Ya!--Kim Coles

Paradise--Toni Morrison

Tryin' To Sleep in the Bed That You Made

--Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant

Flyy Girl--Omar Tyree

Good Hair--Benilde Little

Faith in the Valley--Iyanla Vanzant



Hicks Timothy
 Hilton Henry
 Holder Kanene
 Holman Rashida
 Hunt Christopher
 Irley, Walter
 Jackson Simone



Jenkins Calsar
 Johnson Christie
 Johnson Donielle
 Johnson Victor
 Jones Denise
 Jamila Jorden
 Joseph Claudy



Keys James
 Knight Jamie
 Landry Gia
 Leeper Demetric
 Levermore Dwayne
 Long Jai
 Lowe Trelinda



Lynch Omar
 Mack Nzinga
 Madhere Maritza
 Mallett Nia
 Malone Carmen
 Manley Temika
 Marcus Tyree S.



Marshall Maritza
 May Asha
 McCartney Daryl
 McLeese, Jon
 McGhee Melanie
 McKeithen Alison
 Mincy Nakesha



Mitchell Kiah
 Mitchell Sparkle
 Mooring, Melvin
 Morrison Kim
 Moses Chantik
 Moses Kimberly
 Moyer Annie



Muhammad Ameerah
 Muriel Electra
 Obianwu Carmen
 Pela Okiemute
 Phifer David
 Phillip Michika
 Powell James



Quinn Lekeyah
 Rachal Erica
 Rhoe Alaisha
 Robinson Raul
 Rose Nyjat
 Sellers Brain
 Shamwell Aisha



The Year's Hottest CD's

Janet Jackson--The Velvet Rope

Wu Tang Forever--Wu Tang Clan

Eric Benet--True To Myself

Maxwell--Unplugged

Brian McKnight--Anytime

Tupac--Immortal

Busta Rhymes--When Disaster Strikes

Notorious BIG-Life After Death

Puff Daddy & The Family--No Way Out

Usher--My Way

Hottest Singles

You make me want to leave the one I'm with--Usher

Anytime--Brian McKnight

'Bout it, 'Bout it--Master P

Lady's Night--Lil' Kim

We're Not Making Love--Dru Hill

A Song For MaMa--Boyz II Men

Put your Hands Where My Eyes Can See--Busta Rhymes

Been Around The World--Puff Daddy & the Family

Tyrone--Erykah Badu

Luv To Luv You--Timbaland & Magoo

Shareef Donna
 Simmons Sellano L.
 Simpson Crystal
 Smith Darian
 Smith Jason
 Smith Verna
 Spencer, Zenobia



St. John Nikki
 Stokes Dorcas
 Taddesse Meraf
 Talbot Bianca
 Taylor Keisha
 Thomas Rasheeda
 Thomas Shanel
 Thomas Starla



Thompson Aaron
 Tyler Eboni
 Tyson Artisha
 Walsh Jeff
 Washington Rosaella
 Washington Shannon
 Watson Erick



Watts-Farmer Ka'Lori
 Weatherly Jovan
 White Sheila
 Wiggins LaQunita
 Williams Ryan
 Williams, Vincent
 Wilson Charlezetta



Withers Sakita
 Woods Stephen
 Woods Tunisia
 Wright Tawanna
 Abayomi, Oluwantoyin
 Abraham, Joel
 Adams, Nikita



Addison, Richard
 Alleyne, Monique
 Awojodu, Bola
 Bailey, Veronique
 Baker, Shannon
 Banks, Terrance M.
 Barco, Antoine



Bellamy, Jelani
 Bennett, Katricia
 Benson, Latoya
 Black, Misti
 Boldeau, Pansy
 Brandon, Neal
 Braziel, Benjamin



Bridgeman, Arkisha
 Browder, Elisha
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 Brown, Tyra
 Buckber, Jasaun
 Burke, Amy

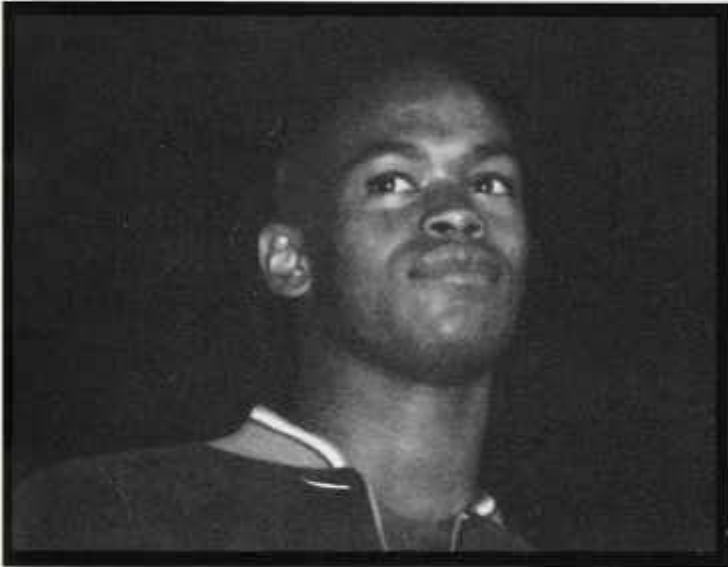




HAIR STYLES

HAIR TRENDS HAVE BECOME PART OF THE FASHION ASSEMBLY AT HOWARD. HERE ARE 97-98 MOST POPULAR.

1. DREADS
2. FADES
3. THE WRAP
4. BRAIDS
5. DOOBIE
6. THE SHAG
7. WEAVES
8. BOBS
9. PLATS
10. BALDY



Carter, Carrone
 Carter, Rabvon
 Carter, Trista
 Chaney, Joi
 Charles, Rachel
 Chatman, Colleen
 Christie, Rasheedah



Clemons, Shelva
 Cokley, Patrick
 Coleman, Patrina
 Comeaux, Torie
 Crowder, Amber
 Dancy, Dwayne
 Daniel, Tiffany



Davis, Jonelle
 DeFreitas, Giselle
 Derrick, Juana
 Dingle, Chiquita
 Enwezor, JoAnn
 Enwezor, Joyelli
 Epps, Tamea



Estser, Ryan
 Fennell, Cara
 Ferron, Adiah
 Frazier, Andrea
 Fulton, Jameela
 Gentry, Latashia
 Ginn, Evette



Goins Nicole
 Gordon Morris M.
 Grant Malbleeta
 Grant Samntha
 Greene Teri
 Gresham Brandee
 Griffin Scott



Hamme Tene
 Hammett Chesti
 Handy Natasha
 Hankerson Erica
 Hardman Arthur
 Harkins Laquis
 Harris Eugene



Harrison Shanekwa
 Henderson Kyra
 Henderson Shanta
 Henry Andrea
 Hicks Timeeka
 Huckaby Kenya
 Hughes Taneika



Hunt Rachel
 Hunt Raven
 Idowu Omotola
 Jackson Erin
 Jackson Maya
 Jackson Tamaria
 Jackson Tenesha





Fashion Trends:

Women's

1. *Scracts*
2. *Pea Coats*
3. *Crop Sweaters*
4. *Hip huggers/Bell Bottoms*
5. *Animal print*
6. *Boot Cut Jeans*
7. *Timberland Boots*
8. *Tinted Glasses*
9. *Velvet Shirts*
10. *Cords*



Men's

1. *Pea Coats*
2. *Dress boots*
3. *V-neck sweater*
4. *Fleece*
5. *Layered Clothing*
6. *J. Crew*
7. *Ralph Lauren-Polo*
8. *Scullees*
9. *Tan Timberlands*
10. *New Balance*



Jefferson Nneka
 Jenkins Stephen
 Johnson Ahkilah
 Johnson Jennifer
 Johnson Kendell
 Jones Farrasha
 Jones Jerrilyn



Jones Malcolm
 Jones Rajan
 Jones Tiffany
 Jordan Kenya
 Joseph Cindy
 Kirksey, Christina
 Knight, Therlyn, L.



Larenz, Jr., George
 Law, Sharbette
 Lawson, Anthony
 Lebron Bienvenido
 Lee Jennifer
 Leonette Rainey H.
 Lewis Avara



Lewis Shantrelle
 Lisbon Camille
 Little Khari
 Mami Yashmine
 Marcy Robert
 Marshall Danielle
 Marshall Jeanelle



McCandies Gregory
 McKenzie Jahdal
 McMillian Angela
 Mobley Charissa
 Moore, Adrienne
 Moore Terrance
 Morrissey Isaiah



Moses Asha
 Mwaniki Mbili
 Mwaniki Moja
 Neal Brandon
 Newsome Mariana
 Niblack Genelle
 Nowell Tiffany



Odoe Ndubuisi
 Ojinnaka Chinazor
 Pearson Renee
 Perkins Aaliyah
 Powell Monica
 Powell Tracie
 Puri Tim



Reese Montrelle
 Robinson Christy
 Robinson Lisa
 Robinson, Lakeita
 Rodgers Shawna
 Rollins Darelle
 Rollins Kevin



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BLACK AMERICA'S NEWSMAGAZINE

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Save the NAACP?

Gary, Indiana
Fades to White

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Black Movies



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(There Is a Way!)

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10 Sanity Savers

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Docs Don't Know About

Ashley Judd
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I Gave Him My
Love and He
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One Woman's
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USA \$1.25/
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MARCH 30, 1998

**Malik Yoba,
Melissa De Sousa**
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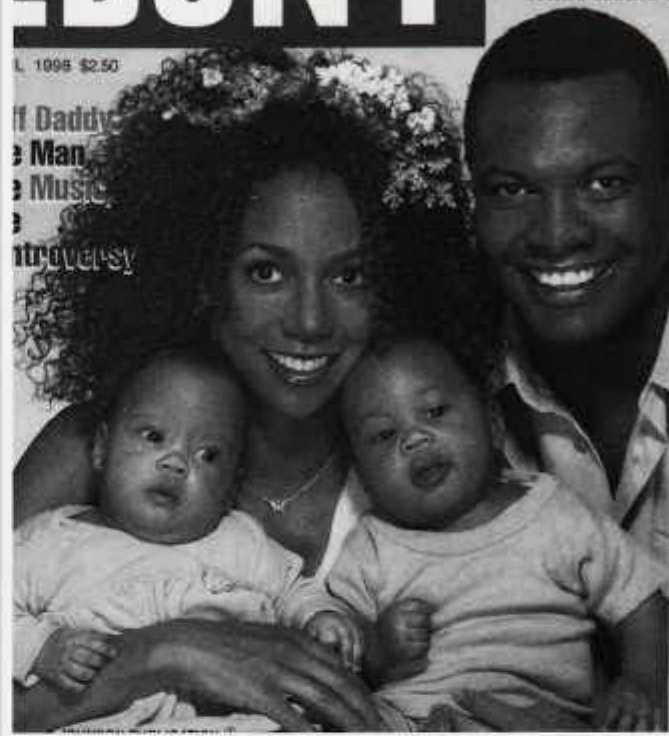
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30 Years After

If King Were All
What Would I

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What was on the Newstands

1. Essence
2. Vibe
3. Ebony
4. Jet
5. Shape
6. Cosmopolitan
7. Sports Illustrated
8. Marie Claire
9. Black Enterprise
10. Elle

Rose Daine
 Siler Damon
 Silver Torri
 Simms Londyn
 Simms Sherlene
 Smith Charnay
 Smith Kimberly



Smith Serina
 Smith Vanessa
 Sterling Louis
 Stewart Willie
 Sullivan, Sashandra
 Taylor, Candace
 Tella Oluwatoyin



Terrell Lori
 Thompson Lisa
 Trotman, Cory
 Vinson, Todd
 Wagner Shankikka
 Walcott, Rasheeda
 Wardlaw Fredrick



Warren, Tekiae
 Warson, Symantha
 Warts, Akili
 Washington, Anica
 Westbrook Deidre
 Wheatley Crystal
 Wiesner, Karen



Wilder Stephen
 Williams Dana
 Williams Sparkle
 Williams Trinishia M.
 Williams, Zanjahail
 Wortham, Erika
 Acosta, Ronald



Adams, Teaira L.
 Akiwowo, Kehinde A.
 Akiwowo, Taiwo
 Aldridge, Brandi N.
 Alexandre, Allan A.
 Allana, Anika L.
 Allen, Tawana L.



Allison, Michelle A.
 Anderson, Sharmell D.
 Antoine, Jewell
 Archer Edward
 Atlas, Sanniyyah
 Banner, Corgins L.
 Benjamin, Brian



Black, Shacanna
 Bland, Tayo
 Brice, Samantha
 Brickhouse, Raymond A
 Bright, Garway A.D.
 Brooks, Kenric T.
 Bruce, Gillian D.



What's Hot What's Not 1998

Vibe with Sinbad
Keenen Ivory Wayans
Conan O'Brian
Jerry Springer
Oprah Winfrey
Titanic
Puffy
Erykah Badu
If This World Were Mine
Sampling
Straw Sets
Republic Gardens
MCI Center
The Wizards
The Yard
GDI
U Street
Bring in Da' Noise...Bring
in the Funk
Class of 1998!!!!!!!

Vibe with Chris Spencer
Keenen Ivory Wayans
Jay Leno
Ricki Lake
Gail (Oprah's Best Friend)
Any Movie other than Titanic
The Family
Mary J. Blige
How Stella Got Her Groove Back
Original Music
Silky Dreads
Quigley's
US Air Arena
The Bullets
RFK Stadium
Greek Letter Organizations
Georgia Avenue
Riverdance
Every other Class

Butler, Alicia L.
 Caldwell, Alton E.
 Callis, Narita
 Cannon, Hana
 Carter, Jason
 Charles, Jacquetha L.
 Charlesston, Ayana



Claggett, Nicola M.
 Clarke, Karen H.
 Cobb, Keyna Kirklen
 Conwright, Omodar F.
 Cook, Jacyn M.
 Cooper, Katina
 Cousins, Victor S.



Cowell, Leshia S.
 Cunningham, Catherine
 Dangervil, Stephanie
 Dennis, Cecily
 Dise, Remy
 Dixon, Herrion
 Faison, Africa



Faulkner, Neva
 Faulkner, Shameka
 Floyd, Tricia
 Fontaine, De Andrea
 Foust, Monica
 Gantt, Nia G.
 Gardner, Latoya



George, Dwayne
 Gilmore, Robin
 Goff, Farrel L.
 Gomez, Camille
 Green, Denierika
 Green, Kichelle
 Groover, Clarence



Hambrick, Sarah
 Hardriet, Shauntrece
 Harris, Nicole
 Hayden, Cassandra
 Hayes, Hamilton
 Hector, Willia E.
 Heslop, Nicole



Hicks, Honi
 Hiltonclarke, Roxane
 Hinds, Eva
 Hoskin, Jamari
 Howell, Selina
 Jackson, Alexis
 Jackson, Timothy



James, Leslye
 Jaudon, Ebony
 Jeffrey, Junel
 Johnson, Jerisa
 Jolevare, Jerisa
 Joseph, Noel
 Kelly, Martin





**AIN'T NO PARTY LIKE AN HU PARTY AND THESE ARE
THE TOP 10 CLUBS FROM 1997-98!!!**

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| 1. DC LIVE | 6. TRAXX |
| 2. REPUBLIC GARDENS | 7. THE BANK |
| 3. STATE OF THE UNION | 8. THE SPY CLUB |
| 4. THE RITZ | 9. MANGOS |
| 5. QUIGLEY'S | 10. ZEI CLUB |



King, Roxsaud
 Kittrell, Shana
 Langworthy, Jacquie
 Lee, Andrea
 Lee, Christopher
 Leneus, Edouard E.
 Link, Kenyon



Majeed, Haazim
 Mann, Krista
 Mass, Rasheed
 Mc Laurin, Garland
 Mc Pherson, Angela
 Mestre, Juanita
 Miller, Stephanie



Mills, Eboni
 Mines, Rashan
 Monmouth, Reuben
 Munnerlyn, Tyeesha
 Nesmith, Tahitiam
 Nichols, Tawana
 Nikolai, Nedd



Noble, Jemeelah
 O'Neal Danyell
 Ornsby, Linda
 Orr, Verna
 Owens-Bailey, Imani A.
 Pace, Lashana
 Patrick, Damon F.



Patton, Jammie D.
 Perard, Monique
 Perkins, Shawna K.
 Peterman, Carla
 Phillips, Sonya J.
 Polk, Ethan
 Poole, Shalonda Y.



Pounds, Michael E.
 Price, Latasha
 Rabb-Sample, Frelima
 Radcliffe, Dwayne
 Ray-Green, Parshanda
 Real, Ro
 Richardson, F. Michelle

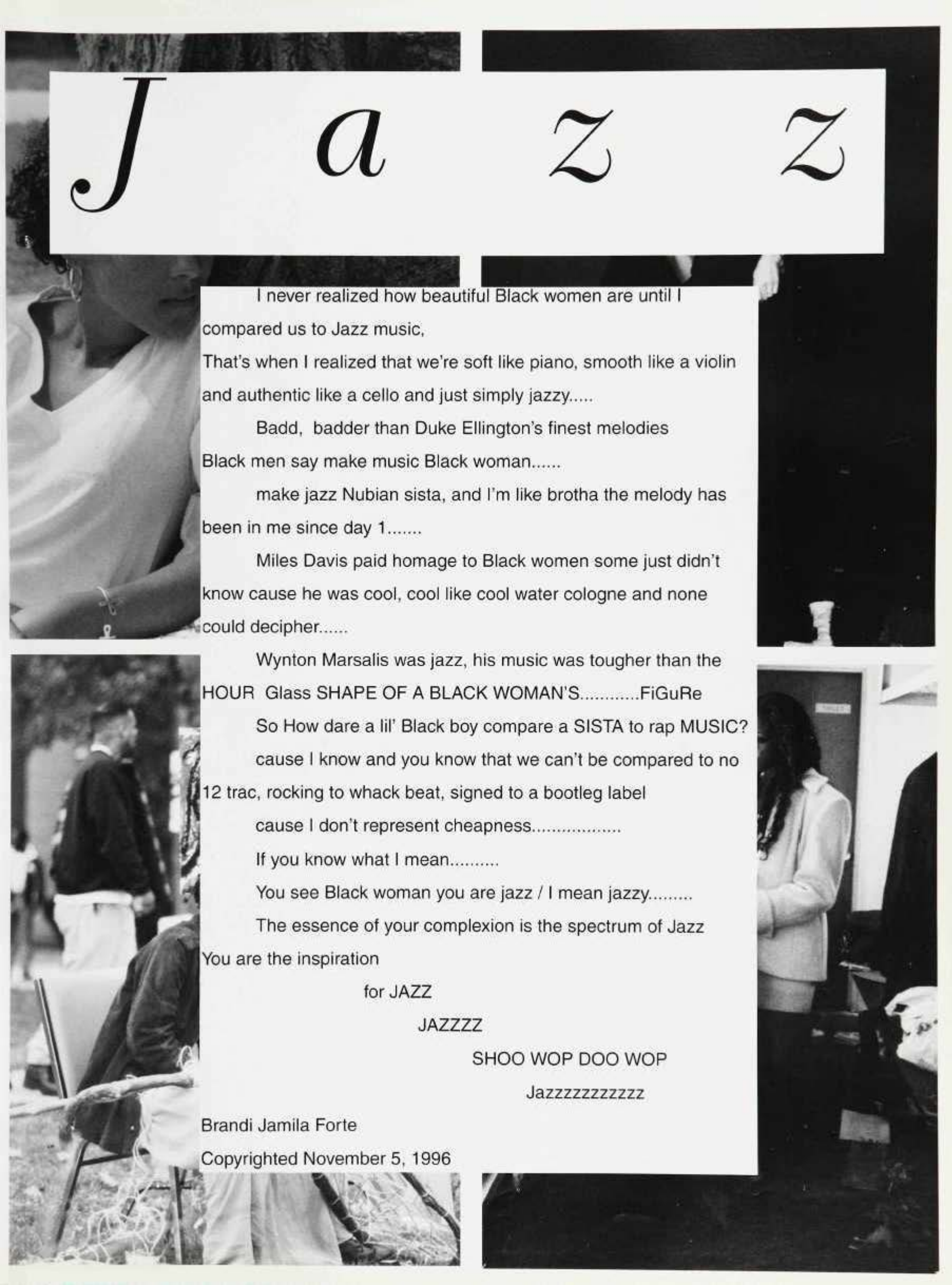


Richardson, Justine L.
 Richardson, Monique L.
 Richardson, Ryan
 Robertson, Diane G.
 Robinson, Nadine L.
 Robinson, Tresa
 Rowe, Tiffany S.



Russell, David C.
 Salomon, Satannia
 Shelton, Rosa G.
 Sheppard, Kendra D.
 Sherman, Myyuca L.
 Simmons, Kawanda
 Simmons, Melissa





J a z z

I never realized how beautiful Black women are until I compared us to Jazz music, That's when I realized that we're soft like piano, smooth like a violin and authentic like a cello and just simply jazzy.....

Badd, badder than Duke Ellington's finest melodies Black men say make music Black woman.....

make jazz Nubian sista, and I'm like brotha the melody has been in me since day 1.....

Miles Davis paid homage to Black women some just didn't know cause he was cool, cool like cool water cologne and none could decipher.....

Wynton Marsalis was jazz, his music was tougher than the HOUR Glass SHAPE OF A BLACK WOMAN'S.....FiGuRe

So How dare a lil' Black boy compare a SISTA to rap MUSIC? cause I know and you know that we can't be compared to no 12 trac, rocking to whack beat, signed to a bootleg label cause I don't represent cheapness.....

If you know what I mean.....

You see Black woman you are jazz / I mean jazzy.....

The essence of your complexion is the spectrum of Jazz

You are the inspiration

for JAZZ

JAZZZZ

SHOO WOP DOO WOP

Jazzzzzzzzzzzz

Brandi Jamila Forte

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Simpson, Anthony D.
 Smith, Sabrina E.
 Starks, Nisha E.
 Taffe, Oni K.
 Taylor, Bryant
 Taylor, Julia M.
 Teal, Alicia L.



Thomas, Naja M.
 Thompson, Renee L.
 Tomlinson, Dave R.
 Wade, Kimberly J.
 Webster, Collette A.
 Wheaton, Karintha
 Wicks, Cynthia



Wilkerson, Kacee
 Williams II, Cornelius
 Williams, Lisa A.
 Williams, Michele N.
 Wimberly, Mario L.
 Woods, Lakeesha N.
 Wright, Lynisha R.



Yanik, Issac S.
 Yankah, Papa-Kobina N
 Young, Jabari
 Aboko-Cole, Remidene
 Abrahms, Chrissy
 Adams, Christopher
 Adams, Lenye



Addison Richard
 Akoth, Linda
 Anderson, Arrelle
 Ankoanda-Thompson, Folan
 Aranha, Ivan
 Armstrong, Glenda
 Arrington, Michelle



Ashley, Fred
 Barnes, Charlena
 Barrett, Simone
 Bates, Akosua
 Bennett, Lee
 Born, Davis
 Bowens, Alexis



Bromfield, Debbie Ann
 Brooks, Jacqueline
 Brown, Heidi
 Brown, Howard G.
 Brown, James
 Brown, Roxanne
 Burton, Stephanie



Callwood, Corinne
 Campbell, Juwana
 Clemmons, Tia
 Coates Tyrice
 Cochran, Anita
 Cunningham, Constance
 Dale, Gail



I'm Still Your Mother

At some point in the life of every child
they're rebellious against their mother.
The child so sweet is now so wild.
We don't know one another.
I carried you more than nine months
yet you say I don't understand.
You say I don't know what you want,
but I've led you by the hand.
How can you say I can't relate
to what you're going through?
You say I'm old fashioned and sometimes late,
but I know what's best for you.
You're scared by your diversity.
You grow different by the hour.
To me masculinity means a balance of peace,
to you an exertion of power.
Your unknown beauty rests in your many
shades, shapes, colors and sizes.
The mystery is the variations in your aura
that no one realizes .
You've drawn your battlefields
black, white, gay, straight, pro life, pro choice.
And still don't like my dark tones
nor the southern drawl in my voice.
You once had pride in the name you'd earn,
now you try your best to ignore.
You're content with language they made you learn
when I could have taught you many more.
My son's don't respect my daughters.
My daughters have no faith in their brothers.
You've been dragged across troubled waters,
and now you hate me and each other.
You've been told bad things about me
and believe what they tell you too.
But, if you'd visit at least once you'd see
that these things are not true.
Think before it's me you curse
and me you cannot stand.
There'd be no African-Americans without Africa first.
I'm still your mother (land).

--Darrius Jerome

Davis, Christie S.
 Davis, George R.
 Dew, Dyneesa
 Doyen, Diahann
 Duckett, Lori
 Epps, Courtney
 Ekemam, Rosalind



Farmer, Mattika
 Feliciano, Daman
 Freely, Patiya
 Gaiter, Daymond
 Gallegos, Juliette
 Galloway, Rosita
 George, Nneka



Gibbs, Marva
 Gray, Melisa
 Greer, James
 Guidry, Ursula
 Hall, Damian
 Hall, Eric
 Halm Mamon, Caryn



Hankin, Loren
 Harrington, Rasheeda
 Hayes, Lashaunte
 Headley, Nehanda
 Henry, Waunette
 Henson, Tamara
 Hewitt, Marvin



Hill, Katrina
 Horn, Melissa
 Houck, James E.
 Jackson III, Terah
 Jackson, Caree
 James, Kimberly
 Jenkins, Kalynn



Jones, Alexandra
 Jones, Vickie
 Joseph, Talika
 July Jr., Isaac R.
 Kemp, Dervin D.
 Kiberu, Natasha
 King, Marlo



Ku, Francis K.
 Lasster, Sherard
 Lawrence, Adnani
 Lee, Tekisha
 Live, Tia
 Lyn, Sheldon
 Marsh, Steven



Magny, Joana
 Majeed, Faheem
 McWilson, Christina
 Meeks, Miracle
 Mitchell, Maurice
 Moore, Shani
 Moore, Stanley



H E L L O

do you know who you're sitting next to?
is it possible you don't care?
wrapped
in your world
work
school
clicks
guys, chicks, false shit, off the next
high to high
on self-adulation
do you know who you are sitting next
to?
it's possible that they didn't eat
today
it's possible they didn't sleep
it's possible they are going out of
their head
but instead
you walk by
thinking you're fly
haughtily
you don't smile
or stop to say hi
is it possible your smile
is it possible your hi
might have saved my life
tonight?
but they didn't
because when you sat down next
to me
you thought you were better than
me
you gazed in disgust
you made a fuss that no one
on this bus was worthy of your
love
no one worthy of your time
no one worthy of your smile
no one worthy of your hello
is it possible when the cock
crows
sunshine
and I'm gone
that I may have been someone
who may have been someone
who may have later saved your life?
but you didn't know
who you were sitting next to
it's possible you still don't give a damn
that you could have saved my life tonight.
-cassandra karen



Mungar Caroline
 Nesmith Vistoria
 Nixon Aisha
 Olorunsola Folansona
 Omulepu Imoite
 O'Reilly Asherrad
 Padilla Antonio



Patterson Kevin
 Pettigrew Michael
 Phillips LaKesia
 Polk Celeste
 Price Jovan
 Rasheed Khalil
 Richardson, Monique



Robinson, Christopher
 Robinson Nyota
 Robinson, Steven
 Rosborough Kanika
 Ross Regina
 Rutherford, Dionne
 Seastruck Lasho'n



Sims Kafele
 Smith Dionna
 Sorgho Felix
 Spiller, L'Antoniella
 Sneed Damien
 Steede Deborah
 Stewart Yasmeen



Thomas Katrina
 Thomas, Starla
 Trice Adrienne
 Valle Melissa
 Walker, Robin
 Wagstaffe, Natalie
 Warren Carmen



Washington, Kimetra
 Weaver, Kenya
 Wharry, Alex
 Wilson, Tiffany
 White Njideka
 Wright Kara
 Wright Zalika



Wood, Asa
 Yates Fulani
 Bayyan, Aquil
 Howard, James
 Hudson, Takiyah
 Hylton Tamar



The Long Walk

*Edna Burke
Class of 1932*

*And who of us have never read
the long walk down to sea level
and lingered on the pebbly path
in sunshine and in rain*

*When winter lay upon the hill
and cheerless was the day
when weired and chilly blew the wind
As we went down the way*

*When spring and leafing trees did bud
when blossoms first broke through
on bush and bough and tulip beds
that they might live anew —*

*When autumn brought her tinted leaves
to strew the rugged walk
while some did loiter to amuse
and some to quietly talk*

*And who of us have ever thought
The long walk played a part
And knew one-half possesses a laugh
The other a broken heart.*

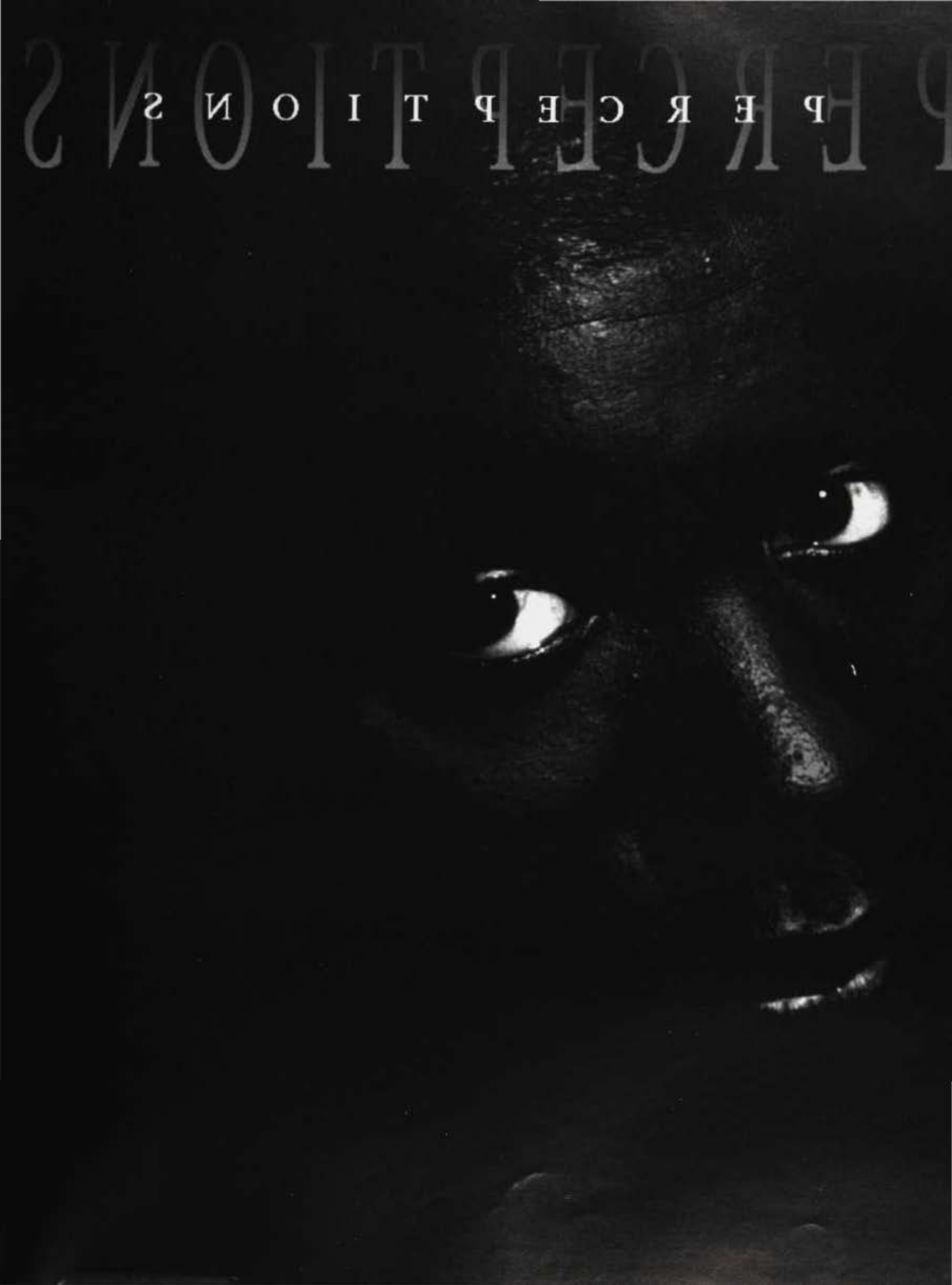
P E R C E P T I O N S

**Our education at Howard
has taught us that although we all have
different races, cultures, nationalities, religions,
sexual persuasions and economic backgrounds,
we must learn to work together.**

**Because we are human, we all
come to Howard with prejudices and
insecurities, which in turn create
numerous perceptions.**

**Perceptions shape our lives.
They makes us unique. They produce
the diversity that the Howard University
student body is known for throughout
the world--diversity that makes
the Howard Experience complete.**

PERCEPTIONS



A CHAnT WITH BUDDHISM

I am a practitioner of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism. Like Christianity, there are many variations of Buddhism. I know, your thinking I pray to the fat Chinese man in the robe with his tummy hanging out, but I don't. The sect of Buddhism that I practice is associated with Soka Gakkai International/USA (SGI/USA). The primary practice of this Buddhism is chanting Nam Myoho Renge Kyo. It may sound familiar if you have seen "What's Love Got to Do With It."

Nam means devotion. What you devote your life to you become, i.e. if you devote much time to drinking alcohol, you become an alcoholic. Myoho means mystic law and signifies the universal force that is within all living things. Renge is represented by the Lotus flower because it blooms and seeds at the same time. The flower denotes the basic teaching of karma; meaning the moment you make a cause (a thought, word or deed), whether positive or negative, will be registered in your life at the same time. Kyo signifies sound and rhythm. By chanting this phrase, the sound and rhythm act as a harmonizing stimulus to connect the force within us to the same force in the universe. Thus, Nam Myoho Renge Kyo put together would mean devotion to the mystic law of cause and effect through sound.

As is the case with all of the major religions, developing faith in the religion is required at some point in order to be a strong member. Also, as in most religions, the reason I practice Buddhism is to develop into a person of wisdom, courage, temperance and compassion. Although our method of practice is different than the major Christian religions, the goals are still the same. We chant to awaken and expand the universal divinity within ourselves so that we can become people of strong character and to live in a peaceful world.

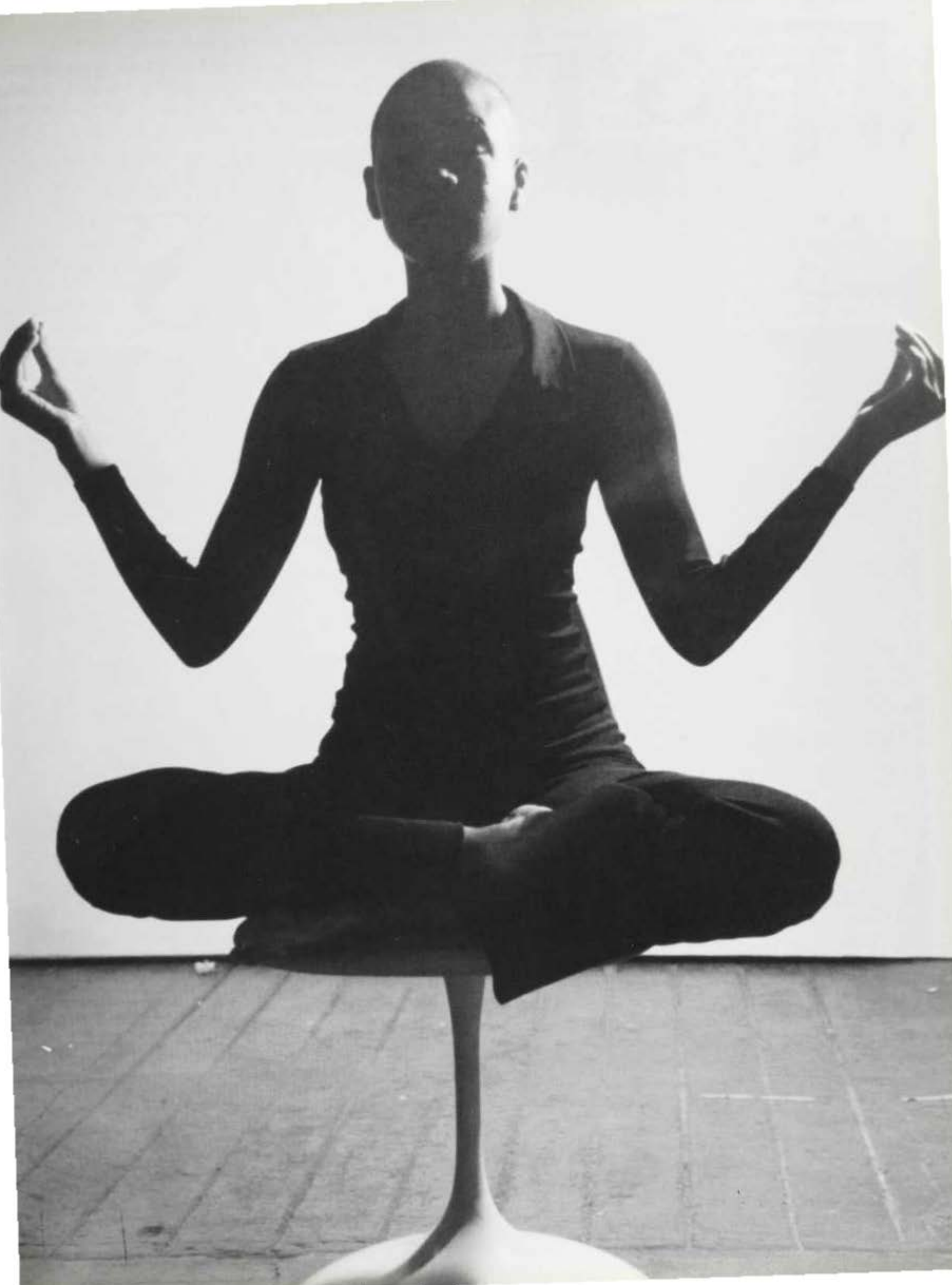
For this reason, I am disappointed with my brothers and sisters, especially at Howard for the nasty comments, criticisms and jokes that have been made when I say that I am Buddhist. Comments like, "Buddhist aren't Black or it's just not natural or you're going to hell." Yes I am Black and yes I'm Buddhist—so what? And what is natural? Christianity? I think not. Black folks have only been Christian since the indoctrination of slavery. As far as hell goes, there is enough of that right here on Earth so there is no need to wait until the after life. I didn't want to go there, but you made me. The point is, it should not matter where I'm from, what my clothes look like, what kind of car I drive, who I hang with or who I pray to. The question is am I a good person? These small nuances that we seem to busy ourselves with is simply another way to divide us. Let it go. We have bigger things to worry about.

Fortunately, my practice has taught me that what I see in my environment are lessons for my own growth. The negative behaviors remind me and encourage me to be more open-minded and fair when meeting people, who may not live and act as I do. My suggestion for you is to begin doing the same.

—Shawnee Dunn

Karma has been a part of the Black experience since the beginning of recorded history. Most of us have heard our grandparents and

parents say, "What you do comes back to you," or that old favorite, "You reap what you sow." Whatever the analogy, the concept of karma is familiar to all of us. It is also one of the basic teachings of my religion, Buddhism.



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I am gay! I never think of being gay as anything other than normal, except when I walk around Howard's campus. Many people at Howard treat homosexuality, as if it were a crime and homosexuals, as if they were criminals. The crime, being my sexuality as a direct attack upon their religion and their values. I cannot walk around campus without receiving evil stares and being forced to endure the laughter of the true criminals, bigots! The people who feel the need to constantly remind me that I am gay and try to make me feel ashamed. But, when I refuse to be anything other than what I am, they feel the need to become more attacks.

As a member of official Gay Rights hang flyers that advertise flyers in any building down within 20 days. I this kind of anger. Is it flyers we are flaunting lifestyle or is it because have our voices heard. It sends a clear not welcomed and at this institution. The general attitude of disgust and intolerance can also be seen in professors, who slur homosexuals, during the time they should be lecturing. I have listening to professors degrade everything I stand for, but I am helpless to stop it because Howard University provides a safe environment for homophobic professors.



Oxala, Howard's Orgainzation, I often meetings. If I put 20 they will all be torn wonder what causes because by putting up our so called sinful we are demanding to Tearing down our signs freedom of gay students. message that gays are certainly not wanted

I am saddened when bisexual, lesbian or gay friends of mine are scared to come out of the closet because of the social alienation they will undoubtedly experience. Most people are uncomfortable being a friend to someone who is openly gay, which is a prejudice that I guess they assume if person they will be sleep or be banished to Therefore, instead of friendship, gay people they are not. I believe it's the student population who they are to avoid



I cannot understand. they befriend a gay molested while they hell by association. jeopardizing their pretend to be something unfair that a segment of at Howard has to deny pressure from their peers. students to claim their who they are. Do not let element on this campus stifle your lifestyle. yourself because despite

I urge all gay sexuality and be proud of the homophobic silence your voice or Embrace every part of what the world may say, there is nothing wrong with you. To all the detractors to the cause of Gay Rights, I ask you to reexamine your anger because.....

we're here, we're queer, get used to it!

*-Gerald Niles**

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Light-skin, dark-skin, quadroon, **OCTAROON**,
light **bright**, damn near ~~white~~ or *jungle bunny-jiggaboo*.

The argument over complexion has plagued the Black community for centuries .

COLOR COMPLEX

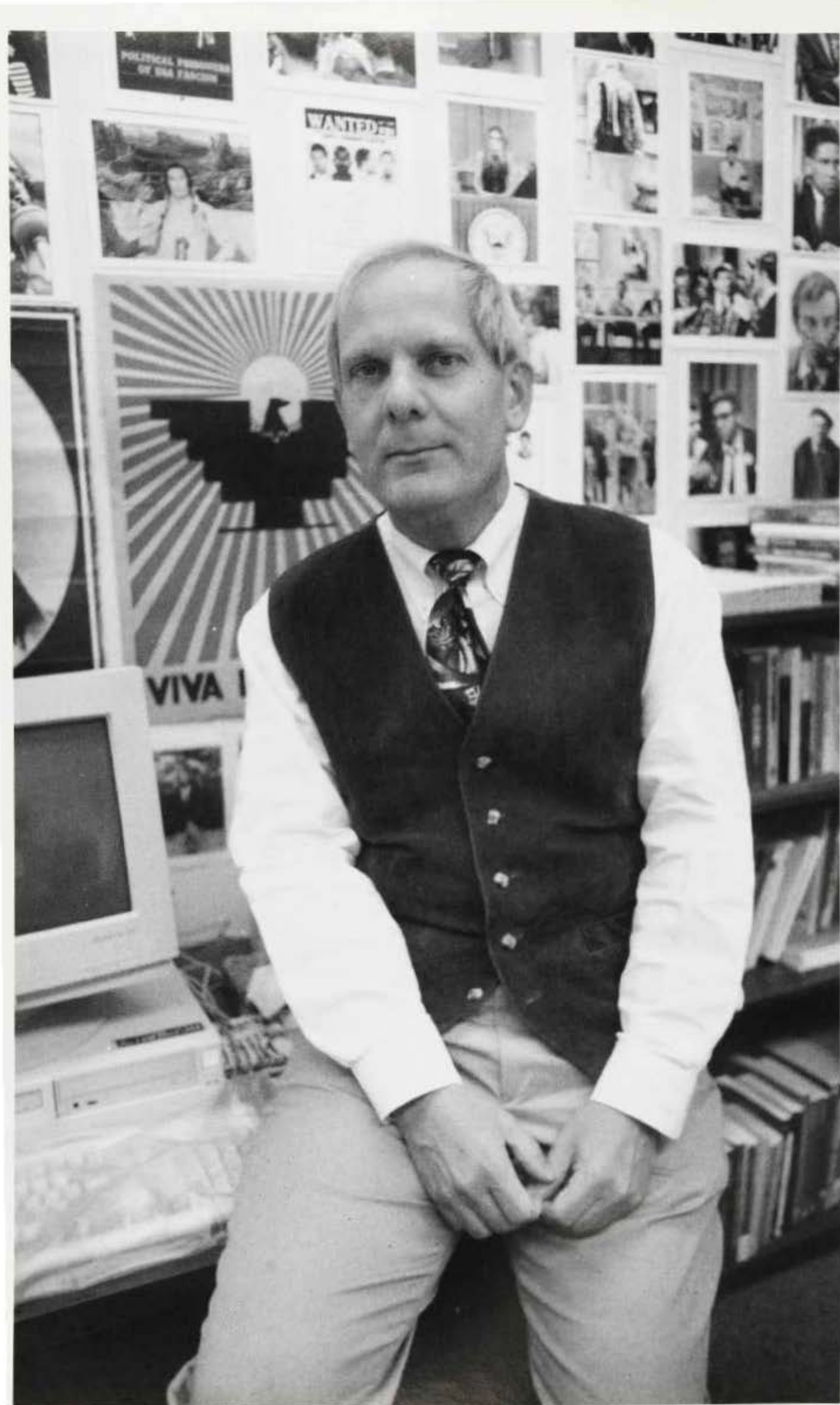


I'm tired, tired, tired of insecure Black people blaming all of societies ills on the light-skin people of the race. Hello, but are we not Black also. Just like dark-skin Black folks were born dark, I was born light. That does not make me half-a-devil or a sell out, it simply makes me a light-skin Black or Africa American for those uptight poltically correct types. And the last time I checked several of our leaders were light-skinned Blacks! Are you going to tell me that Thurgood Marshall or Malcolm X are sell-outs. Give me a break! If I'm not mistaken Plessy of the Plessy vs. Ferguson: the Seperate But Equal law was only 1/8 Black so he had to be light. So I attest to anyone who questions light-skin folks, that we have sacrificed as much as our dark brothers and sisters and are Black to our core. And lets not talk about slavery because whether you were in the house or the field you were a slave. Most house niggas were just the product of rape.

And for my light-skin counterparts, I am not letting you off the hook. Perhaps if you stopped trying to prove that you are Black people would be more excepting of you as a person of color. No one respects a person with a chip on his/her shoulder. And for any of you who think you cute just because you are light, WRONG!! Skin color has never made anyone more beautiful, maybe more full of themselves, but not more beautiful. And here on Howard's campus, THE MECCA, you would think Blackness would be

celebrated, but we all know the history of our great institution. The notorious paper bag test. Rumor has it you could not pledge(join) certain fraternities and sororities (I'm not going to metion any names) unless you were a certain hue. But, wait! This stigmatism was not always in the light-skin students favor, sometimes a person was too light or not disinguishably Black enough for an organization. The bottom line is that we as a people can not move forward if we do not stop acting like Niggars. Yes, I said it. Everytime you question someones Blackness, you are questioning yourself and allowing ole' Willie Lynch's plan to become even more deeply rooted in the psyche of the Black Community. What makes the Black comunity so special is the array of diversity in color and language. We should celebrate our differances and glorify our diversity. If nothing reigns true, everyone knows if you mixed any race with Black the children are always Black. Gives you something to ponder. And next time you want to call someone a sell-out, check yourself to make sure you have not been sold!!!!!!!

--Dawnica M. Jackson



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Faculty member John L. Holland at his office in the Fredrick Douglas Hall.

For most of us, by the time we reach college, the damage is already done. For 12 years we have been reminded constantly of the fact, that not only was Africa insignificant in the evolution of western society (if mentioned at all), but the most important contribution of African Americans to the history book is a two to three paragraph discussion on slavery. So for those of us who had the good sense, whether conscious or unconscious, to choose a Black college, the last thing we want to hear is a white professor, teaching African history from a Eurocentric perspective. I do not have a problem with Howards white professors, I have a problem with white professors teaching African American history.

Molefi Asante, professor and chairperson of the Department of African Studies at Temple University said that, "Afrocentricity is a frame of reference wherein phenomena are viewed from the perspective of the African person. The Afrocentric approach seeks in every situation to appropriate centrality of the African person. Teachers provide students the opportunity to study the world from an African view." If this is true, how could a White professor, no matter how knowledgeable about African and African American history teach me about me. They have not lived their life in an African perspective.

How would I reconcile why Africa, due to poverty and low technological advances, is listed as the least developed continent in my sociology book unless my professor puts it into perspective. My education at Howard helped me understand that African was invaded and exploited by Great Britain, who for centuries robbed African of a future by enslaving young men and women ages 16-25; making Great Britain a world power and putting African forever behind the gun.

Dr. Olive Taylor, a professor in the African American studies department, said the difference between Black and White schools is that when studying a subject like slavery, more than likely a white school will study the institution in abstract terms. But, at a Black school, we go inside the institution, ask questions about the people and accept the responsibility to bring down a moral judgment upon those who did the enslaving.

Thank God my professors believed as did Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association of the study of Negro Life and History. He wrote in *Miseducation of the Negro* that, "That education of any people should begin with the people themselves."

As much as we all hate admit it, we are different. George Washington may have been the first president, but he was also a slave owner. Abraham Lincoln did issue the emancipation proclamation, but not because he was against slavery. The constitution is considered by many a great document, but it also secured the institution of slavery and declared African American 3/5 of a human being.

An African American professor teaching at a Historically Black College from an Afrocentric perspectives can help students make sense out of the world of endless bureaucracies and institutions that we will enter upon graduation. HBCU's give's us our artillery. Because, if our third eye is not opened, we become the controlled people. Woodson said it best, "When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "Proper place," and will stay in it."

--Monica Holly-Utsey

C U L T Y

“Actually... What Is



B O U G I E ?

Here at Howard I've found that many of my fellow Bison are all too ready to throw the word bougie at someone, as an insult or proof of their flawed character and lack of commitment to Black people. Am I bougie because I may prefer a latte to Foldgers Crystals, films to movies, and because I have a regular waiter at my favorite cafe in Adams Morgan (shout out to Gilmar!)? Many here at the Mecca would say yes. They would also claim that I am attempting to imitate my white counterparts. I submit that those who have used the word bougie to insult me don't know the true meaning of the word, if they did they would know, that I am not at all insulted by it, and that they too are card carrying members of the "Black Bourgeoisie."

Bourgeoisie is defined as one who is a member of the working class, materialistic, money-oriented and capitalistic. These are all things that I would attribute to myself and most other students at Howard University. Is there anything wrong with that? Not at all.

I, like many of my friends, come from a working-class, single parent home and none of us know what it means to truly go without. Every day that I came home from school I was always able to turn on my television and VCR, or my stereo. Never once did I ever wonder where my next meal would come from, I was always able to open our refrigerator and choose from an array of snacks to eat while I watched an "After-school," special; nor did I ever feel like Will Smith in his "Parents just don't understand" video, my mother was buying me new clothes almost every weekend. Don't get me wrong, I know that my mother busted her ass to make all of that possible and I've always appreciated it.

Materialistic?! Not us! Please, you are truly playing yourself if you believe that we are not materialistic. African-Americans/Blacks (circle one), spend more money on clothing, shoes and music each year than any other group of people. If you don't believe it look at all the people giving free advertisement to Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan and Moschino. How many CD's do you own? Need I go on?

As for allegations that we are money-oriented and capitalistic, they're all true. No one said it better than Cuba Gooding, Jr., when he coined the phrase, "Show me the money!". Most of us, hell all of us are her at the Mecca because we know in this world it's "All about the Benjamin's baby!" We all want the job with the six figure salary, the phat house, and the phat ride. Is there anything wrong with that? Not at all.

As I near the end of my journey through the Mecca, I've learned that there's nothing wrong with working your way up as long as you lift as you climb; If you have to have it, buy Black. No group has ever had any political influence in this country without first having economic influence, think about it!

To all who are still in denial of being bougie I say go see a film, and have a mocha latte with your scone, and get over it.

--Tykeisha R. Rice

ASSIMILATION or ASCENSION?

Did the Feminist Movement do more harm than good?



For decades the feminist movement has done more damage to true womanhood than any masaginitic "caveman," could ever have done. In trying to achieve social equality, feminist fell into the same trap as many early civil rights leaders in that their goal was societal assimilation not societal ascension.

Feminist have forgotten that gaining equality does not mean losing identity. While trying to be equal to men, many feminist have forgotten how to be a woman. Many feminist believe that being feminine equates to being weak. Instead of trying to make themselves more powerful, feminist have attempted to become more masculine, thus making femininity even more of a shackle than it ever was. The same way many civil rights leaders tried to shed blackness in order to gain power in white society. It seems to me these two movements have a lot in common.

Many feminist look down on women, who choose to follow traditional gender roles. They think that a women, who wants to be a housewife is weak and exploited. Many feminist believe that for a women to take charge, she must be ultra-aggressive and masculine in her approach. By infusing these ideas into modern society, feminist have made femininity a bad word.

What feminist should realize is that men and women are genetically different. It is a fact that men have testicles that produce testosterone, making them physically stronger and more aggressive. The fact is that women produce estrogen, a chemical that makes them calmer and more nurturing than men. When a man is being aggressive as a leader he is doing what comes naturally. When a woman acts aggressively, she may be doing what comes naturally; however, when a women tries to act more aggressive than she naturally is to try to emulate a man, she is succumbing to the belief that women are not as good as men. Why can't feminist see that a woman could be just as effective a leader by being herself...a woman.

Instead of striving for equality, feminist have attempted to make women into men. The shortfalls of feminism can be seen by examining two recent event: the Million Man March and the Million Woman March.

In 1995, over a million Black men gathered in the nation's capital to identify their own shortcomings as husbands and fathers and to atone for past indiscretion. On a day that many in attendance called spiritual.

In 1997, hundreds of thousands of Black women gathered at the Million Woman March in Philadelphia to discuss several important issues. Those issues were... "Who know," said Kyrisha Prince, one of the many women in attendance, "It seems like women just wanted a reason to March."

Indeed, the Million Woman March is a perfect example of feminism. Instead of recognizing that Black men had a unique need to come together and discuss their problems and negative affects on the community, Black feminist did just the opposite. Following that same self-hating doctrine they have used for the past 25 years, the Black feminist pursued the "If men have one then I want one too," philosophy. By calling their gathering the Million Woman March, feminist not only took meaning from the 1995 event, but also trivialized their own movement. Why not call the March Sisterhood '97? Instead, feminist again showed that they are ashamed to be women and do not have a plan to promote women.

In order for women to advance in society, they must not be afraid to be women first. Who knows what ire consequences the present feminist course of action may led to. Today the Black community is in turmoil, partially because Civil Rights leaders thought assimilation was more advantagous than self-empowerment. Where will feminist leaders leave America's women in 30 years?

--Jaymes Powell



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Stereotypes plague our society, whether it's the Taco Bell Chihuahua, the myth that Black folks are always eating watermelon and chicken or White children can curse at their parents, stereotypes invade everyone's perception of reality. One such perception on Howard's campus is the myth of gender roles and sexuality.

Is the person a ho or a player? In our society we've been taught to believe the answer to that question lies in that person's gender. First and foremost that person is a fool. In today's world sleeping around trying to claim Mac daddy or Mac mamma of the year is a death wish that won't take too long to fulfill.

Oh Howard's campus 93% of males are having sex with their mate, but 73% of HU males polled would like to marry a virgin. So who are they having sex with? If men continue to have sex with the women of Howard University student body how can they possibly marry a virgin and why should a woman be a virgin if a man is not!

Men say stupid things like I have sex all the time because it feels good. And you're thinking it's agony for a woman. If a woman can't, or won't fulfill her man's sexual urges the man has the right to dismiss her from her duties. However, a woman caught in a lover's web with an unsatisfying lover is supposed to stay and continually be turned off.

The biggest crime a woman can commit is being a sexual being. Everyone has seen the look of horror cross a man's face when he finds out his sister is having sex. Or the look of distaste when he hears his girl has had more sex partners than he has.

Why is it that a man who enjoys sex is a player. He's celebrated and his peers measure themselves against him hoping to achieve his greatness. And a woman in the same position is dirty, disgusting and a whore, a slut, and other unmentionable things. It's about perception. Maybe our Nubian Kings see us as the Nubian Queens we truly are. Maybe they think we are too good for that type of deviant behavior. You know finally we agree on something. My brothers it's lonely on this pedestal. Come stand with us. We think you are too good to let the deviant behavior continue.

Problem is as long as there are men down for being a Player, women are going to continue to be treated like ho's.

--Karintha Wheaton

The Howard Fifty

In 1997, Howard recruited 79 National Merit Scholars confirming what we, the students have known all along-- that Howard attracts the best and brightest. Candidates for Who's Who are judged by a University wide committee on a number of criteria including scholastic achievement, leadership ability and community involvement. The following are the Who's Who of Howard University, who in time will become the Who's Who of the world.

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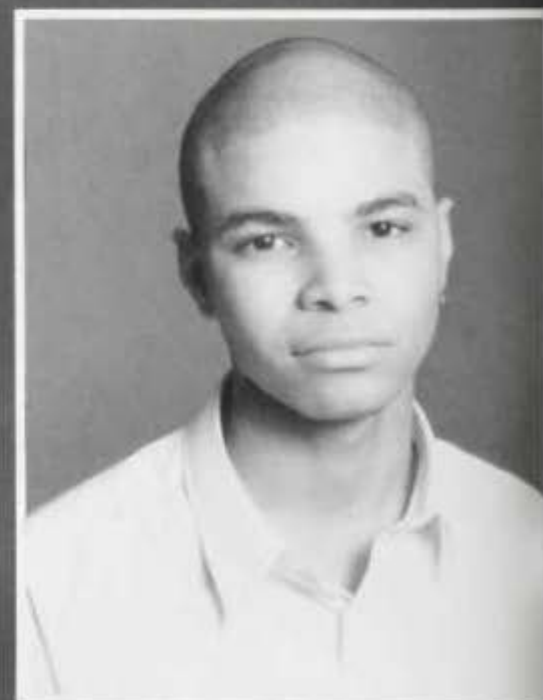
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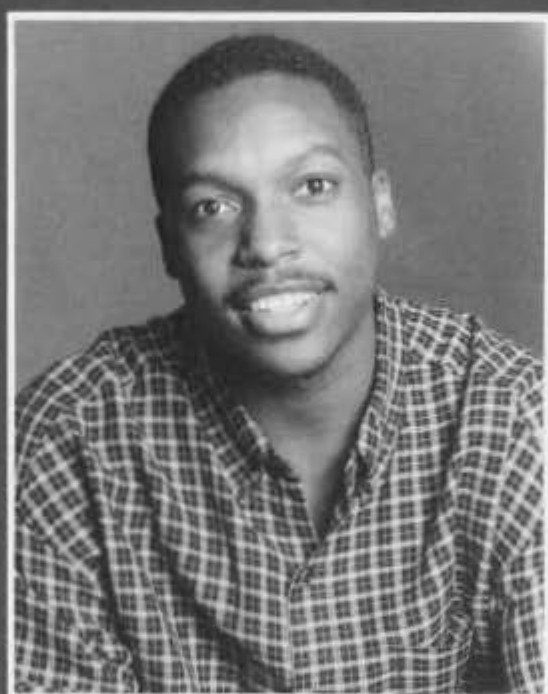
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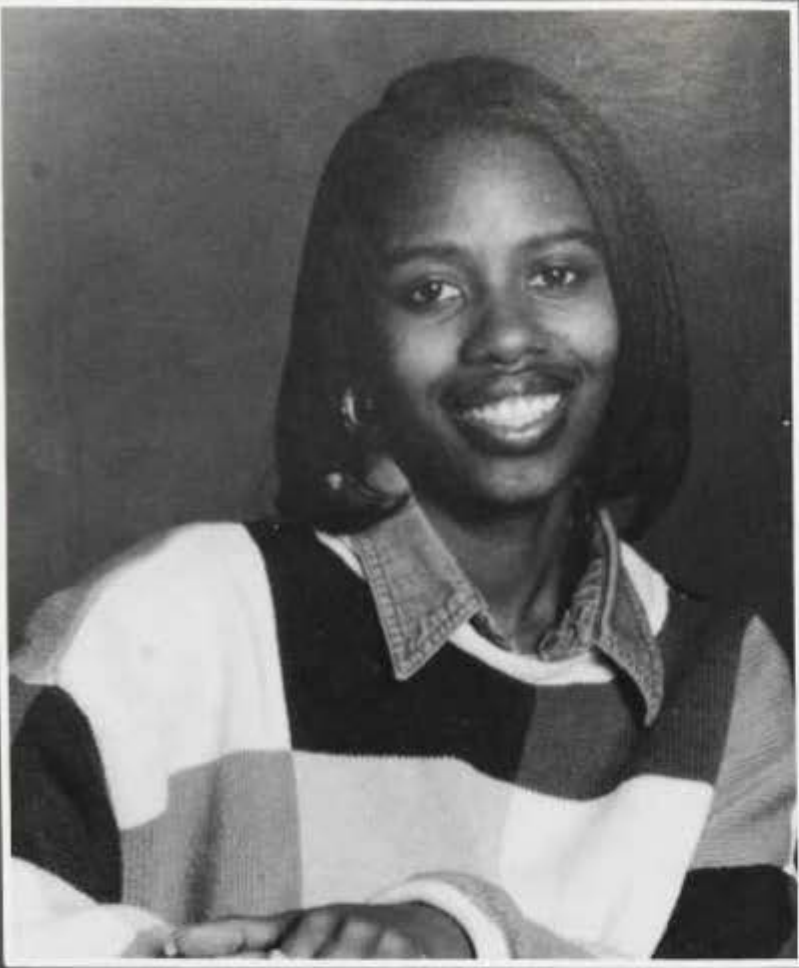
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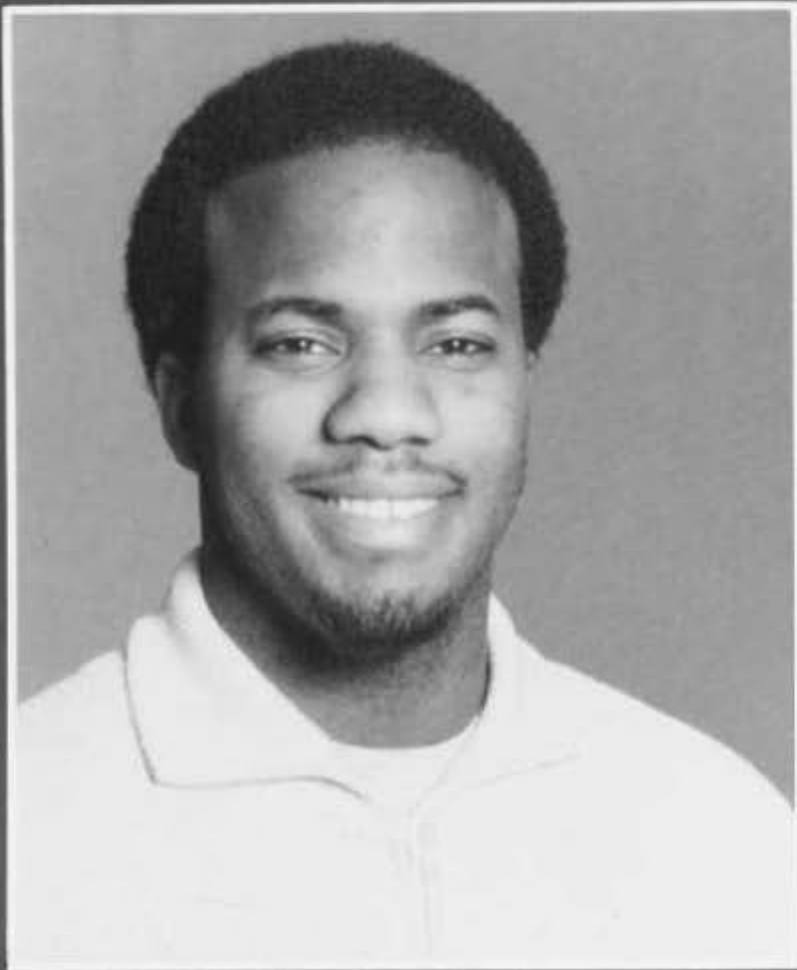


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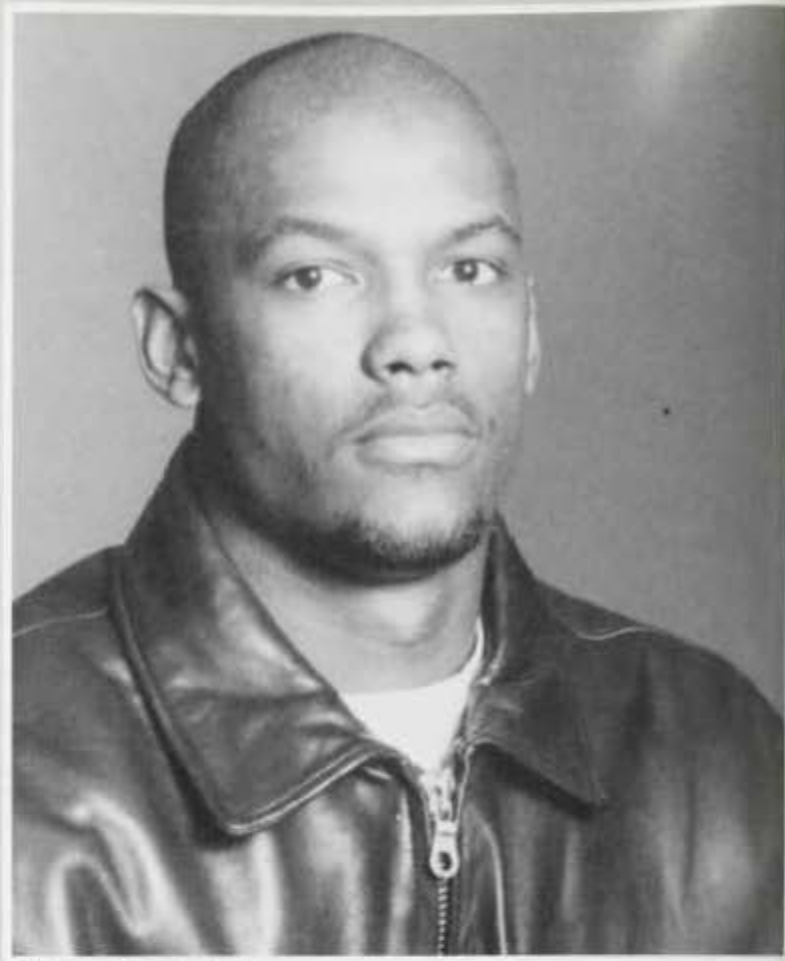
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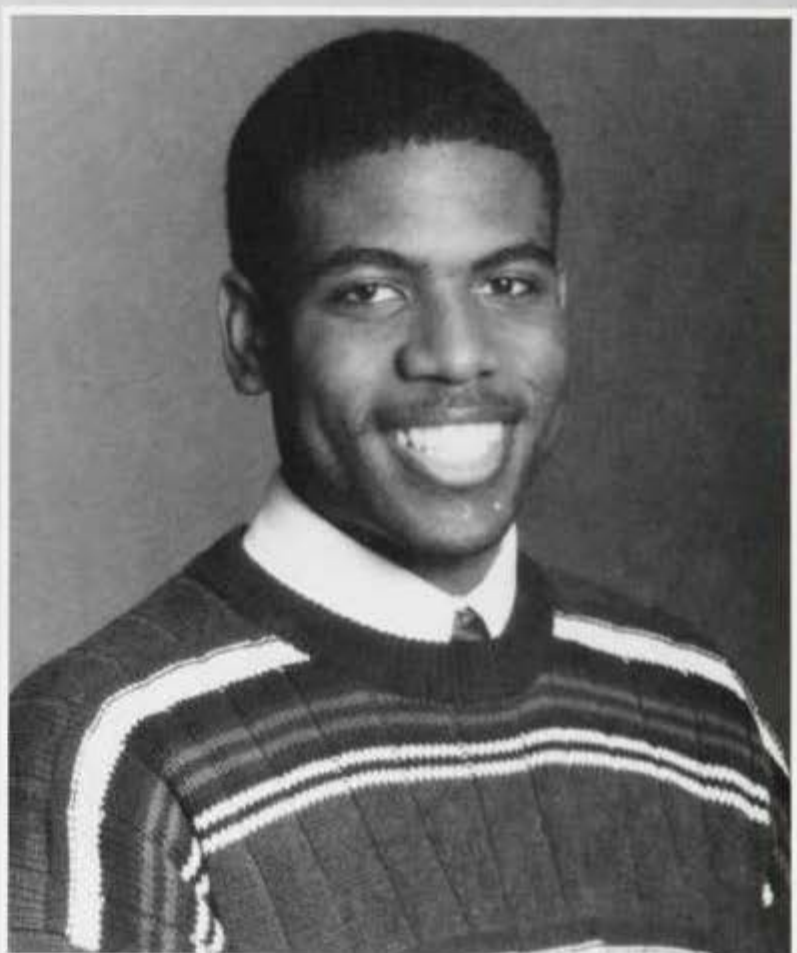


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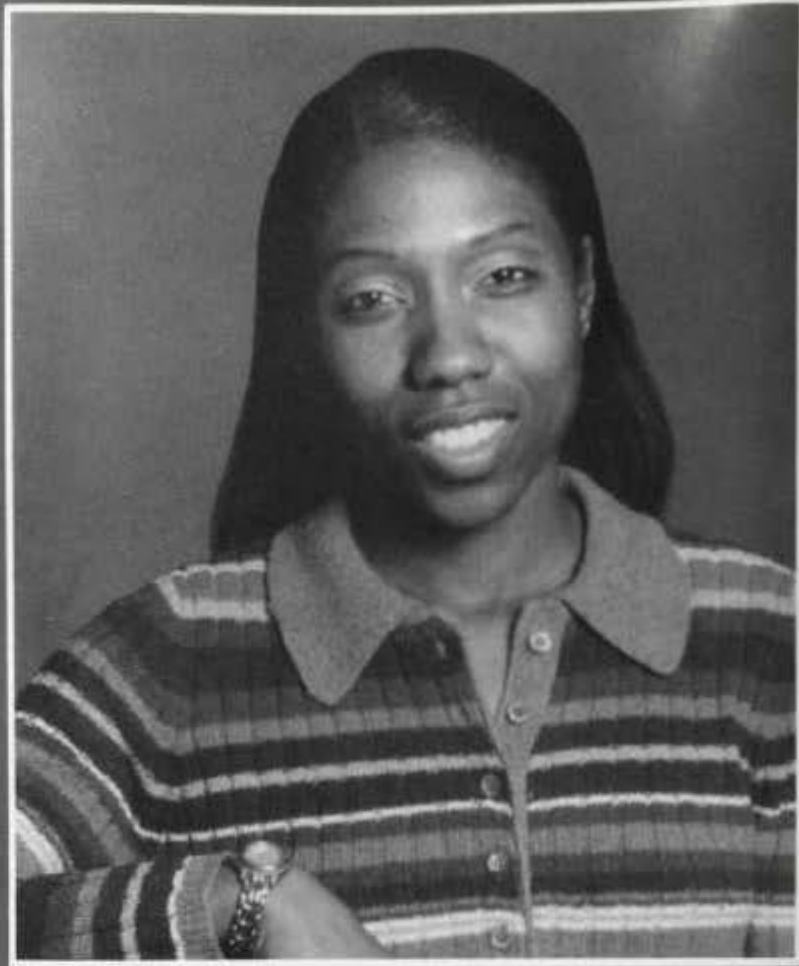


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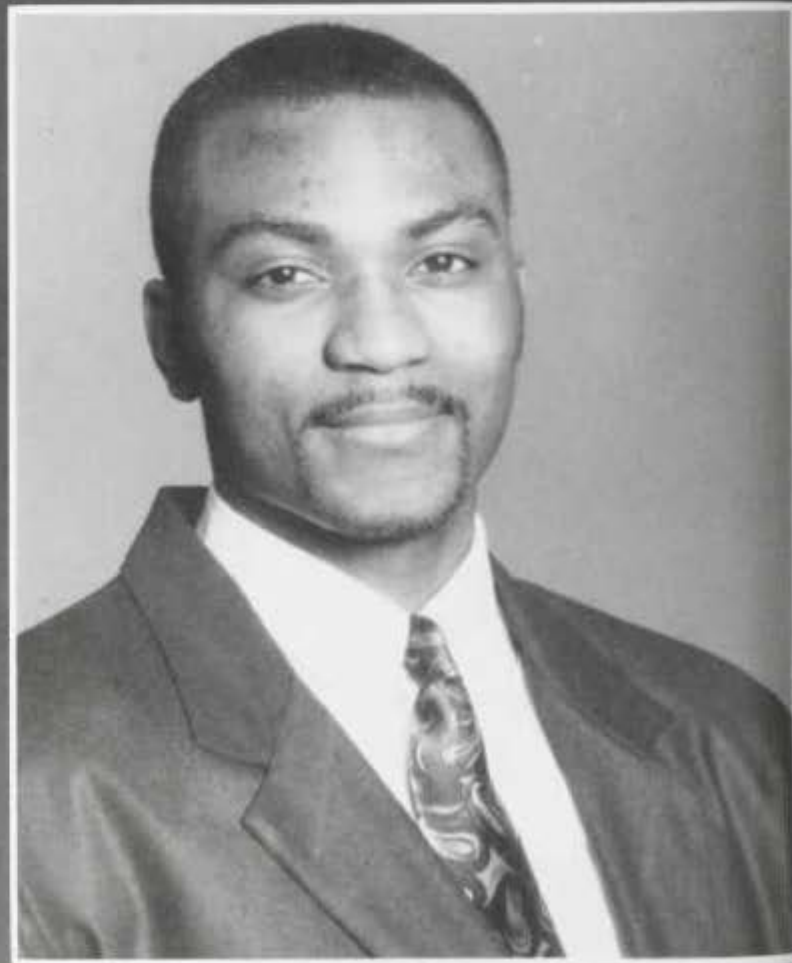
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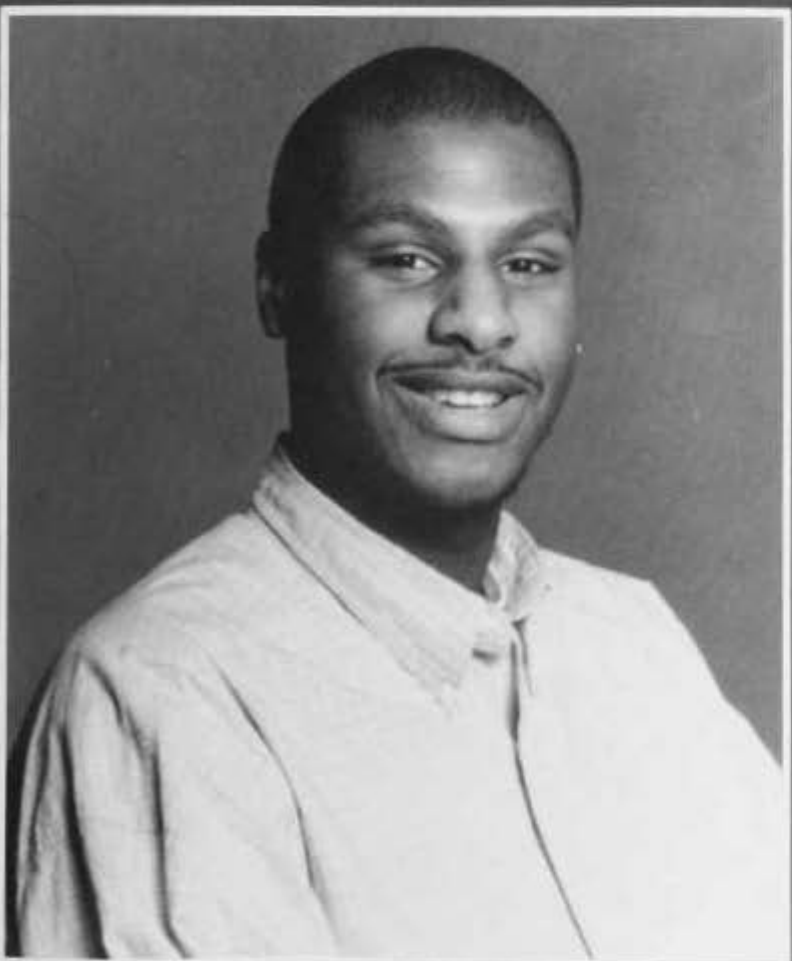


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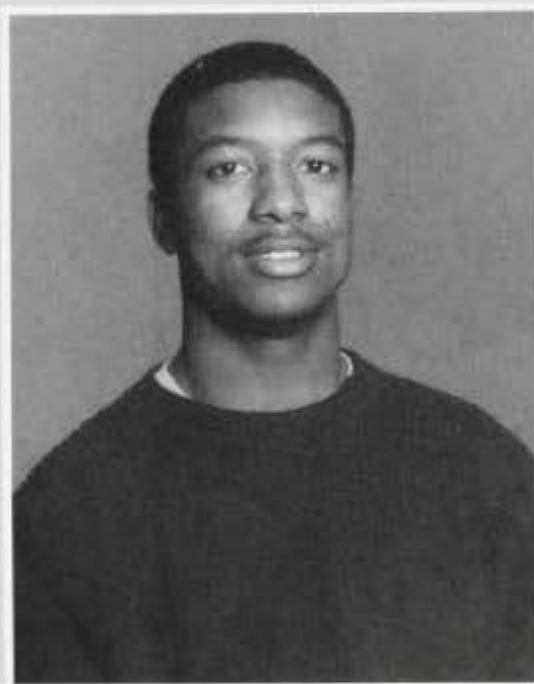
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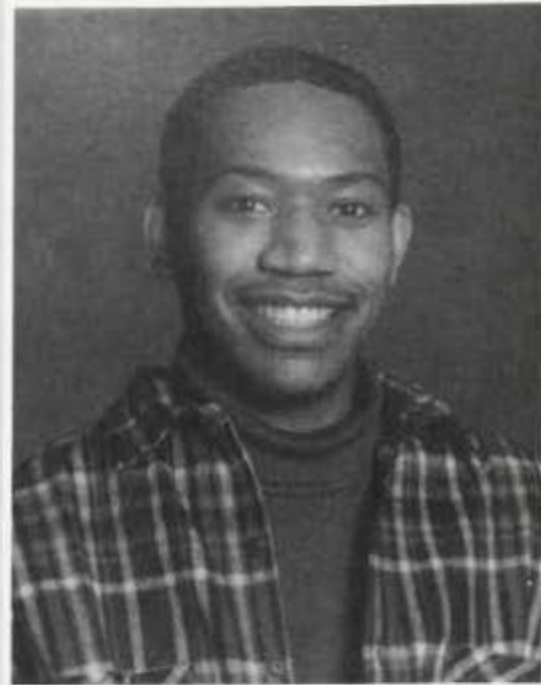


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Somewhere between the pinning ceremony and commencement, a grand metamorphosis occurs. Transforming shy and innocent freshmen into intelligent and articulate professionals. Often times, the road to graduation is very treacherous, but in the Howard tradition these obstacles have been overcome with style and grace.

Howard students have witnessed many changes to the University. Financial bankruptcy, presidential change and academic restructuring have only strengthened our resolve to strive for excellence.

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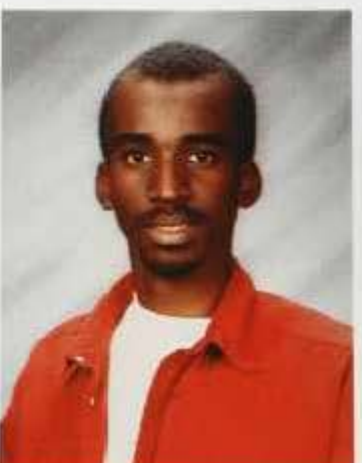
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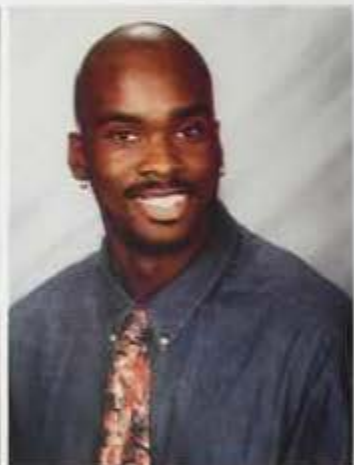
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The Bison Yearbook
Salutes The
Graduating Class of
1998!!!!

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 9, 1998

Dear Class of 1998:

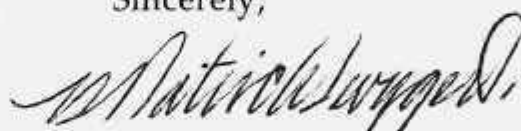
It is with great pride and pleasure that I extend congratulations to each of you from every member of your Howard University family.

Whether you have earned an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree, this occasion is not only the culmination of years of study and work, but it also represents a beginning. This is a beginning, a commencement of a new phase of life beset with opportunities and challenges. And, as you "sail life's rugged sea," remember that our University stands "firm and true" in support of its sons and daughters.

I encourage you to stay in touch with Alma Mater. Visit the campus. Let us know how and where you are.

Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,



H. Patrick Swygert
President



Charter Day

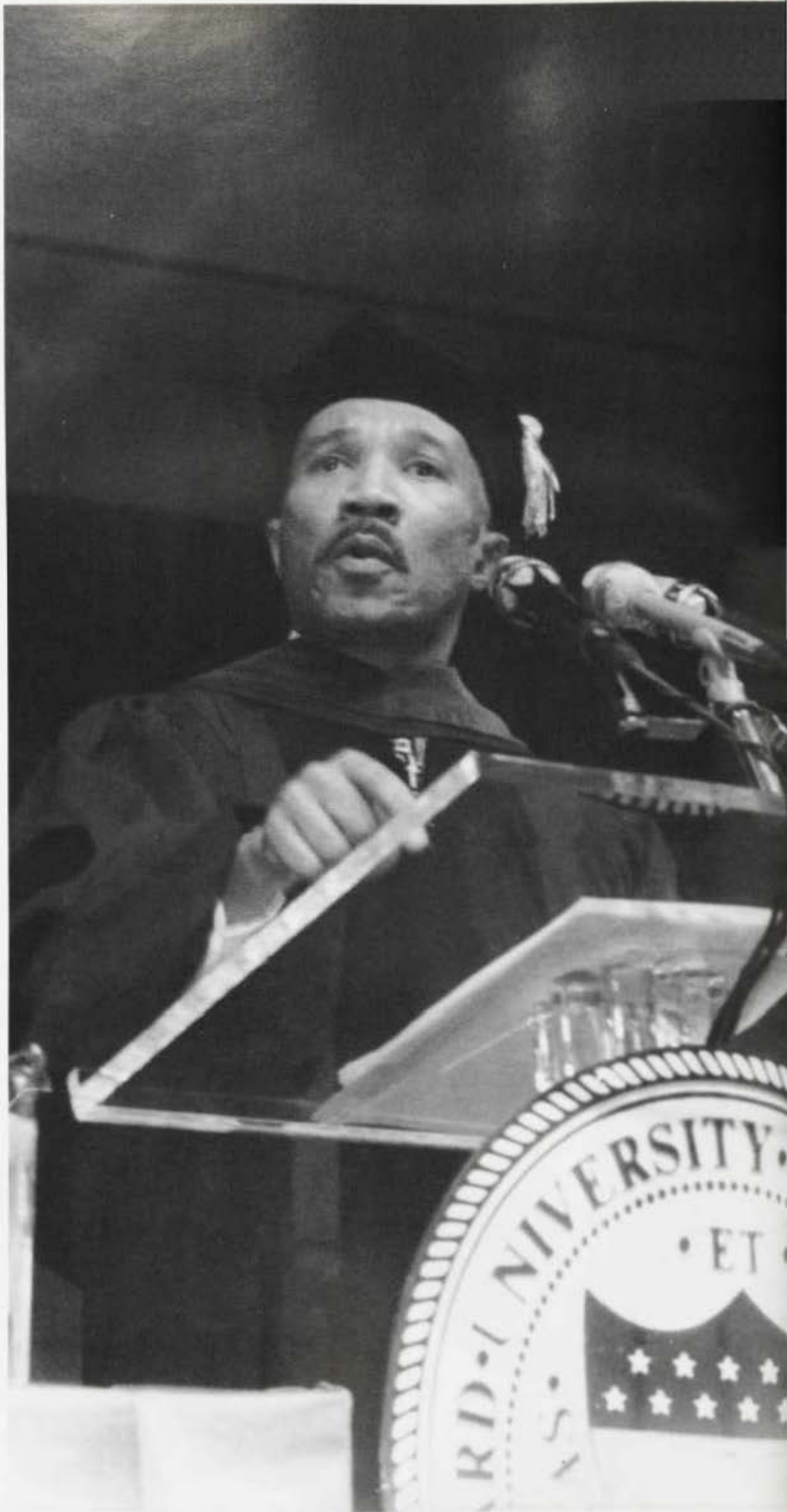
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131 Years

The Howard University family assembled on February 27th, to celebrate 131 years with the annual Charter Day Celebration. Once again, the crowd gathered in Cramton auditorium to take part in the festivities. The auditorium was filled and those inside could hardly contain their excitement while waiting for the arrival of the keynote speaker, former congressman and now president of the NAACP, Kweisi Mfume.

As always, the stage was filled with the administration, Honored Guests, and The Howard University Gospel Choir. The faculty marched in as the packed room waited patiently to get their first glimpse at the keynote speaker.

"As a native of Maryland I could not pass up the chance to hear Mr. Mfume speak. Opportunities like this don't come around often," said Shana Golding, a senior Psychology major. "He's been not only a soldier, but a leader as well for his people. He's definitely a living legend."



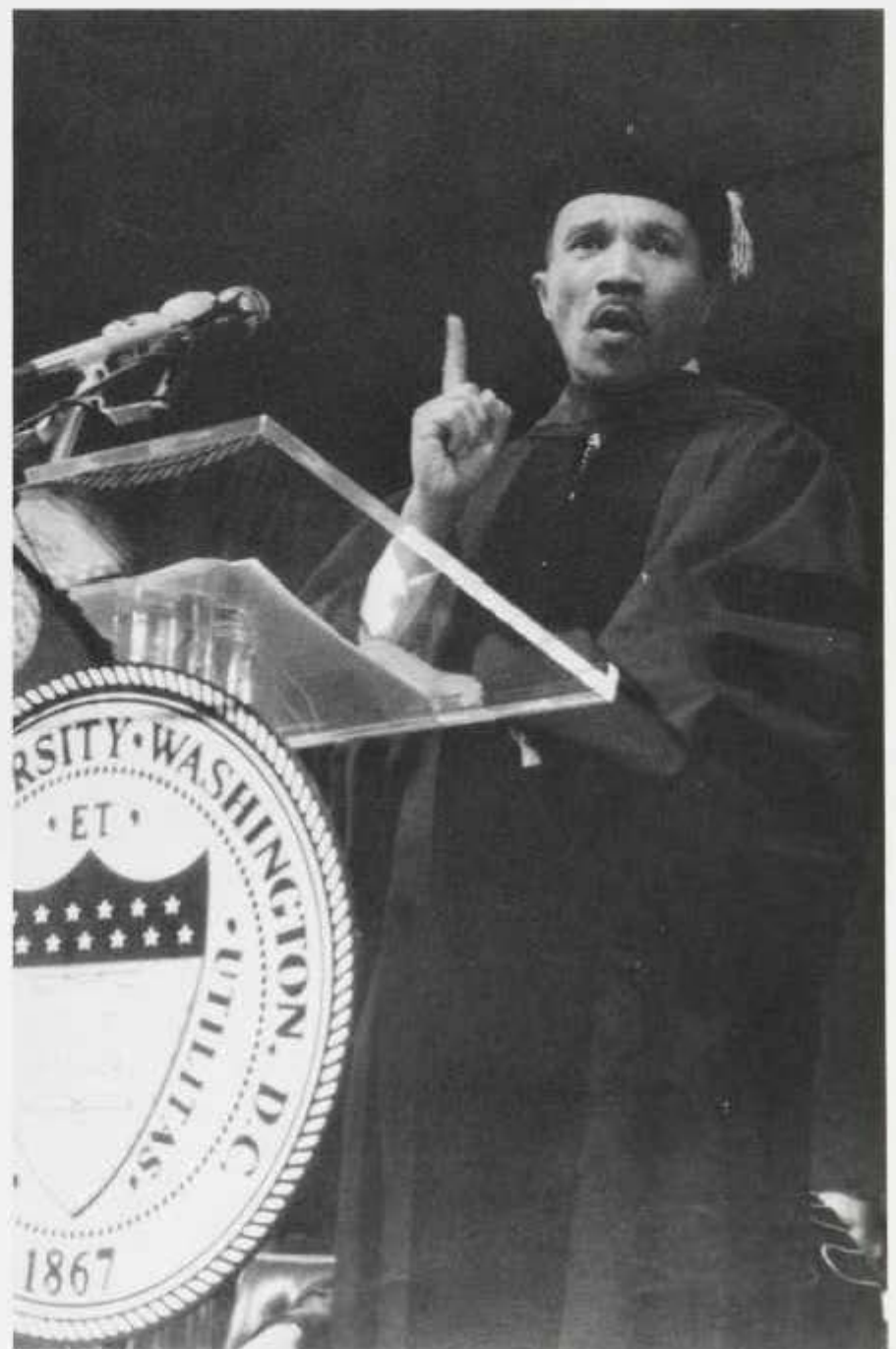


"I wanted to hear what he had to say about the state of America today, and his words of advice and wisdom for us as young African Americans and future leaders," said Nya Brown, a sophomore majoring in Fine Arts. Mr. Mfume's words did in fact speak to the students providing insight into an uncertain world, and their duty to step out of Howard University as a leader and take their rightful place in the world in order to make it a better place.

Mfume spoke of his troubled childhood and gave encouragement to those who face many trying obstacles on a day to day basis. His outlook for the future in the African-American community was positive, but he made it clear that the struggle was far from over. And we as a people and the students of Howard University who he proclaimed as the future leaders of tomorrow have plenty of work to do.

"Mfume left the audience with hope and encouragement for the future. But, he also left us with an understanding that we cannot just idly sit back and hope that those of different ethnic backgrounds will hand us what we want on a silver platter," said Brown.

The message was clear, while we are here at the Mecca, we must be sharpening minds, so that we are ready for the struggles to come. And as we enter the new millennium we must strive to be leaders and the controllers of our own destiny. --Sharon L. Ingram



**1997-1998
67th Annual
VISUAL ARTS SHOW**



SeEing iS BelieVing.



The 67th Art Show went off with a bang as students in the Howard University, Fine Arts Department displayed their creations for an attentive and awestruck crowd. Everything from photographs, to sculptures, to paintings were on display from the various departments within the division of Arts and Sciences.

"The show was truly fabulous! I am continually impressed with the level of talent that is present in our student body...I sometimes feel as if I'm amongst stars," Christopher J. Tyson, senior Architecture major.

The process was grueling and the competition for a slot in the art show was fierce with hundreds of submissions, the precious few who made the cut are bound to become the superstar artist of the future.

"The show once again brought the genius of the Fine Arts Department to life," said Jurnee Smith, junior Philosophy major. "It makes me proud to attend one of the few HBCU's to have a Fine Arts program."

With dazzling displays and a captive audience the artists took their bows and mingled amongst the spectators always willing to explain their art. "I just love what I do," said Dannette Lambert-Brown, photo-editor for the yearbook and featured artist.

--Dawnica Jackson



67th



Visual





Arts



Show



**THE HOWARD SPORTING EXPERIENCE IS
MORE THAN COACHES, PLAYERS AND THE
SHOWTIME MARCHING BAND. IT COMBINES
STRENGTH OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT
WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE THAT CAN ONLY
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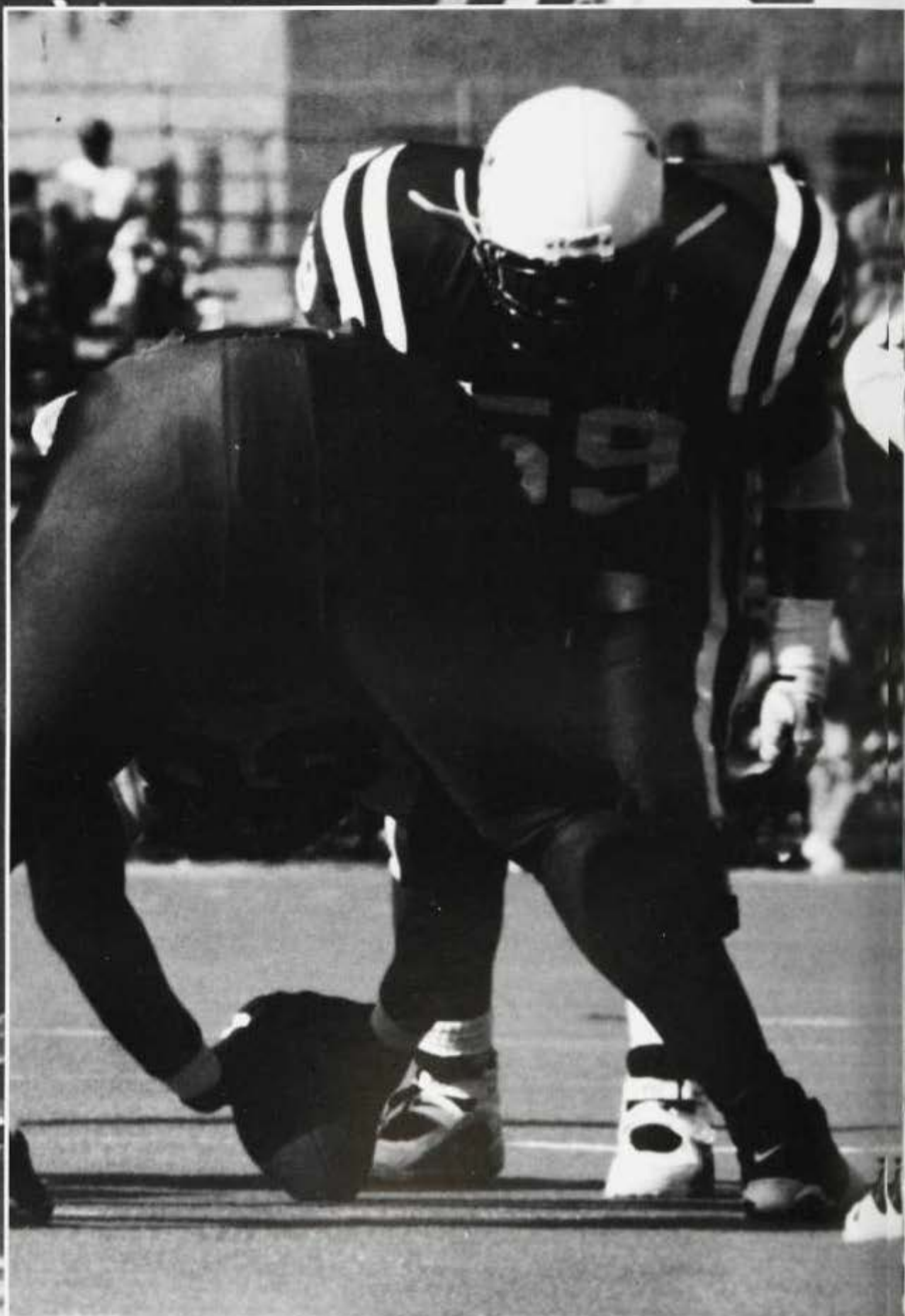


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A T H L E T I C S

Football

American



Howard's defense was the mainstay of a rather disappointing season. The Bison ended with a record of 7-4; however, the defense held opponents to under 150 total yards in 6 of the 10 games in the MEAC.

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Above: Ted White and the herd at RFK battle Hampton at the HU, Coca-ColaClassic.

Right: All MEAC, Defensive End Marques Johnson takes a breather during an interconference game.

A year after winning the Heritage Bowl and capturing the Black College National Championship, the Bison returned to the gridiron for the '97 season ready to fulfill high expectations. Why wouldn't they? Howard returned most of their starters from the previous year and was everybody's pick to win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), title and go on to the playoffs. Only one thing stood in their way; injuries.

Setbacks to members of the defensive front seven and a banged up offensive line led to an inconsistent offense. Tough home losses to Florida A&M, Hampton and South Carolina State ended all chances for a post-season. "This year we ran into a couple of problems and I hope we can just learn from them and correct them for next year," said Bison quarterback Ted White.

Despite these low points, the Bison still finished the season winning six of their last seven games finishing with a 7-4 record. White, also, reached a milestone in his career as he surpassed North Carolina A&T, Alan Hooker for the career record for touchdown passes thrown. "You have to take your hat off to the kids. We did some real good things down the stretch," said head coach, Steve Wilson.

White will have another opportunity next season to add to his record as he returns for his senior year. With a lot of young players getting substantial playing time due to injuries, this team will once again be among the elite teams in the conference fighting for the title. "Everybody has the experience now and hopefully we can shoot for another Black National Championship next year," said White.



DID YOU KNOW?

Howard fielded its
football team in
1894

Cheerleading

Men & Women





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School Spirit!

"Many people don't appreciate cheerleaders for the athletes that they truly are," said Daanen Straachan, advisor to the Howard University Cheerleading Squad. "They are perceived as giggling airheads, who get by on their looks and that simply isn't true. They work just as hard at their sport as any other athlete and are expected to maintain an above average GPA as well."

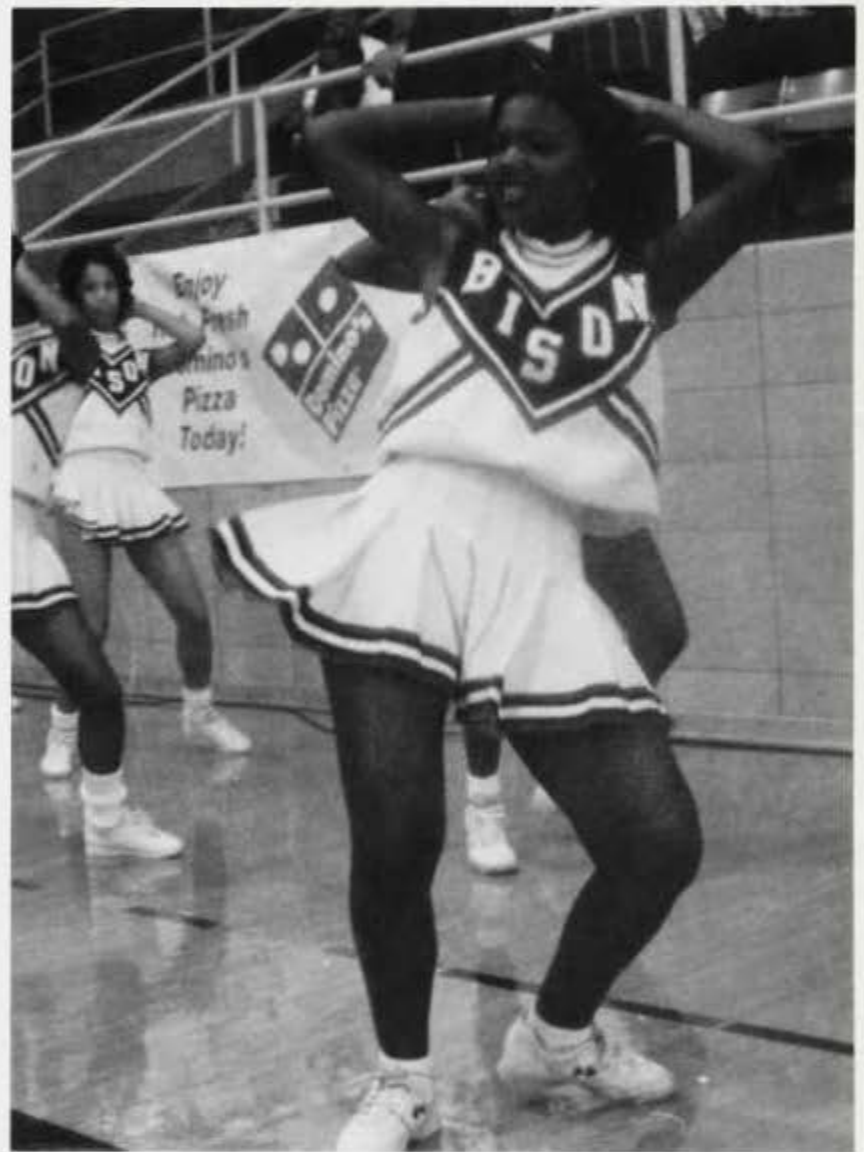
Though to many it appears to come naturally, the flips, tumblers and tosses come with ease only after long hours of practice. The 15 members of the squad practice their finely tuned routines at least six hours a week in order to keep our spirits up during the rough spots in the Football and Basketball seasons, as well as leading us in rooting the Bison on to victory. For LaJonne White that's what it's all about, "I love Howard and I have so much school spirit. This is my ways of giving back, this is my contribution to the school. Besides, cheering is a lot of fun."

Scholarship is also important. While the university requires that athletes maintain a minimum 2.0, cheerleaders are required to maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA. In fact the average GPA is a 3.3 and several members of the squad are Honors Students.

In addition to boosting spirits of the student body, members of the cheerleading squad lend themselves to many worthwhile causes and organizations. Several members belong to sororities, and devote time to community service organizations throughout the DC area in addition to sponsoring their own programs. One of their biggest projects is the Cheerleading clinic that they run for area elementary, middle and high schools, where they teach the participants about cheerleading as a sport.

From helping us to hype up the team when things were looking down, to showing other schools ain't no party like an HU party, the cheerleaders have helped us to create many memories that we will cherish for years to come. BISON!!!

--Tykeisha R. Rice



DID YOU KNOW?

Howard University has had cheerleaders since the 1940s.

BISON

booters

Determined to Win!

Howard's soccer team starters hail from all over the country and world. Their diversity epitomizes the University's 11,000 student body. On and off the field, The Booters must learn to play together as a team, because only a team effort wins games.

The team has an arsenal of talent: Mike Lawrence, Gregory Simmonds, Andre Virtue and team CO-MVP Keelan Williams. Each player possesses great ball skill, an explosive shot and tremendous speed.

Simmonds is an dynamic scorer who was second to Lawrence in conference points per game and goals per game last year. The lanky 6'4" junior is ready to improve on last year's performances. He averaged the most assists per game in the conference last year in scoring 33 points, an asset most goal players don't possess.



Teammate, Clarke compliments Lawrence and Simmonds on the field. The junior led the Mid-Continent Conference (MCC), with seven assist in 16 games.

"My job is to score goals on this team. I was second team All-South Atlantic as a freshman," said Clarke. "I hope I can become All-American while playing at Howard. I want to bring respect to the HBCU's."

The Booters 1996 record of 11-6-3 enabled them to capture the Eastern Division title in their first season in the (MCC).

The defense lead by Kofi Boxhill whose goals against, average of 1.26 led the MCC, returned most of last year's players.

After a successful off-season, head coach Keith Tucker is excited about his team's outlook. This is looking like the real Howard. We are capable of playing two men at every position. Our defense is an organized group. This is definitely Howard, it feels like it," he said.

--Karintha Wheaton

Football

Mens European



The Booters were striving to take the soccer to its former glory and did with a trip to the MCC Championship. But, here they met fierce competition from Buffalo.

Football

Womens European



In only their second season as a NCAA, division I team. The Lady Booters have provided a bright and promising future.



K i c k i n g G A M E

“It [the soccer team] shows the heart African American Women have,” said Patrice Saunders, senior majoring in Biology.

The team is tough, but have yet to win. This does not bother the Lady Booters because the team has improved on all levels and disciplines of the sport of soccer.

“I think we have an excellent team this season,” said Ayodele King, senior from California majoring in Business Management. “Our main goal this season is bringing our skills together to get more wins out of the season.”

Sophomore acting major Nicole Rolle said, “I think we’re doing well in enthusiasm when it comes to playing the game, but we need to work on consistency on the field.”

Still Howard is beginning to successfully make that move to respectability. Before long they should become a serious threat to any team they play. “What has happened is a structure or foundation and our coach is building on that,” said Senior Azure Thompson, Print Journalism major. “Our freshman are impact players and I’m not worried about the future of the team. I know I’ll see a championship sometime in the future.

--Derrick S. Edwards



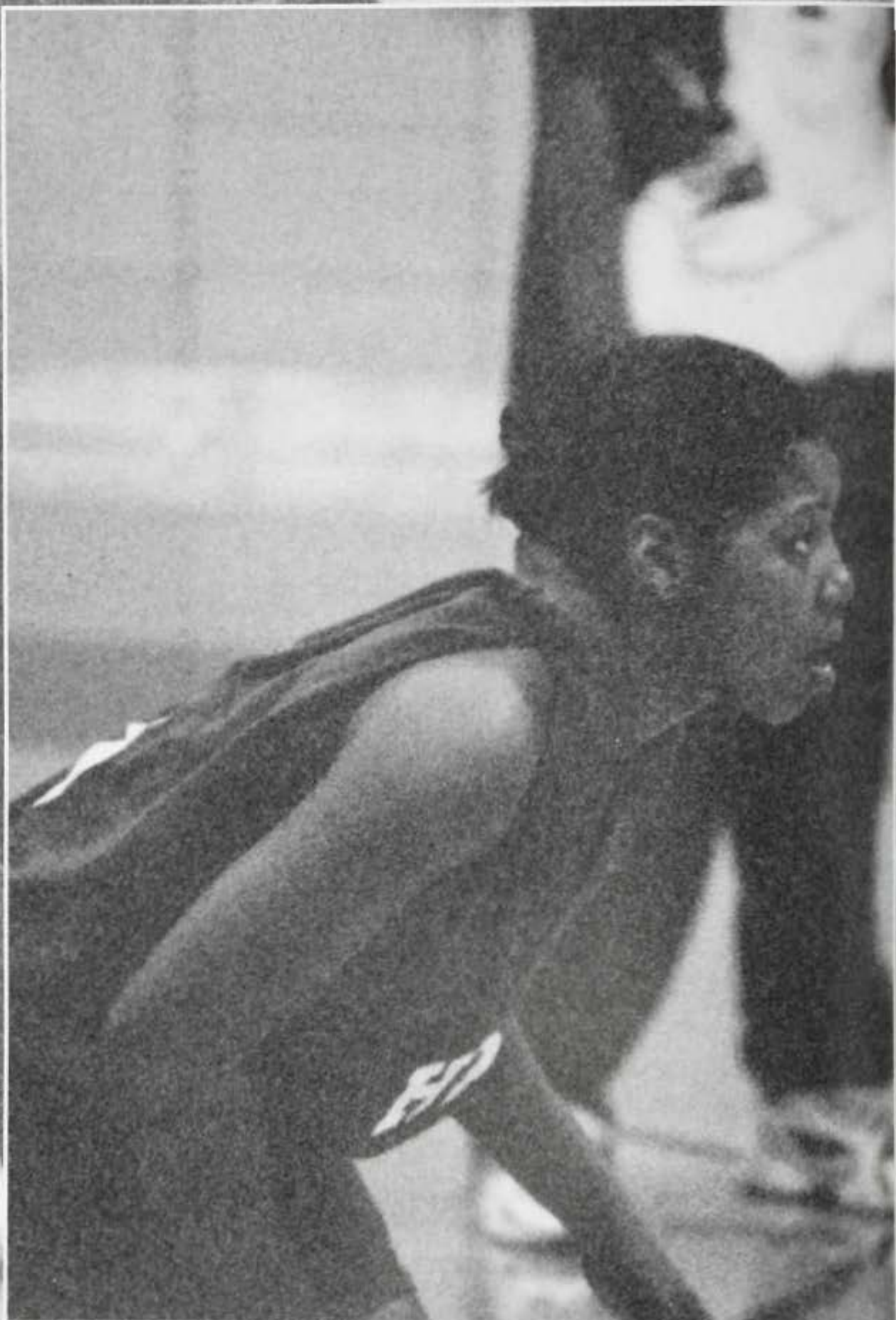
Photo by: Eduard Lewis

BISON LADY

booters

Volleyball

Womens



The Lady Spikers play with dominance and finesse. These two attributes have lead them to several MEAC championships and NCAA Tournaments.

Photo by: Edouard Leneus

The Lady Spikers know defense wins the game.



Dedicated to winning, the Lady Spikers take every play seriously.

After winning eight MEAC championships in 13 years the Lady Spikers intend on continuing their championship legacy. With three standout returning players, the competition better watch out, it's going to be a bumpy ride. Ericka Rockwood, 5'10" senior at middle blocker, Chazara Clark, 5'10" junior at middle blocker and Adreinne Lofton, 5'9" senior at the setter and hitter position complete the arsenal of talent on this squad.

Team captain Rockwood said, "The expectations to win the MEAC and go to the NCAA tournament is good because of all the potential that the team has and should reach by the end of the season."

Along with the returning players there are also a lot of new players. This hasn't been a problem for the team. "It's a totally new team, but we have as strong offensive hitting as any team has and should pick up momentum by the end of the season," said Clark. "And our hitting team gives us a great advantage."

With devastating spiking, awesome digs and sets even an infant could hit, the Lady Spikers are set to take the MEAC and no prisoners on their way to a ninth championship and prove that Howard's volleyball team sets the standard not just in the MEAC, but in the volleyball world for excellence. "I don't plan to graduate without a championship," said Rockwood.

—Mya Ferguson

Teamwork has helped make this squad a hard team to beat.





Restock, Reload, Rebuild, Renew Championship Dreams.

The team was one point away from winning the MEAC championship, they lost to FAMU 4 games to 3. Senior Tunisia Davis was the person who was at 5-2, 40 love match point before elation turned to bitter defeat. "Anytime you're up 5-2, 40 love, any huge serve could end the match," said Davis. "I want to go back out and gain vengeance."

Supplementing the upperclassmen's dreams of a championship is what lead head coach Larry Strickland to recruit one of his best incoming classes to date. "They're tremendously talented," said Strickland. "How they adapt to the college scene remains to be seen. But they're probably the most talented teams we have at Howard."

Still, integrating new talent can always create doubt about one of the most important things to a team, its chemistry.

"I had doubts with the cohesiveness of the team, being that we had such a high number of new members," said Tracey Austin. She added, "I assumed that it would take a substantial amount of time for the team to mature, but surprisingly all members of the team new and old worked very well together from day one up until the present. I believe it to be a reflection of what the future holds to us as a team."

With bold statements like that, it is easy to see why the freshman class is so excited to compete. "I just want to win," said freshman, Rolanda Jones. "[I want] To bring the team to a level it's never been before."

That is not an improbable goal, as Howard has placed no lower than second or third in the MEAC for several concurrent years now. "We have a stronger team than last year's," said sophomore Erin Adams. "We have good teamwork, we all encourage each other."

--Derrick S. Edwards



Tennis

Womens



This women's tennis team is young, but far from timid. With a positive attitude and powerful strokes, they are a force to be reckon with in the MEAC.

--Photos by: Aida Muluneh

hard serve can win a game.



The men's tennis team understands practice makes perfect and have continued to dominate the MEAC.



S e r v i n g U p A c e s !

What do you do with a team that has no players who've played beyond their sophomore year, are full of life, and has the desire to win no matter what it takes? You give them their rackets and stand back, that's what.

"We're young as far as college experience, but we've all played at the national level," said sophomore Rasheed Parham.

Head Coach Larry Strickland isn't worried either. He knows that his players have natural talent and that with a little guidance, they will become great. "My expectations right now are that they come in and allow their game to mature. We're in a rebuilding year and maturity is the biggest part of that."

The few sophomores on the team have set guidelines for excellence that they want to see the team follow. "As far as stepping up in leadership type roles myself, Chad Hamilton and Anand Jay Araman need to do that," said Parham. "None of us have been very vocal in the past."

Although the players are concerned with rebuilding and maturing, they're ready not only to compete, but to win and not by small margins. "We're all cocky as hell," said Parham. "We all think that we should win every match and not have it even be close."

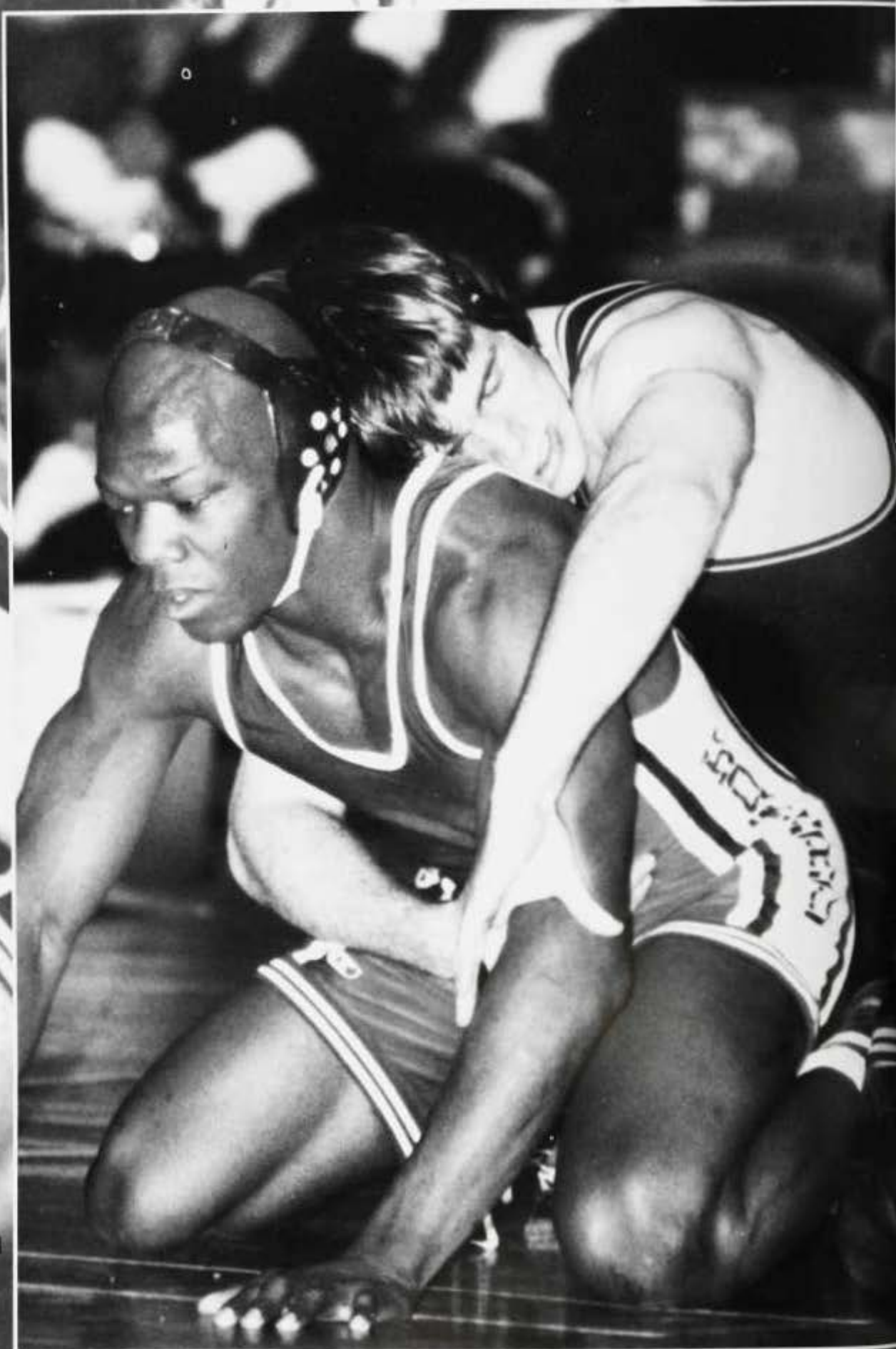
Still, the team tries to put their egos aside in order to successfully complete the task at hand. "We have a lot of great talent," said freshman Chris Lee. "And we have a lot of egos for a good reason. But, we also know that we have to put the personal stuff aside and play as a team."

Perhaps Moroccan transfer student Khalid Salah-Eddine best sums up the teams feeling for the season. "We just hope to do better than last year. Even though last year we had good results." -

-Tykeisha R. Rice



Wrestling



The Howard wrestling squad faces each new challenge with determination.

Howard Wrestling:

Leaving Opponents Down For the Count

The Howard University Varsity Wrestling team returned this year with a vengeance. They began their season in October in hope of sending more of their players to the division finals than last year.

Senior Jason Guiotan and Junior Fred Ashley both returned this year from last years division finals with hopes of returning and this year winning the coveted title.

The team competes collectively as well as individually. The wrestlers compete in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), but also have to challenge many larger schools to win their spot in the NCAA tournament.

"When we compete against the Eastern Region division teams, the matches are usually much more challenging," said freshman Ephiram Walker. "We go up against some pretty big name schools like Marquette, Northern Iowa and LaSalle."

This years wrestling team has twenty-four members that are divided into ten different weight classes. Due to internal problems this year the Bison wrestlers did not have team captains.

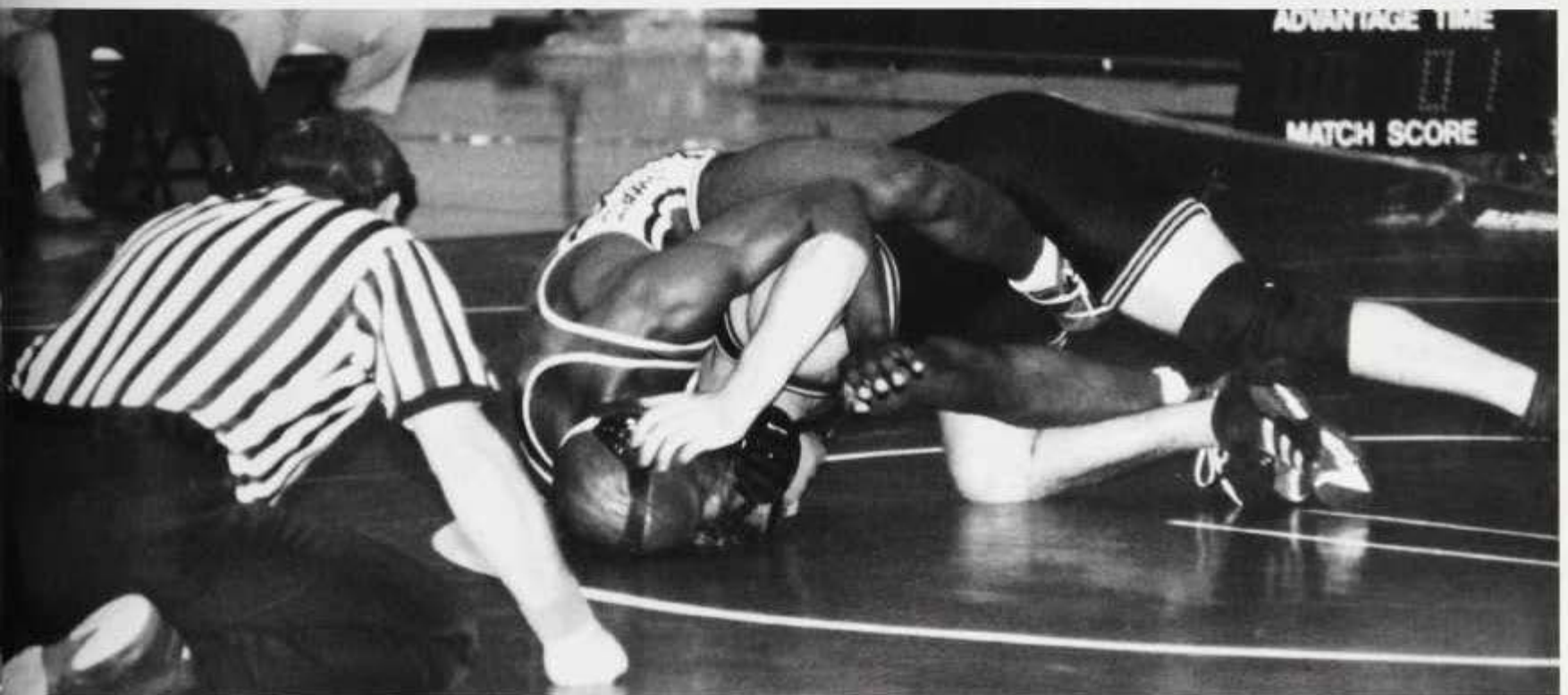
"We are only as strong as our weakest link," said Wrestling team head coach Paul Cotton. The Bison wrestlers practice every morning at six a.m. for their five month season. They travel virtually every weekend to away competitions. "Getting up every morning has always been a chore, but I love the sport so I take the good with the bad," said Alphonso Taylor, senior member of the wrestling squad.

Dedication to the sport is a must for any Bison Wrestler and by the looks of the Howard University Varsity Wrestling Team the will to win is strong and dedication to perfection is unparalleled.

--Sharon L. Ingram

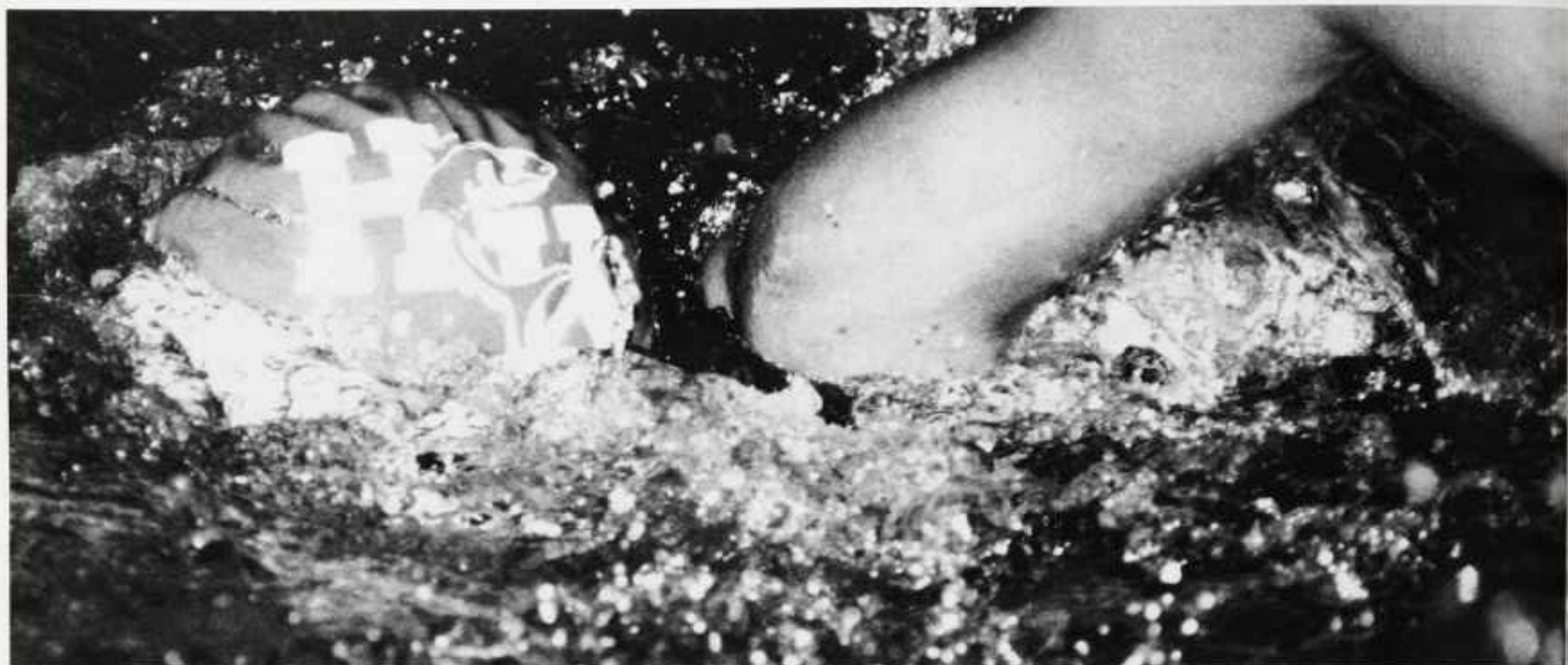


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Swimming

& Diving



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"Kick it out, let's go Sharks, kick." These are the types of things you hear yelled at a swimming and diving competition. The competitions are competitive and full of excitement. The men's swim team is young, but it has more than enough heart to make up for their youth. The team has leadership from its upperclassmen like Daniel Ricketts. Ricketts is captain of the swim team and a senior majoring in electrical engineering. Martin Ewing is captain of the diving team. Ewing is a senior majoring in psychology. "The team is eager to show its talent and determination to everyone," said Ewing.

Despite having a young team the coach and veterans expect a strong showing in the conference championships. Head coach Dr. E. Newton Jackson said, "The men's team has a lot of heart with luck we will have outstanding results with the conference championships."

Ricketts is hoping to make it back and win the conference championships this year. "I know that everyone will be looking to beat me after winning last year, so I have to work harder to make sure they don't. Also, I'm aiming to make it to the NCAA Championship." Another post season hopeful is Ewing, "I'm getting the degree of difficulty I need to make it to the championships and I have to work hard and give 110%," he said. With these attitudes there's nothing that can stop them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Until the 90s Howard University's swimming and diving team was the most successful team in Howard history.



With past champions and a host of fresh talent, the men and women sharks are set to make all competition shark-bait!

Baseball

Hardball



Baseball is a game of strategy and skill. A game can be lost because of mental weakness.

The Howard baseball team prides itself on mental, as well as, physical strength.



B a t t e r - U P !

Coming out of a division win last year the Howard University Baseball team entered this season with higher expectations and the goal to once again win their division and the MEAC tournament championship.

With a total of 58 regular season games to play, the baseball team is focused and has their heart set on creating a baseball dynasty at Howard University. "I want to bring respect and credibility to my program," said Chuck Hinton, the head coach of the squad.

But, Hinton is not the only one with championship dreams.

"We have the skill and talent for this team to go all the way and win the tournament this year. That is our main goal," said Robert Rosebury, the team statistician. "We already expected to win the division, but I feel we will win the tournament too."

This year's baseball team is relatively young, with a total of 24 members, with all but three players returning next year. "I think we will be a force to reckon with in the years to come," said Rosebury. "We're young and strong."

The baseball team lost in the finals of the MEAC tournament last year to Bethune - Cookman, but if they win this year they will travel to the NCAA tournament, a feat the Howard baseball team has not accomplished in years.

--Sharon L. Ingram

DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Hinton, the head coach of Howard University's baseball team once played in the major leagues.



Lacrosse

Womens



Lacrosse is the newest sport to be added to the intercollegiate roster at Howard University.

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There's a New Sport in Town!

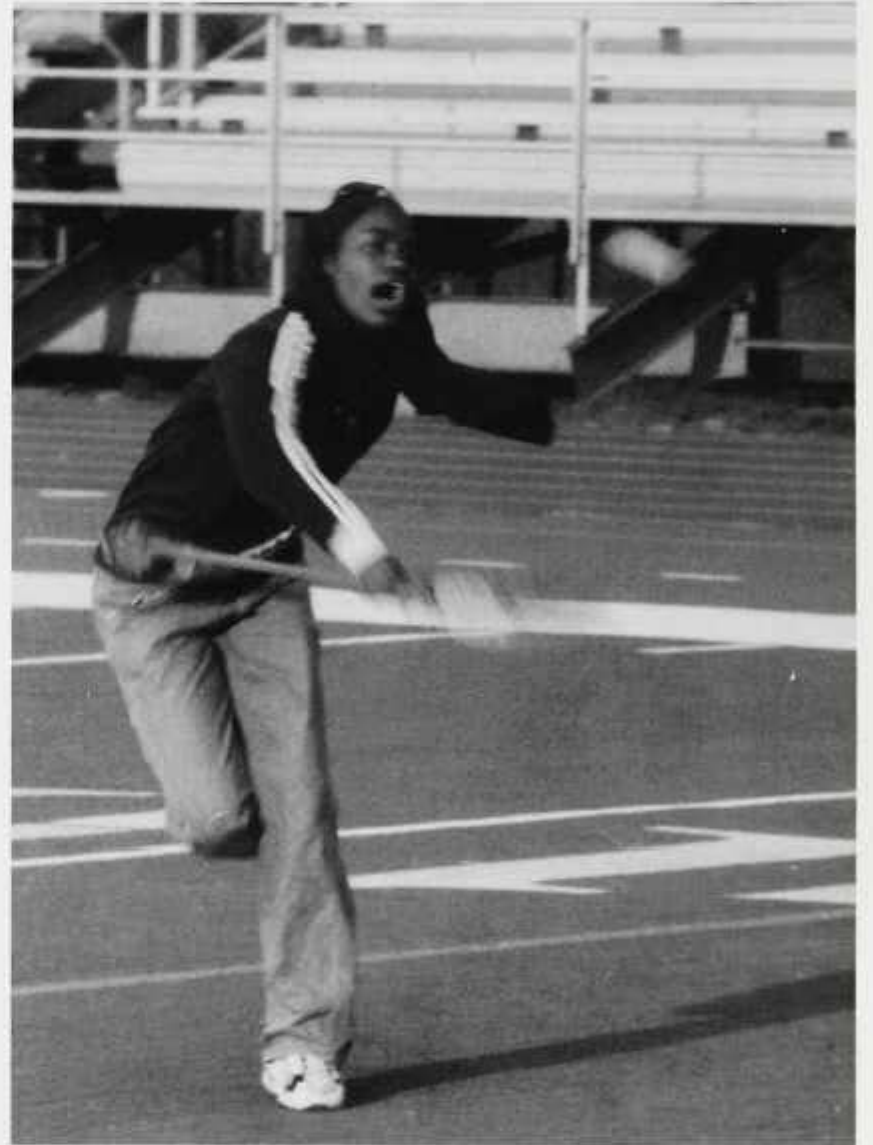
The 1997-98 school year was the first time in Howard University history that there has been a Varsity Lacrosse team. In the past lacrosse has been played here at the Mecca on the club level. The new team has approximately 19 members and is extremely anxious to expose the sport to the rest of the student body. "I love Lacrosse," said Jennifer Brown, co-founder of the team. "I want everyone at Howard to know that Lacrosse isn't just a game white kids play."

The new varsity Lacrosse team was co-founded by Yasmine Abdul-Mani and Jennifer Brown. Abdul-Mani was the coach for the club level lacrosse team and played an instrumental role in the implementation of the varsity level team. "Lacrosse takes a lot of skill," said Abdul-Mani. "It is my goal help broaden the horizons of the Howard University student body."

The new team will be traveling to many different cities for competition and has a positive outlook for their debut season. "We have some young talent and I am confident the more exposure we get the wider the talent pool will become," said Laurie Poldmilsak, head coach of the women's Lacrosse team.

The 1997-98 women's Lacrosse team has brought needed attention to the sport. It is the hope of the women's team to have a male counterpart in the near future.

--Sharon L. Ingram

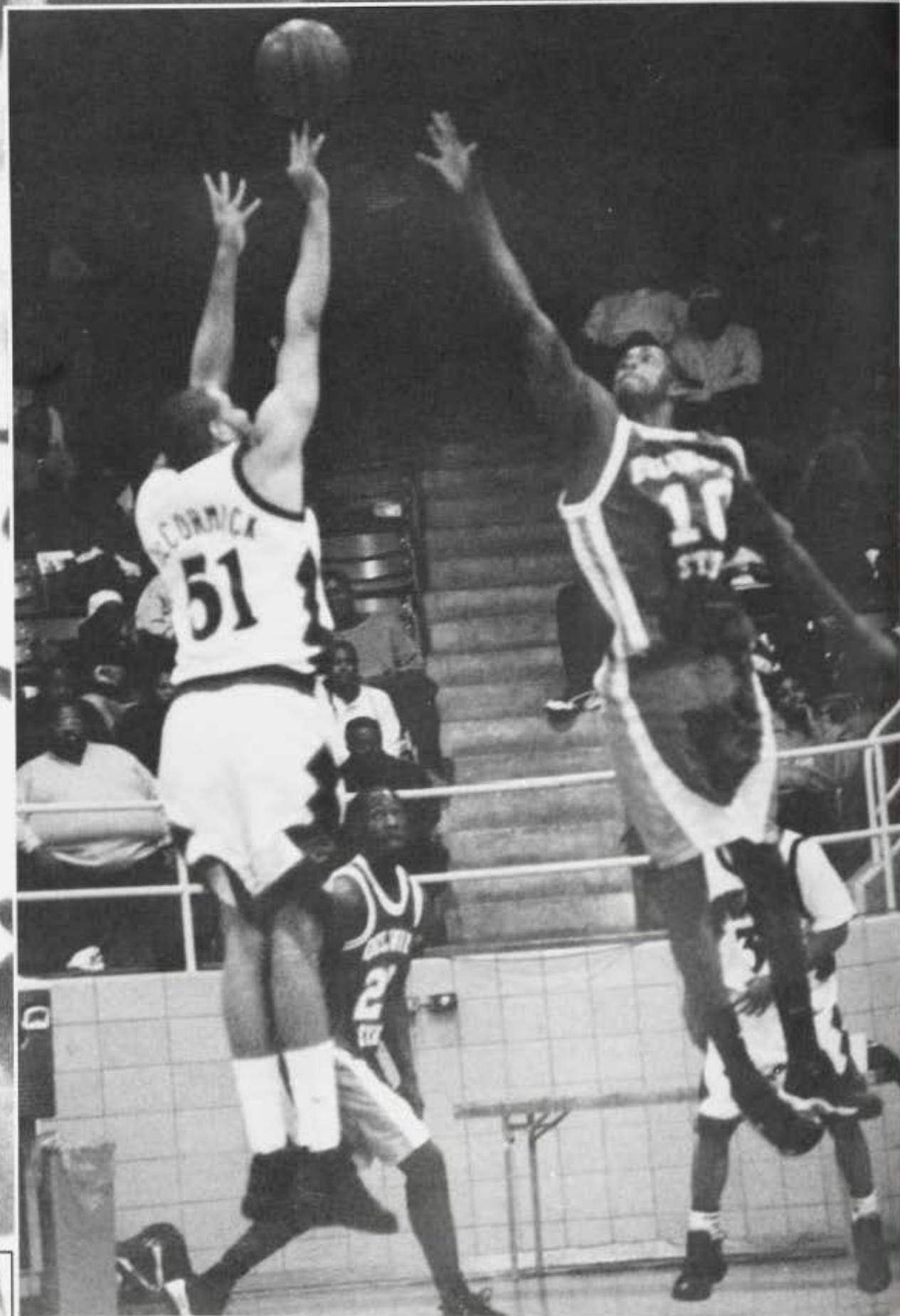


DID YOU KNOW?

Howard University is the only HBCU to have a Division I--Lacrosse team.

Basketball

Mens



The desire to win keeps the Bison competitive spirit in play.



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A New Beginning: Howard's Basketball team Rebuilds

The men's basketball team has had only one winning season since 1988, which led them to the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Championship, and a coveted spot in the NCAA Tournament. The year was 1992 and the team has struggled since.

This year's team had hoped to mirror the success of their female counterparts, to return to the days of glory with a new game and a new attitude. "The team is showing growth," said head coach Mike McLeese. "We have a very talented team. We have to be focused on basketball."

This may be true, but much like seasons of the past, their performance proved inconsistent at the very least. Their hopes were dashed as they finished their season with a record of 8-20.

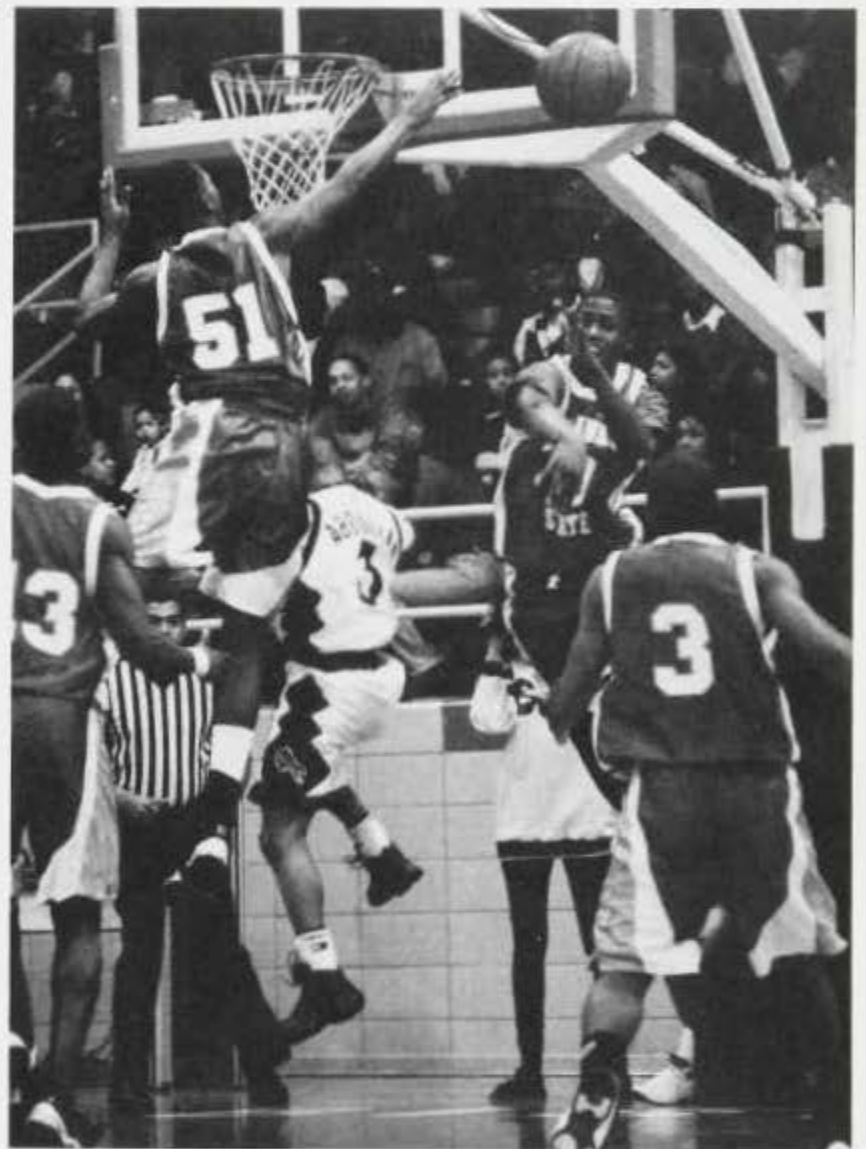
To add to the team's disappointing season Head Coach Mike Mc Leese will not be returning for the 1998-99 season since Howard has declined to renew his contract. Though Mc Leese had hoped for more time to cultivate the talent on the team.

Two of the key players for the Bison, Xavier Singletary and Ali Abdullah were prime examples of that talent, which McLeese had hoped would lead the team in the right direction. "It's a messed up deal seeing Coach Mac Leese go," said Singletary. "But we kind of expected it."

McLeese went on to say he would miss the Mecca and enjoyed his time here.

"Whoever comes in next year will get a team with great talent," said Mc Leese. "And I wish them the best of luck."

--*Marcas Matthews*



DID YOU KNOW?

Howard University's
first basketball team hit
the court in 1920.

Basketball

Womens



Basketball at the Mecca isn't for the weak at heart just ask the Lady Bison, who make winning look easy.

Photo by: Edouard Leneau



DID YOU KNOW?

Sanya Tyler, the Head Coach of the Lady Bison has the most wins of any coach in Howard University history.

Young, but not wreckless!

The Lady Bison basketball team has been simply unstoppable in the last two seasons. This year's team faced a new dilemma; no Denique Graves--no Amanda Hayes. The star center, was playing in the WNBA and scoring threat Amanda Hayes is now on the coaching staff. Howard returned only one of their 1,000 point scorers, Alisha Hill. With Hill and center Eriade Hunter the only senior, the Lady Bison returned a very different team from the championship squad of 1996-97.

"I look forward to the new challenges this year has to offer," said Hunter. "I have no doubt that we will rise to the occasion and once again win the MEAC."

The team struggled early on in the season as Hill was the only offensive threat for Howard. As conference play began, the Lady Bison began to gel as a team and became simply unstoppable. One of the key reasons for the turn around is Howard's tenacious pounding of the glass. Hunter and Hill controlled the paint and seemed to grab every rebound that came off of the glass. In a home contest against Bethune-Cookman, Hill reached a milestone, which definitely proves why she is one of the greatest players in Howard history. In that game Hill recorded her 1,000th rebound and later on in the season she surpassed the 2,000 point mark, making her the only player in school history, men or women, to do so.

"It's a big accomplishment that I will probably will appreciate more when the season is over," said Hill.





Sanya Tyler uses a balance love, determination and knowledge to inspire the Lady Bison to victory. It works! Over the past three seasons, the ladies have won the MEAC.



The Bethune-Cookman game was also a big one for Hunter, as well as she had her best day as a Lady Bison with career highs of 17 points and 16 rebounds. "Coach Tyler really stresses rebounding and I just try to go out and do the best I can," said Hunter.

One major surprise to the squad this year came in the form of 5'7" guard, Chanell Washington. The freshman from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida started immediately for the Lady Bison and provided an offensive threat from the outside. Washington was MEAC Rookie of the Week, a couple of times and had a big game that was special to her and also head coach Sanya Tyler.

In a game against Marshall University with the clock running down and the game on the line,



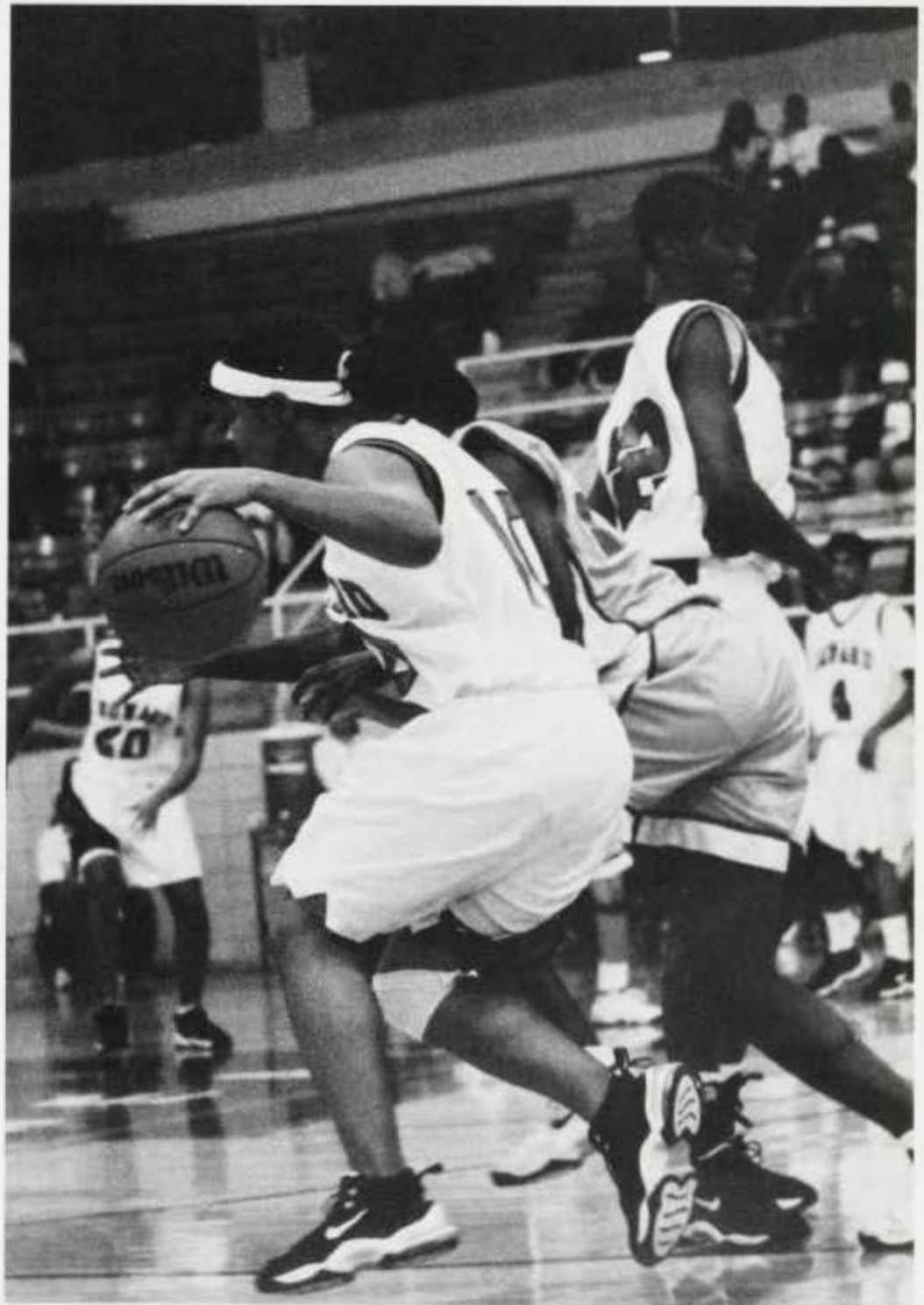
Meac Champs

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Coach Tyler and the Lady Bison continue to bring respect to Howard University athletes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alisha Hill has scored more points than any other player in Howard University history.



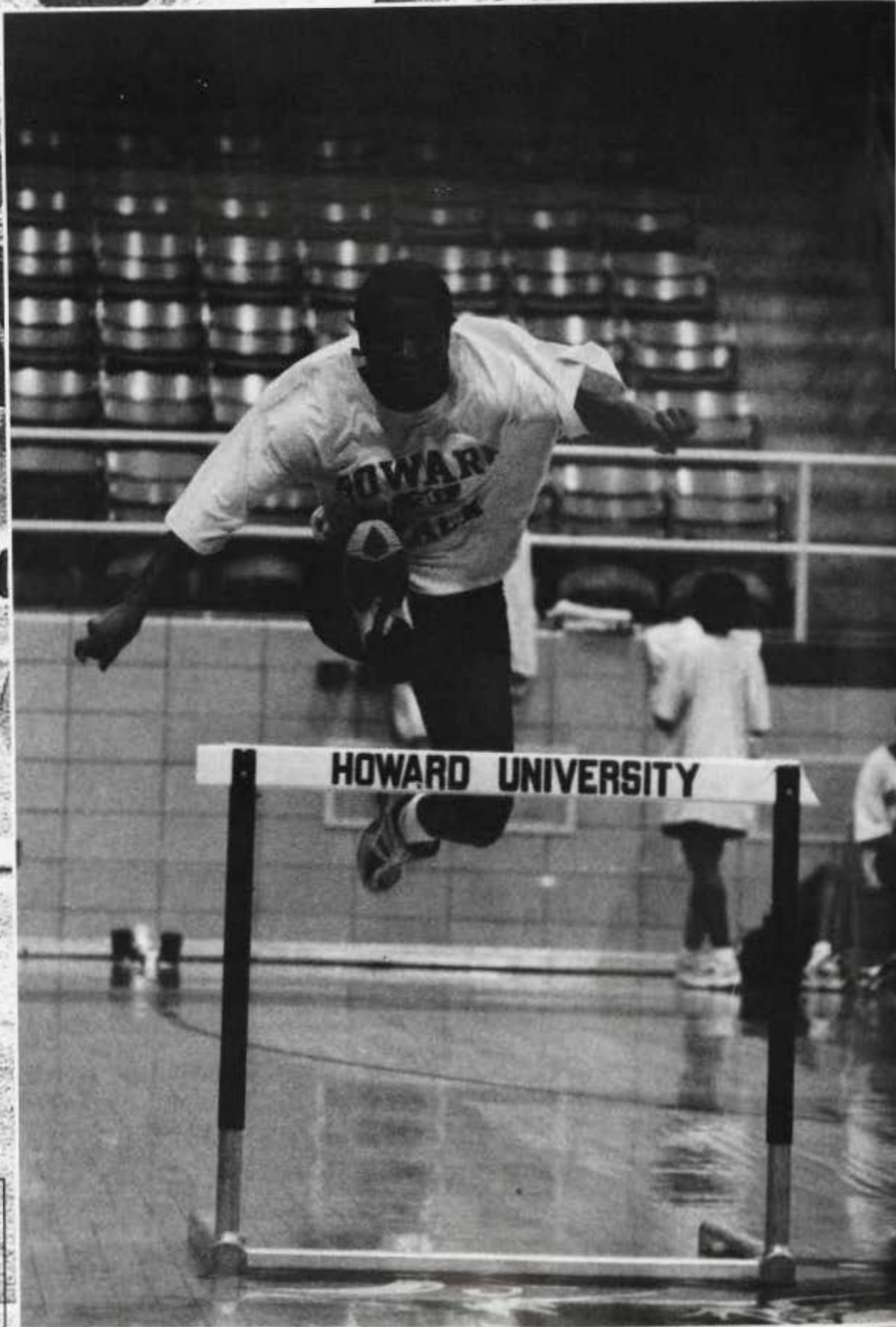
Washington buried a jumper right in a defenders face giving Howard the win and also making coach Tyler the winningest basketball coach in school history, men or women. "I'm very fortunate to be around 241 times where some young people can lead you to victory. This is really not about my accomplishments, it about all the young people who I put out there to get it done," said Tyler.

The Lady Bison once again dominated the MEAC conference and represent the conference in the NCAA tournament.

--*Marcas Matthews*

Track

Indoor



Track takes more endurance than any other sport at Howard. Track athletes don't have a down season. They run fall, winter and spring.



On Your Mark!

The goal is simple: Each member is to perform to the best of their ability both academically and athletically. If they don't, they will be asked to leave.

This year's track team is comprised of 44 dedicated and hardworking students that practice four days a week, for two and a half hours, beginning in September and ending in May. The team is led by coach William Moultrie, who has been the coach of the track team since 1973. All that deal with him, know that the man doesn't play. He is serious about the team and serious about the sport. He settles for nothing, but the best that everyone has to give. But under the tough exterior there is an endearing quality that cannot be denied.

"Coach's philosophy is, Get It Done. When it comes to track it is all business," said Trinishia M. Williams, sophomore accounting major. "But coach really cares about everyone. He is like a father figure to all of us."

Thus far the track team has had an exceptional season. The men's Cross Country team were the MEAC champions and the women's Cross Country team finished in a close third place in the division. Sophomore Isaac Sugut led the men's Cross Country team to the championship, the first in university history.

Even with their hectic schedule the members of the track team find time to volunteer with the Special Olympics. They work as timekeepers and help to place the competitors in their proper positions for their annual Olympic Games.

The team looks forward to a promising spring season. They will travel to Philadelphia for the well known Penn Relays during the final week of classes. The team feels that each competition is equally important and enters each meet with the same energy. They are enthusiastic and are hoping to win the championship this spring and are anticipating a few dynamic additions in the fall.

--Sharon L. Ingram

DID YOU KNOW?

The Olympic torch was carried thru Howard's main campus on its trip to Atlanta and the 1996 Olympic Games.



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I came to Howard a child of vision and I'm leaving a woman of wisdom. I owe all of who I've become and who I will become in the future to my Howard Experience.

It goes without saying that I've made the best friends along with a host of sisters and brothers at Howard. I thank you for your love, respect and support. I will forever be grateful.

For many years, I've been told a Howard education is more precious than words can express. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the next generation to strive for excellence. Just yesterday I strolled the yard as a freshman; today a lady saunters away. But my travels will always lead me back...because just like there ain't no Party like an HU Party!!! There is no education like Howard. It is with great pride that I exclaim no institution in the world has set forth more influential people into society. **BE PROUD!**

As I close this book and my Howard career, I've become sentimental over the little things like registration, the punch-out and doing the chair dance at games. I've realized my years at Howard have truly been the best years of my life. Indeed!

It is with great love that I dedicate this yearbook to Dr. W. Curtis Banks and Dr. Leroy Wells, for their tireless work and dedication to uplifting the next generation. They are true examples



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My years here at the Mecca, I know will forever be some of the greatest times of my life. It has been a period of growth, a time of much joy and even a time of pain.



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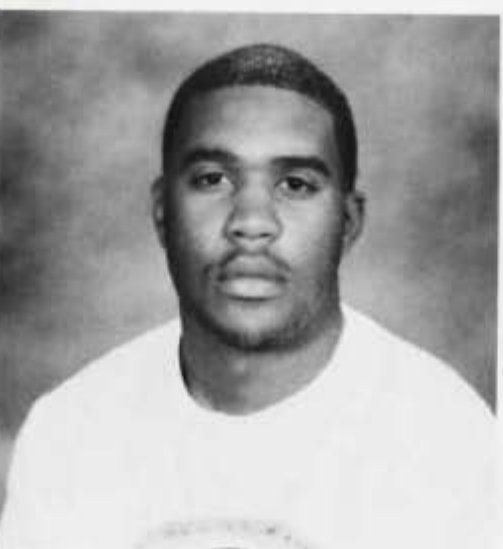
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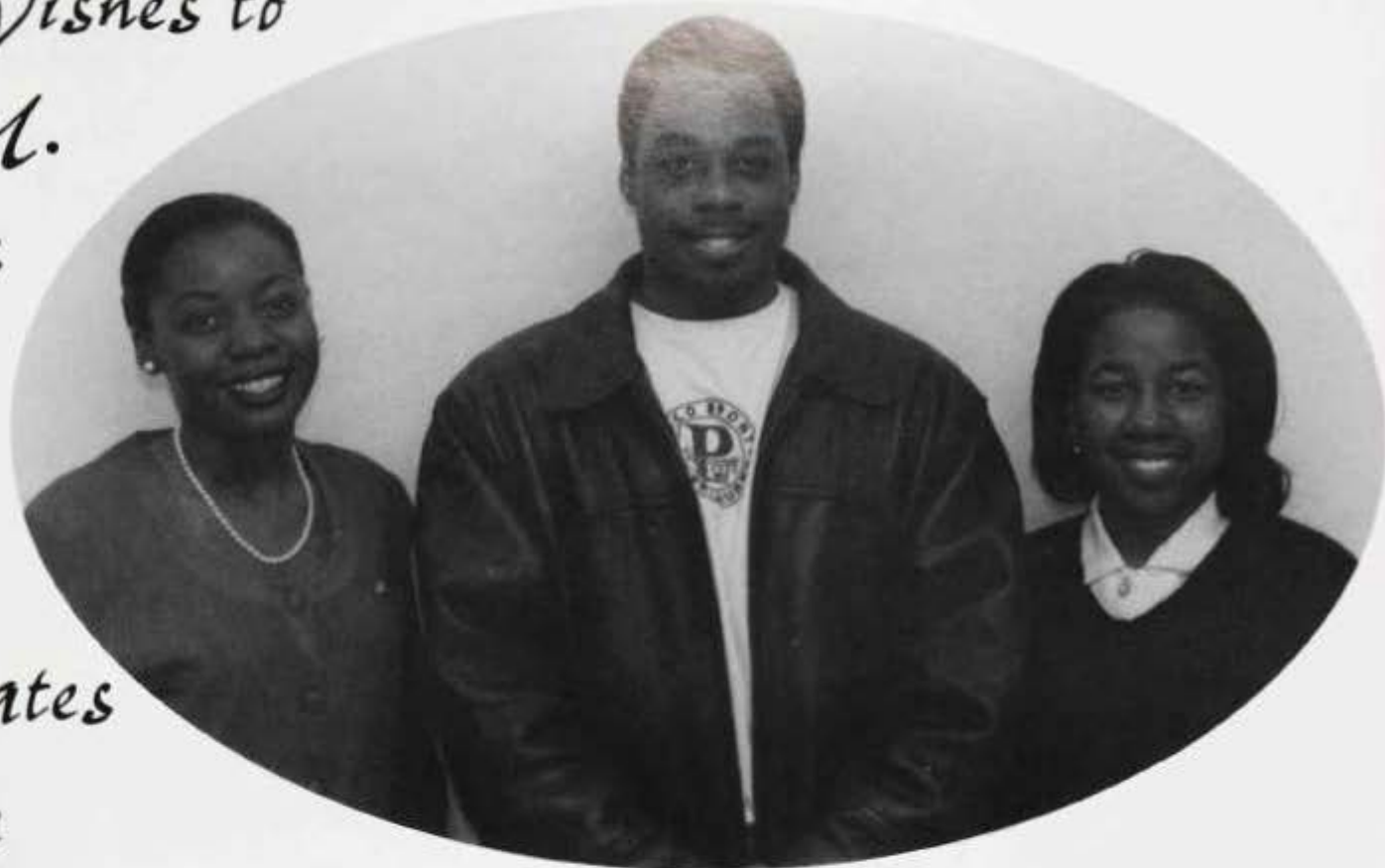


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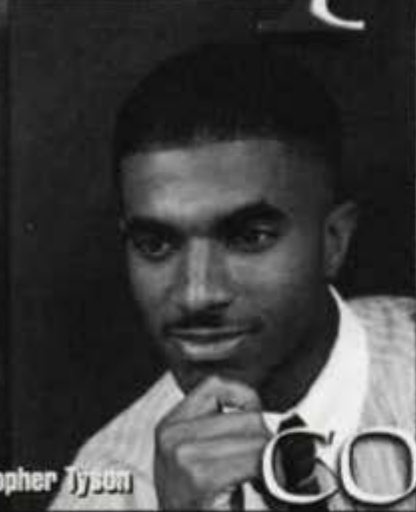
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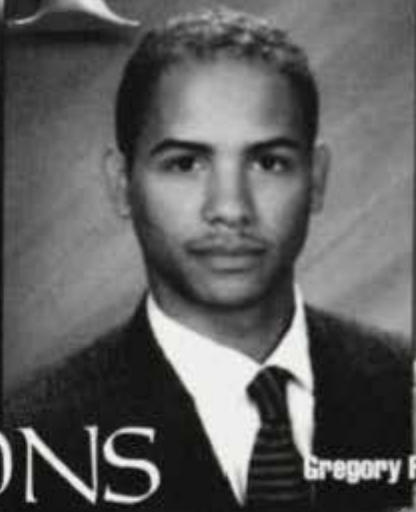
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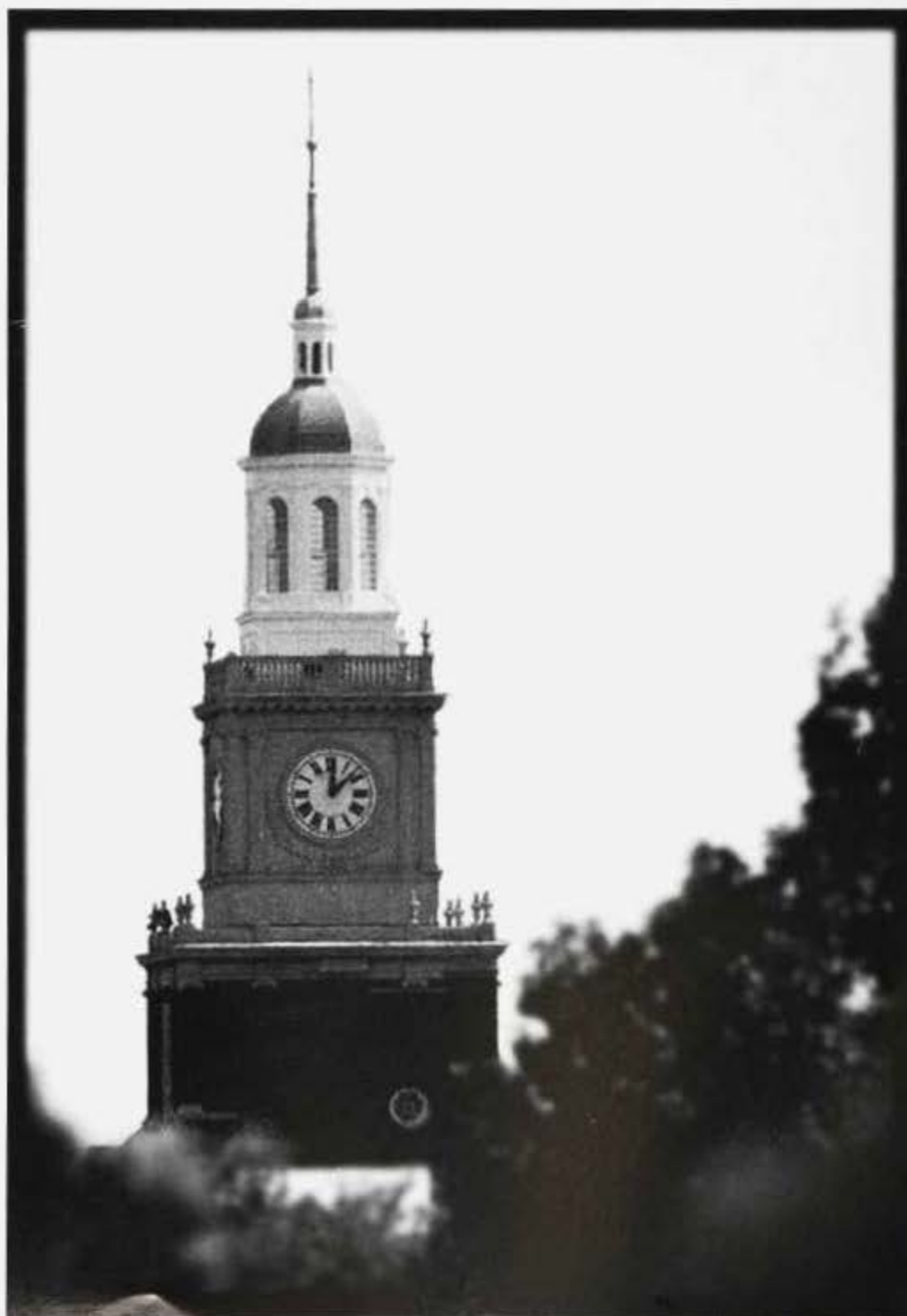


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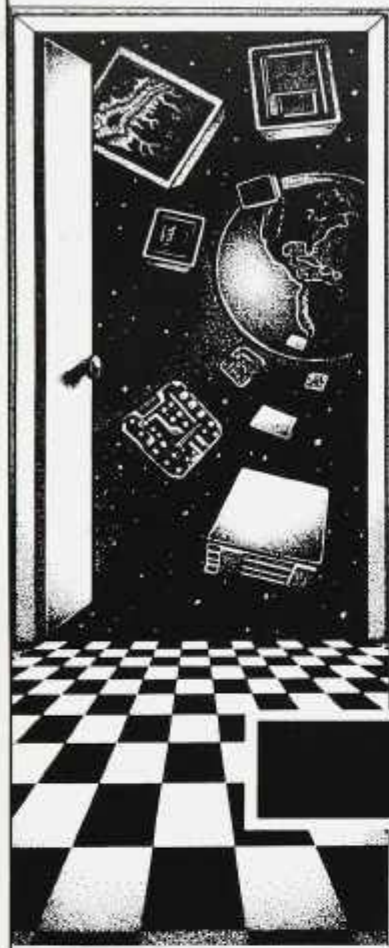
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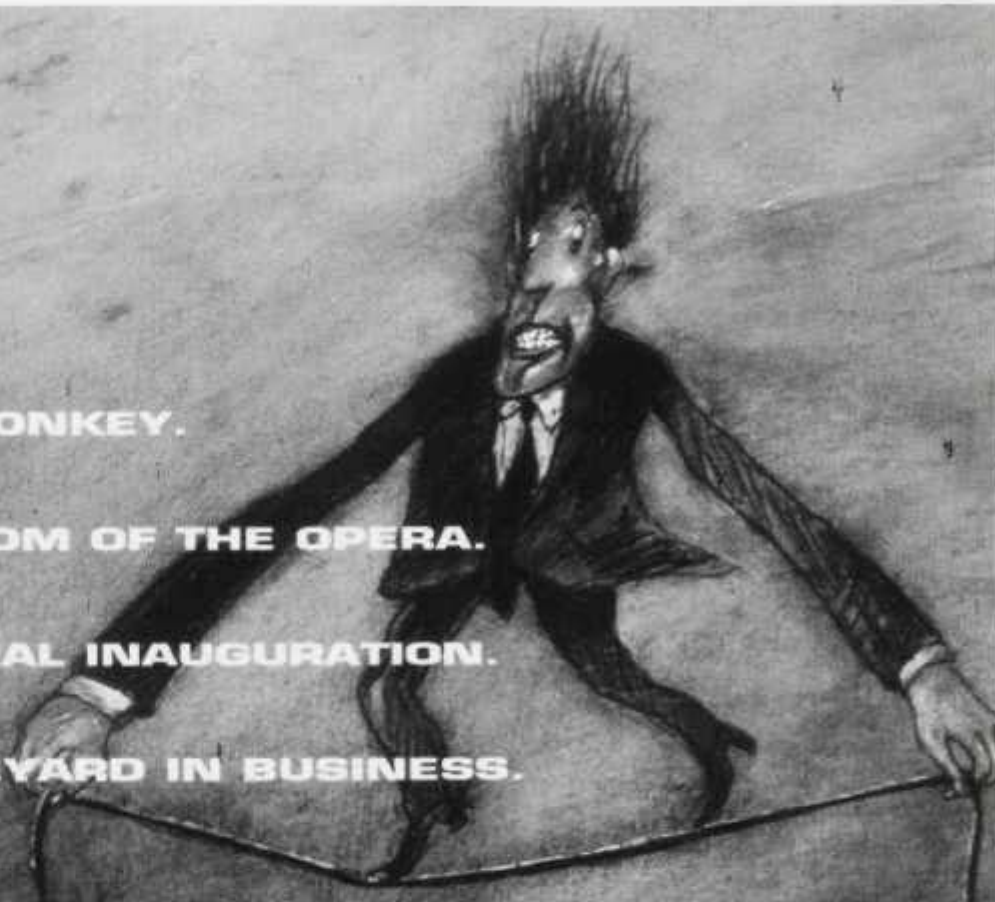
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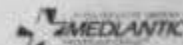


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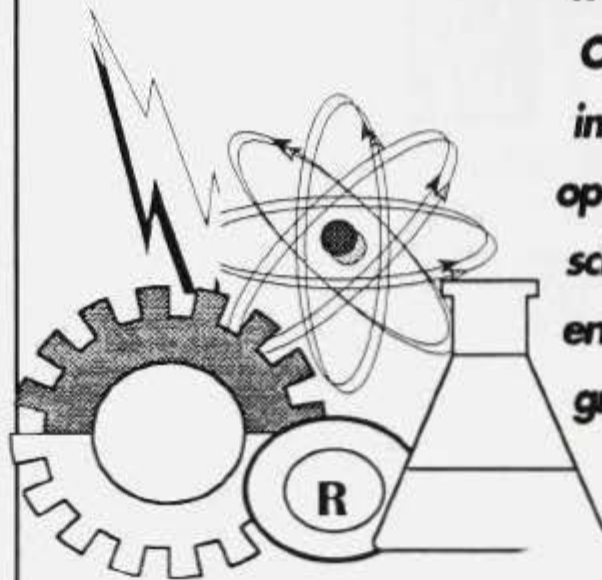
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