

The Class of Forty-Six Proudly Salutes Its Gallant Veterans of an Atomic War

The bombardment of Pearl Harbor on the eve of 1942 plunged our peaceful but powerful United States into the cataclysm of World War II, an all-encompassing struggle ushering in the Atomic Age and profoundly affecting the lives and destinies of men, women, children, and unborn generations throughout the world. Into the military ranks of this great nation marched vigorous, capable, determined men, leaving their sundry normal pursuits to take arms against the forces of aggression and fight a relentless battle for victory.

College students from all over the country, laying aside their books and plans for the future, were among those who answered the call to arms. The men of Howard, too, played their valiant part in the struggle, helping to gain a crushing, decisive victory as the basis for world-wide peace and brotherhood.

Entering Howard September 1942 in the midst of war, the Class of '46 watched its membership dwindle as the conflict demanded increasing numbers of its male students. These men have acquitted themselves honorably on battle fronts scattered over the globe. Many can never again enter classrooms at Howard or elsewhere, having made the supreme sacrifice for God and country. Others, more fortunate, although they may not graduate with the Class of '46, can once more resume their studies. The Class of '46 has already remarked with joy the return of several of its veterans.

A thoroughly wartime class, and, since the war was atomic, an atomic class, Forty-Six is proud of its contribution to victory and of the men through whom it made that contribution. To these men in honor and appreciation of their many sacrifices the Class of '46 has dedicated the 1946 BISON.



The Tower Clock—whose faithful peal
A guiding sound for us did yield;
Whose patient hands did point a sign
That of our tasks did us remind;
Whose watchful face, turned every way,
Did mark our deeds from day to day.